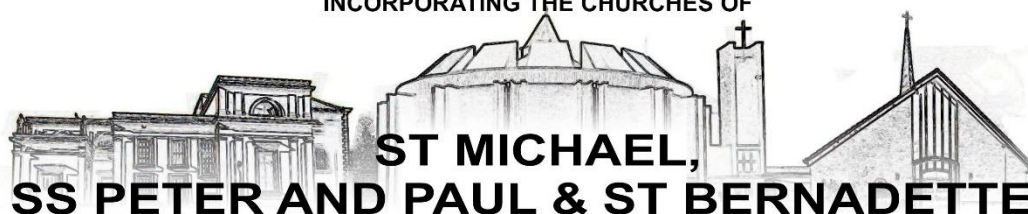




THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



**ST MICHAEL,
SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE**

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17th January 2021- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to www.rcwlvwest.com

Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Deceased members of Mulvihill & Mullarkey families</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>Mary Abbiss RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Thanksgiving for God's mercy & protection</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>pro populo</i> 2.30 pm St Michael <i>Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.</i>
Monday 18 th January <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i>	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 8.00 pm Online Holy Hour <i>"Monica's Prayers"</i>
Tuesday 19 th January <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i> Feast of St Wulstan	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.45pm St Bernadette Funeral Mass <i>Mary Abbiss RIP (by invitation only)</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour <i>"Blessed Carlo Acutis" finishing with Night Prayer</i>
Wednesday 20 th January <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i> Votive mass of St Joseph	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 Midday St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 21 st January <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i> Memorial of St Agnes	12.00 Midday St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour <i>"Year of St Joseph devotions with Benediction"</i> <i>This week's theme: Christian Unity</i>
Friday 22 nd January <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i>	9.30am St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul & Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 3.00pm Online Holy Hour with <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>
Saturday 23 rd January <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i> Memorial of Our Lady	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass 14th January SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD <i>Octave of Christian Unity</i>	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>John Corbett RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>pro populo</i> 2.30 pm St Michael <i>Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.</i>

For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

The infection rate is extremely high around Wolverhampton now. Please read the latest update from the bishops and my decisions based on them. You will find these on the last page of the bulletin.

Remember that there is no obligation to attend Mass and, depending on your health, it may be prudent not to.

If you choose to come to Mass, it would be wise to go on a weekday instead of a Sunday so that we do not have too large gatherings while the risk of infection is high.

Parish News and Activities

New Parish Name The Decree has now come from the Archbishop and the three parishes have formally become one under the patronage of Blessed Carol Acutis. When we are all able to meet up again after the coronavirus restrictions, we will have a special Mass and parish celebration. Let us pray to Blessed Carlo that it will not be too long before we can do this!

New Parish email address The old joint email address of rcwlvwest@gmail.com will soon cease to function. From now on, please use the new parish email address: blessed.carloacutis@rcaob.org.uk

Booking places for Sunday Masses:

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 on Thursday and Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL, please ring or text Val on 07934905283 .

FOR ST BERNADETTE, please ring Judith on 01902 620 764 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays or email judithpitt64@gmail.com

While the infection rate is high ***please do make use of the online services provided by the parish,***

Online Holy Hours at the following times: *Please note we have swapped Tuesday and Thursday so that students from the University might be involved in the Blessed Carlo Acutis Holy hour when it the infection rates have dropped.*

8.00pm Monday "Monica's Prayers" (Adoration service praying for conversion of family members)

8.00pm Tuesday "Blessed Carol Acutis" (Contemporary Holy Hour in honour of Blessed Carlo)

8.00pm Thursday "Year of St Joseph" (focussing on different themes each week)

3.00pm Friday "Divine Mercy Holy Hour" (Holy Hour with Divine Mercy devotions)

ROSARY (LUMINOUS MYSTERIES) at 7pm Thursday 21st January via Zoom. Join the Catholic Women's League afterwards for our monthly meeting which is always fun and enlightening. Chance to see us in action. Codes and information from Sarah 07948963325 or email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Christian Unity Octave begins tomorrow Monday 18th January A prayer booklet with prayers for each day will be published on the parish news page on Monday. For those of you who do not have access to the Internet, we can pray the following prayer on each of the 8 days:

*Holy Spirit, may we receive in our hearts the presence of Christ,
and cherish it as a secret of love. Nourish our prayer,
enlighten our reading of Scripture, act through us,
so that the fruits of your gifts can patiently grow in us.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Little Fishes Online A parents, baby and toddler group now to meet online via Zoom
Tuesday mornings fortnightly from 10.30am to 11.30am

Chat A chance to chat and share a virtual coffee with other parents

Create Small group creative activities will be offered within the meeting for those interested.

Share Finishing with a story time for all!

If you are interested in joining Little Fishes online please contact Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com for further details on how to take part. *****First session Tuesday 9.2.21*****



Carlos' Coffee Club A new opportunity for anyone over 60 to be part of an online group.

When Tuesday mornings fortnightly

Where online via Zoom

Time from 10.30am to 11.30am

Each fortnight along with the chance to catch up with others whilst sharing a coffee, there will be a guest speaker. If you would like to join, but are uncertain of the technicalities of using Zoom, practical help is available to guide you through the process. All you need is either a mobile phone, tablet, computer or laptop and we can help sort the rest.

