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23rd August 2020 - Year A

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

Please join us online at the following times on www.rcwlvwest.com

Saturday Vigil mass for Sunday 23rd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm St Michael 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul and Online Grogan, Crane, Leutchford and Middleton families deceased 5.30 pm St Michael George Hylton
24th August Monday Feast of St Bartholomew	8.00 am Online Mass John Barratt RIP
25th August Tuesday Feria	9.30 am Online Mass Kate and Cyril Mitchell
26th August Wednesday Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi	8.00 am Online Mass Thanksgiving
27th August Thursday Memorial of St Monica	No Online Mass
28th August Friday Memorial of St Augustine	8.00 am Online Mass John Goudie RIP 2.00pm St Michael Wedding Service Sahni & Anantharajah
29th August Saturday Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist	11.00 am - 11.30 am Confessions outside St Michael's Church
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30pm St Michael Julie Collins 80th Birthday 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul and Online Norma Pezhman 5.30 pm St Michael St Margaret Clitherow CWL Intentions

There is no celebration of Mass at the Carmelite Convent at the moment but the sisters are watching Mass online and continue to pray for us, day and night.

THE CHURCHES OF ST MICHAEL AND SS PETER & PAUL ARE NOW OPEN FOR MASS.

YOU CAN JUST TURN UP FOR MASS BUT IF THE CHURCH HAS REACHED CAPACITY YOU WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER. If you book in advance, you are assured of a place.

FOR ST MICHAEL Please ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Monday to Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL please ring Val on 07934905283 between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on Monday to Friday.

We will print out your ticket, please then collect it from a steward outside the church when you arrive for Mass.

Parish News and Activities

FR GARY *We welcome Fr. Gary as he returns to us and is once more resident in St Bernadette's in Wombourne. It is a great joy for all of us to have him back with us on the team here.*

Zoom Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Friday 28th August from 6.00- 6.40pm. This is a chance for us to discuss any issues about taking Holy Communion to the Sick at the moment and if there are any pastoral concerns that I need to be informed about. If you would like to take part, please email me on mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk

Opening of St Bernadette's Church If you are able to volunteer to be a steward or help with cleaning at St Bernadette's, please let Fr Mark know as soon as possible. Once we have a team ready, we will be able to open up St Bernadette's for Mass one of the days of the week and eventually for a Sunday Mass.

Mission and Outreach

SVP support - if you or anyone you know is in need of support particularly during this pandemic please contact Sr Lydwin or David Spinks at 07544960402.

'Free School Meal' (FSM) Children A car with its boot open will be parked outside St Michael's Church for one hour EVERY Tuesday 1-2, Thursday 10-11 and Saturday 10-11. All donations will be gratefully received by The Well (Wolverhampton Food Bank). Alternatively, much-needed supplies can still be taken to the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY or Food Bank via The Vicarage 21A, St Jude's Rd WV6 0EB. For further information please phone 340479. ***To date we have received 789.5kg of food/toiletries and £510 cash. In addition 60+ food parcels have been delivered to FSM families. Thank you so much!***

If anyone needs a food parcel please phone 07932 609625 between 1pm -5pm and speak in confidence to a member of the Catholic Women's League to make arrangements.

Life Charity Shop at 12 Lichfield Street: (opposite side of street to Wolverhampton Art Gallery) , stocks an attractive range of items, thanks to parishioners' many donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac. Goods can be collected from your home, or dropped off with Rosalie, if you're not able to take them to the shop yourself; please ring 01902 330553 to make arrangements. Please don't leave goods at church at the present time.

ACROSS to Lourdes by Jumbulance appeal. Many of you will be aware of the amazing organisation "Across" taking many sick and infirm pilgrims to Lourdes each year, our Parish has sent many People, sick and Pilgrims by Jumbulance over many years. "Across" has been hit hard by the Covid pandemic and have been forced to cancel all Pilgrimages for 2020. "Across" are appealing for 1000 people who would be willing to give or raise £150 to help enable them to remain solvent until Pilgrimages can start again. If you could be one of the 1000 either donating , raising or sharing with others ways of getting £150 then please contact Steve Callow (01902 340775) for more information. Thank you

Finances

Financial Contributions This is a difficult time for many people but if you are able to continue giving an offering, please consider paying directly into the parish account. Please follow the directions on our website. Alternatively it is now possible to bring your weekly offering and place it into the collection box in the porch on your way into Mass.

It is now possible to make one off donations to any of our three churches directly through our Website. Click the '**MY CHURCH OFFERING**' the button on the Home page for more details.

Next week, we will begin publishing the amounts of the collections form each weekend.

