



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 May 2022

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

SUNDAY 15th MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Bernside Family*
 SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly RIP*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Elizabeth Heseltine RIP*
 11.30 am St Michael *Jennifer Mary Pugh RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro Populo*

Monday 16th May Easter Feria

5.45 pm St Michael Adoration in the Lady Chapel
6.30 pm St Michael *Pat Clarke RIP*

Tuesday 17th May Easter Feria

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Richard Rangel RIP*
12.30 pm St Michael Funeral *Mary Holder RIP*
4.00 pm St Michael Vigil Reception *Pat Clarke RIP*

Wednesday 18th May Easter Feria

10.30 am St Michael Requiem Mass *Pat Clarke RIP*
12.00 noon St Bernadette Service of Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 19th May Easter Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
12.00 noon St Michael *Ben Sherry RIP*

Friday 20th May Easter Feria

9.30 St Bernadette Molly – exams and all students
12.00 SS Peter and Paul and Online *Patrick Guiton RIP*
12.30 pm SS Peter and Paul *Divine Mercy Holy Hour*

Saturday 21st May

10.30 am St Michael Adoration then 11.00 am Confessions

SUNDAY 22nd MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Kate Reynolds*
 SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Paddy Sherry RIP*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Oscar & Imogen – exams and all students*
 11.30 am St Michael *Theresa Taylor RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro Populo*

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST: AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity - "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference Friday 6th May 2022

Parish News and Activities

NEW 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.

EASTER TREE MEDITATION: Please do visit the meditation on the Paschal Candle, prepared by some of our young people. It will be in St Michael's across Eastertide to celebrate and encourage: Laudato Si'.

COLLECTION FOR FR GARY There are envelopes available in each church for you to make a donation to Fr Gary for his leaving gift. We will be having a leaving do for him after he gets back from his trip visiting family in Australia.

CONCERT FOR UKRAINE - The final grand total raised by this event was £2200. The money will be sent to Caritas which is the Catholic organisation working to support the people of Ukraine. The social committee would like to thank everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

CRAFT FAYRE FOR UKRAINE St. Michael's Church hall, Saturday 14th May. 1pm – 4pm

Local crafters and businesses, pot plants and flowers plus cafe and raffle. Free entry. Further info or to book a table: Sarah 07948963325. sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Donations of cakes, biscuits, scones, etc gratefully received for the 'Cafe'. Please bring to the hall from 11am onwards on the day.

With our thanks - Catholic Women's League team

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA & WULFRUNA LADIES CHOIR (songs from 7 decades) Sunday 5th June 2pm-5pm. St Michael's Church hall. Adults £10 Children £2 Tickets available at weekend masses from Catholic Women's League. Info: Sarah 07948963325. sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk (Donations/pledges of cakes, scones, sandwiches most gratefully received).

SVP GET TOGETHERS IN MAY - please make a note in your diary of the following dates for our SVP tea/coffee social meetings this month. May 25th at 11.00am at St Michaels Hall and May 26th at 11.00am at St Bernadette's Hall. Everyone is welcome, please come along and enjoy a chat with refreshments .

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERS OF OUR CARMERLITE MONASTERY who on Monday 6th June are celebrating 100 years since their foundation in Wolverhampton in 1922. We are so blessed to have their presence in our parish and we wish them every blessing in their most special vocation of prayer and intercession.

THY KINGDOM COME The novena of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost (May 26th – June 5th) is a traditional time for us to pray to be renewed in the Holy Spirit. In recent years, Catholics and Christians of different denominations have been working together to produce prayer resources for this great novena. For more information, see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

SUNDAY TEAS & COFFEES AT ST MICHAEL'S Volunteers needed to help set up then serve the refreshments, please. All proceeds to charity. Contact Sarah 07948 963325. Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk to join our lovely team of helpers.

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.

SAFE ZONE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Please note that we are still leaving the aisle of benches next to the font as a social distance area for parishioners who are more vulnerable to the effects of coronavirus. Many thanks.

Synodal Path Meeting and the Parish Pastoral Council

At the **Parish Pastoral Council** we were keen that the work of the Synodal Path should continue beyond sending in the report to the diocese. For this reason, we had the special open parish meeting last Saturday 7th May. From the comments that were made by parishioners in the Parish Report, we highlighted eight areas of parish life where we believe we can move forward:

1. Participation and Outreach
2. Access and Communication
3. Young People
4. Families
5. Learning about our faith
6. A place for all
7. Support for the poor and marginalised
8. Parish Liturgy and Music

Next week there will be a full report of the meeting and also a reminder of the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council and how it can support the three church communities in our parish.