Interested? Email Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com for more details on how to participate.

*****First session Tuesday 2.2.21*****

SS Peter & Paul 200 Club Subscriptions There are still many subscriptions overdue. This can be done by putting cash with a note indicating your 200 Club number into an envelope and leaving it in the Mass Collection Basket. Alternatively, you can give your subscriptions to Val Walsh and Mary Faherty

Mission and Outreach

Today is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about '**A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace**'.

"How many resources," he says, "are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care." Pope Francis calls on us to "strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another."

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children. **All these are available on our Parish News page of our Website.**

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page. Cheques payable to: Pax Christi Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, Hendon, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884

Something to pray for on this Peace Sunday The legally binding UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will come into force on 22nd. January 2021. This is a momentous occasion towards World peace albeit that those countries with nuclear weapons, including the U.K., have refused to sign up to it. It is a major step forward, however, and it is something Pope Francis continues to speak out for. Let us pray for ongoing discussion so that the arsenal of nuclear weapons may decline, rather than increase.

The Food Collection: We shall be collecting at our usual times of Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11, at weekend Masses at St Michael's AND at the 10.15 Sunday Mass at SS Peter & Paul, weather permitting! This week's donations have been distributed to local Penn families. In addition to cereal, UHT milk, tins of meat/fruit/vegetables/rice pudding/custard etc any donations of FRESH FRUIT would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Rapid Testing Centre to open at St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton. WV1 2QN

Wolverhampton City Council are going to be opening a Rapid (Lateral Flow) Test Centre on Thursday 7th January at St. Joseph's. Opening times will be **Monday to Friday 2.00pm to 6.00pm**

We need volunteers (who are fit and healthy and not shielding) to support the work. Full training will be given, and strict infection prevention protocols are adhered to at all times.

If you could spare a few hours to help out it would be very much appreciated. Not only can we support our City in staying safe but for every test undertaken money will be donated to local charities.

Fr. Craig Fullard has been volunteering at Faith Centre Rapid Test Centres for the last month and has first-hand experience of what it entails and what it is like, so do have a word with him.

If you would like to know more, then please get in touch with Fr Craig's Parish Office on 01902 452 841 or email stnewmancluster.wmids@rcaob.org.uk

"Double the Love": this Mary's Meals "porridge at school" project in a Liberia recovering from Ebola reaches orphans and the poor. Until January 31st 2021 donations to the project will benefit from UK Government Match Aid, pound for pound up to £2 million. Do consider doubling the impact of your Christmas giving! If you cannot manage website or telephone banking do you have a friend who could help? More information: Catherine on 336534

Life Charity Shop and Life Outreach for needy mums and babies: The Life Charity Shop cannot open while current restrictions are in place, so we can't at present accept any donations of goods for it. If you have clothes, books or bric-a-brac to give, we will be very grateful if you can find space to store them until the shop is allowed to open again.

Life continues to support local families who are in need of baby & toddler clothes or cots, pushchairs or other baby equipment. If you can help by giving such items please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 or email

wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk. Anyone needing this kind of help can contact us via this email address, or by ringing the Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433.

This free Helpline tells us about requests for practical support in our locality and, importantly, offers a confidential, non-judgmental listening ear to anyone who is troubled by a pregnancy related matter.

ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED: Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

Finances Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for December 2020 was St Michael's £1510.75, St Bernadette's £935.18, SS Peter & Paul £266.00

Offertory Collection for Sunday 10th January 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	40.00	162.03	33.00	
Gift Aid	125.00	122.00	15.00	

Opening of Churches for Mass Following the recent National Meeting of the Coronavirus Places of Worship Task Force there have been some clarifications, particularly regarding safety and opening of churches.

The main points of the meeting regarding safety are as follows:

1. Health professional research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. Her Majesty's Government stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship. They asked that each Place of Worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far. This is to include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Sufficient stewarding and management of the venue
 - b. Sufficient cleaning after acts of communal worship
 - c. Maintaining good social distancing in the space available along with good ventilation
 - d. Factors affecting travel to and from the place of worship, such as public transport
 - e. The length of exposure time for an act of worship is critical and should be minimised – anything that is not necessary should be omitted.
 - f. Those who have gathered for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the church. They should disperse immediately.
 - g. All non-essential worship should be postponed or cancelled
3. The officials noted that keeping covid secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.
4. The task force expressed with great clarity that the role of the Local Authority is one of enforcement of closure in particular circumstances on the basis of evidence of lack of COVID security.
5. PHE will conduct an exercise in mapping exposure risks from different venues across the country for better data.

We are therefore dropping the numbers allowed in our three churches to enable extra social distancing for the next few weeks. Please also avoid using public transport.

Please also take extra care when you are queuing or moving round the church and ensure that you keep 2 metres away from anyone who is not in your bubble and remember to sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the church.

Remember that there is no obligation to attend Mass and, depending on your health, it may be prudent not to. There are online Masses available from the parish most days of the week and a whole variety of Masses each day from around the world. Stay safe!

Many thanks, Fr Mark

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: John Owen, R. J., Keith Tomlins, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Paula Box, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M. Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Fred & Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Anne Middleton, Mary Abbiss, Peter Paul Jarai, Jamie MacFarlane, Stephen Brooks
May they rest in peace.

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse (St Bernadette) 01902 326334

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