On-going Formation

Prayers for the Season of Creation Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

This World Day of Prayer falls at the beginning of Creation Time, running until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. To mark Creation Time, CAFOD has produced nine brief reflections asking St Francis to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. You might like to use them during September or on the nine days leading up to the Feast of St Francis on October 4th. The prayer resources can be found at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

Justice and Peace Online Assembly 2020 If you have access to the internet, you can join this from the comfort of your own home. There are four sessions leading up to the Feast of St Francis

Monday 28th September 7.30 - 8.30 pm: ***Ecological Conversion:***

Wednesday 30th September 7.30 - 8.30 pm ***Plan the Future – the climate emergency, building back better***

Friday 2nd October 7.30 - 8.30 pm ***Local Government Responsibilities:***

Sunday 4th October 7:00 to 7:45 pm ***Evening Service of Prayer for the Feast of St Francis in the Spirit of Laudato Si' and caring for our common home.***

In order to take part, please **book online <https://bit.ly/JPasssembly2020>**

The Trustees of the St Joseph's Homestead (part of the Municipal Charities of Stratford-upon-Avon), are looking to attract two female residents over 55 to their property. St Joseph's Homestead have been occupied as almshouses since 1911. The trust deeds require them to proactively recruit members of the Roman Catholic faith to balance out the residents and so to adhere to the terms of the original benefactors will" The Charity's Chairman, Mo Lancaster, said: "We are looking to help house two single women who are facing financial hardship. I am hoping that if people know of any single women who need our support, or if you would like to donate towards the running of our almshouse, then you will get in touch with Doug Evans, our Clerk, on grants@municipalcharities.org.uk, 07539 459210 or via our website <https://www.municipal-charities.org.uk>

Beatification of our new Parish Patron, Carlo Acutis

Venerable Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager and computer programmer who died in 2006, will be beatified October 10 in Assisi, Italy. "The joy we have long awaited finally has a date," Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi said in a statement June 13.

The beatification will take place in Assisi at 4 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Francis. It will be chaired by Cardinal Angelo Becciu, who is prefect for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Carlo is currently buried in Assisi's Church of St. Mary Major. (The Old Cathedral) Carlo, who died of leukemia at the age of 15, offered his suffering for the pope and for the Church. He was born in London on May 3, 1991 to Italian parents who soon returned to Milan. He was a pious child, attending daily Mass, frequently praying the rosary, and making weekly confessions.

In May 2019, Acutis' mother, Antonia Salzano, told CNA Newsroom: "Jesus was the center of his day." She said that priests and nuns would tell her that they could tell that the Lord had a special plan for her son. "Carlo really had Jesus in his heart, really the pureness ... When you are really pure of heart, you really touch people's hearts," she said. The date for the beatification was announced the same week as the feast of Corpus Christi. Carlo had a great devotion to the Eucharist and Eucharistic miracles. "It is beautiful that this news came to us just as we were preparing for the feast of Corpus Christi," Archbishop Sorrentino said. "Young Carlo distinguished himself with his love for the Eucharist, which defined his highway to heaven."

The miracle that paved the way for Acutis' beatification involved the healing of a Brazilian child suffering from a rare congenital anatomic anomaly of the pancreas in 2013. The Medical Council of the Congregation for Saints' Causes gave a positive opinion of the miracle last November, and Pope Francis approved the miracle in February.

Carlo was exceptionally gifted with computers. In *Christus Vivit*, the Apostolic Exhortation published after the 2018 Synod of Bishops on young people, Pope Francis offered Carlo as a model of holiness in a digital age.

"The news constitutes a ray of light in this period in which our country is struggling with a difficult health, social and work situation," Sorrentino said. "In these recent months of solitude and distancing, we have been experiencing the most positive aspect of the internet — a communication technology for which Carlo had a special talent." "The love of God can turn a great crisis into a great grace."

Official prayer asking for the Beatification and Canonisation of the Venerable Carlo Acutis

Oh Father, who has given us the ardent testimony,
of the young Venerable Carlo Acutis,
who made the Eucharist the core of his life
and the strength of his daily commitments
so that everybody may love You above all else,
let him soon be
counted among the Blessed and the Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my faith,
nurture my hope,
strengthen my charity,
in the image of young Carlo
who, growing in these virtues,
now lives with You.
Grant me the grace that I need ...

I trust in You, Father,
and your Beloved Son Jesus,
in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother,
and in the intervention of Your Venerable Carlo Acutis.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Cliff Whittall, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Paula Box, June Abbiss, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Helen O'Brien-Coleman, Mary Abbiss, 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: Marie Therese Lennox, Taofik Sekoni, Jenner Martin, John Barratt, John Stanley, Dorothy Stephenson **May they rest in peace.**

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