



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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Timetable of Online Masses and Services 15th January 2023

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk

15th January 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Dick Knox RIP*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Family of Henry & Judith Soronnadi*

11.30 am St Michael *Mary Rowley RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 16th January Feria

5.45pm St Michael-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm St Michael *Chris & Simon Starkey RIP*

Tuesday 17th January Memorial of St Antony, Abbot

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Michael Foley*

Wednesday 18th January Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *Hilary Elsdon RIP*

Thursday 19th January Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop

10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00pm St Michael *Mary Turley RIP*

Friday 20th January Feria

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Thanksgiving*

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Divine Mercy Devotion*

Saturday 21st January Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

22nd January 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Richard Horn*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Hugh Canning RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Birthday Thanksgiving*

11.30 am St Michael *Maria Felicia Fernandez RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

THE CARMELITE MONASTERY Daily Mass at 9.00 am

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE In line with Diocesan safeguarding regulations, children of primary school age must be accompanied by an adult if they need to leave the church to use the toilets during Mass or other Church services. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

News and Activities

CHILDREN'S PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION Anyone preparing for these sacraments, whether they are in **Catholic Schools or not** need to attend the **Enrolment Mass this Sunday 15th January** with their parents or responsible adults, either at SS Peter & Paul at 10.25am or St Michael at 11.30 am. This will be followed by an introduction meeting which all must attend.

For those not in Catholic schools, the preparation will take place on Saturday Mornings in the Sacristy Meeting room at 11.00am at St Michael's Church. The dates of these sessions are as follows:

Jan 21st, Jan 28th, Feb 11th, Feb 18th, Mar 4th, Mar 11th, Mar 18th, April 1st, April 22nd and April 29th

The Dates of First Holy Communion will be

SS Peter & Paul: Saturday 20th May 3.00pm

St Michael: Sunday 21st May 11.30 am

THE CRIB You may have noticed that the Crib is still up in each of our churches. This is because although the main festivities of Christmas are now over, the final feast connected to Christmas does not take place until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or as it is more commonly known, Candlemas. The Readings at Mass throughout January continue the 'Epiphany', the 'showing' of who the baby of Bethlehem really is.

PEACE SUNDAY JANUARY 15th 2023: The theme of Pope Francis' message for Peace Sunday 2023 is: *No-one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace.* Please pray for Pax Christi, the Catholic agency which does sterling work for peace with limited resources. If you wish to make a donation, you can do so after Mass outside SS Peter and Paul's or you can donate through their website <https://paxchristi.org.uk>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins this week. We are asked to keep the intention of Christian Unity in our prayers throughout the coming week. The theme this year is "*Do good; seek Justice*" which has been taken from the following passage from the prophet Isaiah 1:12-18. Although we have no joint services at St Michael or SS Peter & Paul till later in the year, we can still pray with this passage during the coming week.

"When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

WOMBOURNE Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Lunchtime Reflections at 12.00 noon.

Monday 16th January: St Bernadette's

Tuesday 17th January: Kingsway

Wednesday 18th January: Methodists

Thursday 19th January: URC

Friday 20th January: St Benedict's

Evening service at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd January at St Bernadette's.

FEBRUARY - DEANERY VOCATIONS PROMOTION MONTH The diocese is starting a new initiative whereby each deanery has a special month to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Our Deanery, Dudley and Wolverhampton, has been allocated February each year. As we have only just discovered this, it may be a bit late this year to organise too much, but we will be having a special **Wolverhampton Celebration for Vocations at SS Mary & John's on Friday February 3rd**. (*There will be a similar event in the south of the deanery in Stourbridge*).

The **Vocations Celebration** will start with a **Holy Hour from 11.00am**. This is followed by **Mass at Noon** and there will be a social event afterwards in the hall. All the religious of the deanery will be invited to this event and at the end of the social, we would like to launch a Vocation Promotion Group. This would consist of a couple of parishioners from each parish who would join the group. This group would primarily pray for vocations, but would also organise events. If you would like to volunteer to be one of our parish reps, please contact Fr Mark. Many thanks.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

After the homily we will be asking all who read in church to stand up where they are, to receive the annual blessing to renew their commission to read at Mass. Please pray for all our readers in their valuable ministry within the parish.

SVP GET TOGETHERS IN JANUARY - SVP Coffee Morning on Wednesday January 25th St Michael's Hall and January 26th St Bernadette's Hall both starting at 11.00am. Please come along and enjoy refreshments and good company. Bring a friend. Again, everyone is welcome. If anyone requires a lift, please let us know. Call David Spinks on 07544960402.

ALL LADIES WELCOME to Catholic Women's League meeting in St Michael's Church Hall at 1.00pm Thursday 19th January. Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided. Details from Sarah: 07948 963325

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP every Friday 9.15-1.00am. (Ages 0-5) Only £1.50. A warm welcome awaits. Contact Sarah: 07948 963325 for information.