Mission and Outreach

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TO AID UKRAINIAN REFUGEES The Archbishop has asked for a special collection this weekend so that Fr Hudson's Society can set up a restricted fund to finance the following:

- _____ To recruit a worker for up to 6 months who will support the host and refugee families, particularly with the complex Visa and matching process, and then afterwards staying in touch with them and ensuring that they get the full support that they are supposed to get from the local Council and other statutory agencies. Also helping with any of the issues that will undoubtedly arise in such an emotional and complex time. Father Hudson's would seek to recruit a worker who can speak Ukrainian and/or Russian.
- _____ It is also clear that some families and individuals who arrive will need destitution support and some of this collection will be used as a crisis fund for this where necessary.
- _____ Some existing Catholic Ukrainian communities in the Archdiocese may also request some of this funding to enable their work of welcome to thrive.

'FUND-RAISING FILM FOR INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON AND WOLVERHAMPTON CITY OF SANCTUARY'

An Oscar-winning film – The Shape of Water – will be screened at the Lighthouse on Tuesday May 24th , with proceeds shared equally between Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary and Interfaith Wolverhampton. Erik Pearse will be selling tickets (£12) after Mass at SS Peter & Paul or you can contact him to order tickets on 01902-750440.'

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE A huge thank you to everyone who donated items last weekend. The donations, after being blessed by Fr Mark, were taken to Wolverhampton Fire Station (Merridale St, WV3 0RE) on Monday evening. Further donations can be taken to the Fire Station, any day between 10.30am-5.30pm OR left at your Food Collection Point.

Only the following items can be accepted: Toiletries (Toothpaste/ Toothbrush/ Nappies/Sanitary Products) and Medical (First Aid Kits/ Bandages/Sterile Dressings/Antiseptic Cream/Surgical Tape/ Wound Closure Strips/ Antiseptic Body Wipes). Thank you so much!

THE FOOD COLLECTION continues after Masses at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. We would welcome any donations of the following: FOOD e.g. UHT milk/cereal/ tins of meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding/ pasta and sauce/ rice/ tea/biscuits; ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS e.g. washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners and TOILETRIES e.g. soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants. This week's donations have been distributed by Warstones School. Thank you for your continued support.

Life Charity Shop 12 Lichfield Street WV11DG (Tel 01902 420656) Many thanks for all the recent donations of goods. If you're giving bulky items and can't get them to the box at St Michael's or to the shop, please ring Rosalie (01902 330553) to arrange collection.

PUMP BAG MAKERS: Please look at the basket in the porch at St Michael's. There is a picture of the bags sent to St Martin's School and comments from their Year 6 girls. We also received a big thank you from the girls and staff at Woodfield School.

Life Caring Outreach We frequently hear of needy local mums, babies and toddlers. Your gifts of baby clothes and equipment help us meet their needs. Anyone needing such help can contact us via the Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. This free Helpline also offers a listening ear to anyone worried about any pregnancy related issue, or troubled after experiencing loss of a pregnancy.

Finance

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 1st May 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	301.68	253.13	61.60	31.00	30.00	677.41
Gift Aid	20.00	188.00	15.50	35.00		258.50
Second Collection	£122.77	240.15	142.92			505.84
Standing Order Blessed Carlo Acutis parish for the month of March 2022: £ 4128.25						

Second Collection Today: Special Collection for Ukrainian Refugees

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Betty Green, Anna McGrath, Sr Liamie (Mercy Sisters) Terry Carey, Joseph McCamphill, Richard Rogers, Shirley Deffis Whitaker, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, , Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Christine McHale, Fr John Lungley, Maura Andrews, Teresa Rickards, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Barbara Miller, Mycholas Alexander Narbutas, Mary Denney, Elizabeth Heseltine, Pat Clarke, Pat Eades, Teresa Taylor, Mary Kirby, Celia Norton, Thomas Mackin, Patrick McIlvenna. Fr Gabriel Maguire, Mgr John Heslin, Fr David Lloyd, Maria Allport, Cecilia Cleary, Christine Drakeley, Mary Holder, Guiseppe Pace. May they rest in peace.

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