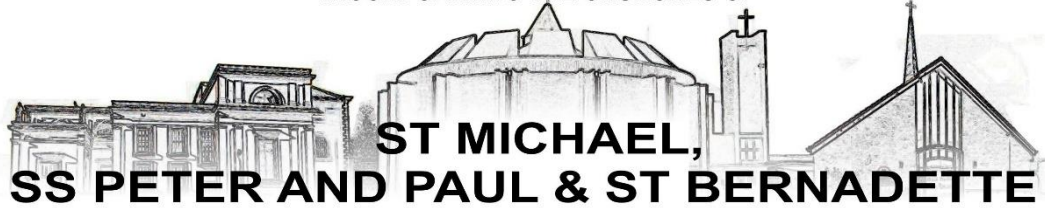




THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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Timetable of Online Masses and Services 1st January 2023

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

1st January 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Masses 5.30pm St Michael Hilary Elsdon RIP

11.30pm SS Peter & Paul Midnight Mass Pro populo

SUNDAY

9.00 am St Bernadette Agnes Abbiss RIP

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

11.30 am St Michael Christine McHale RIP

5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

Monday 2nd January Memorial of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

12.00pm St Michael Vlade Luzajic RIP

Tuesday 3rd January Christmas Feria

9.30am SS Peter & Paul Fernandez Family

Wednesday 4th January Christmas Feria

9.30am St Michael Requiem Mass Douglas Harold Jones RIP

Thursday 5th January Christmas Feria

12.00pm St Michael Cecilia Edgar RIP

Friday 6th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9.00am St Michael School Marylka Cyfka

12.00pm St Bernadette Hubert Kelly RIP

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Joe & Pat Clarke – Wedding Anniversary

7.00pm St Michael Joe Leonard Bate RIP

Saturday 7th January Christmas Feria

11.00am St Michael Confessions

12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Mass for Prisoners Michael Horobin RIP

8th January 2023 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday Vigil

5.30pm St Michael Teresa Gallagher

SUNDAY

9.00 am St Bernadette Pro populo

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online Tuohy & Cotter Families

11.30 am St Michael Simon Tudor

5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

THE CARMELITE MONASTERY New Year's Day Mass will be at 10.00 am, then Mass returns to 9.00 am each day.

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

PRAYERS FOR EMERITUS POPE BENEDICT XVI RIP

The Archbishop of Birmingham has released the following statement on the news of the death of Pope Benedict:

"I pray for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI as his long life of devoted service comes to a close. May he now enjoy forever the company of the saints and the reward of all the Lord's good and faithful servants.

"I recall with gratitude the warmth and impact of Pope Benedict's presence during his State Visit in 2010 and especially during his visit to Birmingham for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman. He showed us the love of the pastor's heart which had guided his ministry as priest, as bishop and as Supreme Pastor.

"I am grateful for the prayerful way that he supported his successor Pope Francis, continuing to promote the unity and mission of the Church.

"On behalf of the clergy, Religious and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Birmingham I offer our condolences and pray that Emeritus Pope Benedict may rest in peace with his risen Lord."

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS! And **MANY THANKS** to everyone who worked so hard in preparation for our Christmas Services: Church Cleaners, Church Decorators, Stewards, Readers, Servers and Musicians. We wish you all every blessing for the New Year ahead, and please God, good health and happiness!

ALTAR SERVERS' GUILD OF ST STEPHEN As we still need to receive some more medals, we are postponing the renewal of promises for a few weeks. We will update you when we have more information.

LEAVING CELEBRATION FOR SR RITA Sr Rita has devoted the last five years of her life doing God's work in our parish so we hope to give her a good send off as a sign of our appreciation. There will be a special collection next weekend and an appeal for refreshments. There will be a **'Bring and Share' meal at 1.00pm on Sunday 8th January** in St Michael's Hall. This will be a lovely opportunity for all of us who know Sister Rita, to be able to say our farewells! There will be sheets to sign at the back of each Church on the weekend of Dec 31st and Jan 1st. All our prayers and best wishes go with her as she starts her new role in India.

YEAR PLANNING MEETING 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 14th 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.

EPIPHANY CONCERT WITH WULFRUNA LADIES CHOIR. Saturday 7th 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2023

SS Peter & Paul: Saturday 20th May 3.00pm

St Michael: Sunday 21st May 11.30 am

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 15th 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 15th.

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.

SVP GET TOGETHERS IN JANUARY - we are hosting afternoon tea on January 11 at 2.00pm in St Michael's Hall then coffee mornings on January 25 again in St Michael's Hall and January 26 in St Bernadette's Hall both starting at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend with you. If anyone requires a lift, please let us know. Call David Spinks on 07544960402.

Mission and Outreach

CRIB OFFERINGS 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 continues at all three churches. We continue to welcome donations of FOOD (dried and tinned only please), TOILETRIES and ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. Any of the listed items that you can donate are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your support during 2022.

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

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 obtain a donation envelope in your church.



A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

*May God make our new year a Blessed one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
but by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
but by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
but showing us when people need us most,
and making us confident to be there to for them.
Then God's love, peace, hope and joy will be with us
for the year ahead.*

Finance

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE raised £1174.50 for the parish which will be utilised for the heating of our three churches. All prize money and the prizes were sponsored by our parishioners. A very big thank you to the sponsors of prizes and all those who assisted in selling the tickets.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for a gift to Sr Rita as she leaves us in January to move on to a new ministry back in India.

Winners of 200 Club Draw – December: SSPP No. 142, 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.

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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: 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

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

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