Mission and Outreach

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH: Your donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc made an enormous contribution to the success of our shop during 2022 and we look forward to your further support in 2023. Please leave donated goods in the boxes at St Michael's & St Bernadettes, or take them to the shop at 12 Lichfield St in the city centre. We can collect heavy or bulky items from you, if necessary, please ring Rosalie on 330553 to make arrangements. Similarly, Life Caring Outreach welcomes donations of baby clothes & pushchairs etc to give to the mums who ask for our help. Many thanks

Life Charity Shop and Life Caring Outreach Do you have time to help vulnerable mums and babies? or to convey goods to our charity shop? The Life Group needs more **volunteer helpers**. Could you spare a few ad-hoc hours most weeks to help with one or more of the following:

- Visiting well-wishers to collect donated goods and delivering them to our city centre Life Charity Shop? *
- Delivering baby clothes and equipment such as pushchairs and cots to our needy clients in and around Wolverhampton? *
- Checking and /or providing safe storage for baby equipment until it is needed?

*Mileage allowance can be claimed.

If you might be interested and would like to know more about what is involved before you apply, please contact Rosalie (01902 330553) or Sue (07484 875043)

We thank all those who already support our work by donating items to our shop and the baby items which we give to local needy families.

SAVE OUR FUTURE On Saturday February 4th, in St Michael's Hall, at 3.30pm there will be a showing of the new film: **'THE LETTER'**, fronted by Pope Francis, with leaders of marginalised groups throughout the world, illustrating the dangers from climate change and guiding us as to what we can do about it as Catholics. The film lasts just over an hour and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to discuss the film.

NATIONAL RETHINK ABORTION TRAINING DAY Organised by March 4 Life on Sat 4th Feb at St Mary's College, Oscott. This is an interactive event aimed at equipping people to talk about abortion in a meaningful and productive way in their everyday life. The day will include:

- A series of educational sessions aimed at equipping participants to deal with real life scenarios.
- Interactive role plays that will help you talk about abortion with those around you in a meaningful way.
- A variety of top speakers who will help you to clarify your own pro-life beliefs, so you become more articulate and effective in communication.

Full details can be found on our webpage <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/re-think-abortion-day>

There will be a hot lunch provided along with refreshments throughout the day. The day runs 10am - 5pm, although for those who are of the Catholic faith there will be a Mass at 9.00am before the day starts. All of this for only £25 per head. Attendees must be aged 16 or over. Under 18s must let us know their age when they book. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

CRIB OFFERINGS : The Crib will remain until the Candlemas on 2nd February 2023. Any donations given to the Crib this year will go to the **International Winter Appeal for Ukraine** launched by His Beatitude Sviatoslaw Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

THE FOOD COLLECTION Would you consider donating just a couple of tins/jars of food at one of our churches on a regular basis please? The schools and individuals who receive them are so appreciative. The demand for food parcels is presently outstripping the supply at our main food banks. This problem is made worse for people who sadly have to rely on food banks when they close over the holidays. This week's donations were taken to Warstones Primary School. Thank you so much.

FARESHARE is at St Michael's at 1.45 pm on Wednesday 25th January.

Finance

Winners of 200 Club Draw – December: SSPP No. 142 David Segar, St Michael No 37 Michael Oakes.

200 CLUB Subscriptions now due. Could you please bring in your annual subscription of £12 along with your card and give to one of the sisters at St Michael's and to W A Finnegan in SS Peter & Paul's church. Thank-you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 8th January 2023

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	271.26	301.71	109.00	26.00		707.97
Gift Aid	10.00	156.00	47.00	10.00		223.00
Second Collection:						
Standing Order for December 2022: £ 4121.25						

Regular Prayer Opportunities

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP starting on Thursday 19th January from 6.30pm -7.30pm at St Michael's Church, in the Lady Chapel. St Padre Pio bore the STIGMATA and his life was dedicated to the poor, the sick and the suffering. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, he brought many souls back to God. Through the Padre Pio Prayer Groups, which are now worldwide, render similar service through prayer and penance in winning souls for Christ. All are welcome. For more information, contact Tina Abbiss on 07970196224 or email tina.abbiss59@hotmail.com

LEGION OF MARY meets in the Guild Room every Sunday after the 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul, All welcome!

PRAYER GROUP at SS Peter & Paul the "**Divine Light Prayer Group**" meets every Sunday after 10:15am Mass.

Come along and join us in our Praise and Worship. All Welcome.

LAY ASSOCIATES OF SISTERS OF ST ANN KNOWN AS THE LASA PRAYER GROUP meets on **Tuesdays at 5.00pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's Church. We welcome new members.

SHEKINAH PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's every Friday for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. All welcome.

<p>FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, George Renkevic, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Krystyna Schlenker, Pat Noad, Peter James Burke, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Margaret Ambler, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Audrey Pope, Eileen Whittall, Josephine Mann, Tony Wyer, Anna McGrath, Richard Rogers, Shirley Deffis Whitaker, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Fr John Lungley, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Stephen Briggs, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley</p>

<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Stephen Macari, Bernard Duggan, Francis McMahan, Sean Leer May they rest in peace.</p>

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