



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

For Online Masses, go to [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk)

#### SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael *Josephine Mann*

**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Julia Moroney RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Kate Reynolds RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria

12.00pm St Michael *Fr Bob Douglas RIP*

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Ann Shakelton RIP*

6.30pm – 8.00pm St Michael *Adoration & Confessions*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December Advent Feria

9:30am St Bernadette *Alan Willetts RIP*

4.30pm St Michael-Vigil *Reception-Maria Felicia Fernandez*

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Advent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.30pm St Michael *Requiem Mass Maria Felicia Fernandez RIP*

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Advent Feria

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Beke, Jarai & Southall Families*

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Divine Mercy Devotion*

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

5.30pm St Michael *Christmas Family Mass Joan & Philip Dunne & Wally Heehan*

8.30pm St Michael *Carol Service followed by 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass Herbert Cole RIP*

11.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Carol Service followed by Midnight Christmas Mass Pro populo*

#### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *Hilary Elsdon RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Peter Tuohy RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Deceased of Needham & Dawson families*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

**THE CARMELITE MONASTERY** Their "Midnight " Mass will be at 8.30 pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, and morning Masses from Christmas Day until New Year's Day will be at 10.00am.

**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

**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST PETER'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH** on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Come along and join Fr Mark for this traditional experience of Christmas prayer and reflection. Mass has been moved to midday on that Monday, so that, as many of us as possible, can attend this Carol Service. You can park for free in our car park at SS Peter & Paul and then walk up.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION ACROSS THE CITY ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FROM 6.30PM TO 8.00PM.** in the following churches: St Michael's St Joseph's, St Patricks, Corpus Christi and Our Lady's, and Brewood. You can choose anywhere you want to go that evening. There is also another opportunity between the same times on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at SS Mary & John.

**SVP MORNING COFFEE** - we are hosting one coffee morning in December which will be on December 22 starting at 11.00am in St Bernadette's Hall. Please come along and join us for drinks and refreshments (including mince pies!). Bring along your friends as well, all are welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** If you would like to nominate new members for the council, please speak to them to see if they are willing to stand and then contact Fr Mark to nominate them. We will be having new elections in January. Many thanks.

**YEAR PLANNING MEEETING** In order to organise the year ahead with parish events, would it be possible for all parish organisations to send along a rep to a special diary planning meeting for 2023? It will take place in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12.00 noon. We will be discussing events like parish barbecues, quiz nights, pilgrimages, retreat days, children's discos, Christmas Fayres etc, etc! It will be most useful if all parish groups are represented at this meeting. Many thanks.

**LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP** (0-5 years). Fridays 09-15-11.00 in St Michael's Church Hall. Run by parishioners for the parish and community families. Warm welcome awaits, with unlimited drinks, plenty of toys and craft table, fresh fruit - all for only £1.50. Further info from Sarah - 07948 963325

**EPIPHANY CONCERT WITH WULFRUNA LADIES CHOIR.** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm at St Michael's. The Catholic Women's League warmly invite all ages to their traditional concert for charity. Free entry. Raffle and refreshments available. Details from Sarah - 07948 963325

**CHILDREN'S PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION** Classes for children in year 3 or above who are not in Catholic Schools will be starting in January. There will be two enrolment Masses on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**, one at SS Peter and Paul's and the other at St Michael's.

***Please pick up a registration form for your child as soon as possible.*** They are available in the sacristy of each church for you to pick up. These need to be handed in to one of the priests well before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. (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.

**CLEANERS AT SS PETER & PAUL** Although we do have a few members on the team, they often cannot predict their shift work, so sometimes many of them cannot come. Please could we then have some more volunteers so that we can cover weeks when other members have to go into work? Please let Mary Faherty know, or one of the priests. Many thanks.

## Mission and Outreach

**THE NEXT FARESHARE** at St Michael's Church Hall is on Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm. FareShare is a UK charity that redistributes good quality, surplus food to community groups. If you, or your neighbour, could do with a little support in these difficult times, please bring a bag and take some free food!

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** continues at all three churches. We continue to welcome donations of FOOD (dried and tinned only please), TOILETRIES, ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS and SELECTION BOXES. There is NOW a huge need to get supplies into local primary schools. Any of the listed items that you can donate are massively appreciated. This week's donations were distributed to local Penn families. Thank you so much for your continued support.

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP & Life Caring Outreach.** Please **DO NOT** leave goods at St Michael's or St Bernadette's **between Monday 19th December & Sunday 1st January.** Volunteers will not be available to collect donations. We are very grateful for your generosity that has enabled the shop's continuing success during 2022. We look forward to again receiving your donations of clothes, bric-a-brac and books in the New Year. Similarly, after the Christmas break, Life Caring Outreach will again welcome your gifts of baby clothes and equipment for needy local families.

**CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas:** In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a [World Gifts](#) catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.



## Finance

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS** The Offertory collection next week will be for the priests of the parish. There are special envelopes available in the porch this weekend for you to use.

**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** taken over the Christmas weekend at all the Masses will be your Gift to the parish clergy. The envelopes are at the back of the church. Could you please ensure that you pick up your envelope. Thank you.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	146.30	219.45	64.30	23.00		453.05
Gift Aid	10.00	41.00	22.00	30.00		103.00
<b>Second Collection</b>						
Standing Order for November 2022: £4050.25						

## Regular Prayer Opportunities

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** starting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:** 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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Ann Lerigo, Maria Felicia Fernandez, Terry Carey, Neville Pope, Vittorio Lombardi. **May they rest in peace.**

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