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2nd August 2020 Eighteenth Sunday of the Year A

Timetable of Online Masses and Services. <i>Please join us online at the following times on www.rcwlvwest.com</i>	
2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00 am Mass online <i>Seamus Campbell RIP</i> 5.30 pm St Michael (Please book to attend) <i>Mary Lawley RIP</i>
3rd August Monday Feria	6.30 pm Online Mass <i>Noreen James RIP</i>
4th August Tuesday Memorial St John Vianney	6.30 pm Online Mass <i>Nora Slattery RIP</i>
5th August Wednesday Feria	9.30 am St Michael Funeral Mass (By invitation only) <i>Giuseppina Landa RIP</i>
6th August Thursday Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	No Online Mass
7th August Friday Feria	11.00 am St Michael Funeral Mass (By invitation only) <i>Taofik Sekono RIP</i>
8th August Saturday Memorial of St Dominic	11.00 am - 11.30 am Confessions outside St Michael's Church 5.30pm St Michael (Please book to attend) <i>Tom Davies</i>
9th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Harry Hedgecox RIP</i> 5.30 pm St Michael (Please book to attend) <i>Robert & John Robbins RIP</i>
<i>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.</i>	

MASSES BEGINNING AT SS PETER & PAUL From next weekend, there will now be Public Mass Every Sunday at 10.15am.
This will also be Online.

DON'T FORGET, YOU NEED TO BOOK FOR A PLACE AT MASS.

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 on Tuesdays and Fridays

If you cannot print off your ticket, you can collect it from a steward outside the church when you arrive for Mass.
Please read the instructions on page 4 of this bulletin before you attend Mass.

THERE IS STILL NO OBLIGATION FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS. You can choose any day of the week to go to Mass and the Bishops fully encourage you to continue praying the Mass by watching it online.

SUMMARY OF VIRTUAL PPC MEETINGS DURING THE COVID 19 LOCKDOWN 01/08/2020

- The council has met on 4 occasions during Covid 19 lockdown using the virtual Zoom meeting platform
- The main purpose of these meetings is to assist and discuss with Fr. Mark where possible the re-opening our Churches
- Online Masses have been a great success and progress is being made to improve the quality of the broadcasts from SS Peter & Paul's
- Many parishioners have volunteered to work as stewards and cleaners making it possible (following Government and Diocesan guidelines) to open St. Michael's firstly for private prayer and now for live Masses. More volunteers are needed to enable the opening of all three Churches
- The council are extremely grateful for the amazing volunteers who have come forward to enable our Parish to restart
- The guidelines to follow are both complex and thorough and risk assessments have to be submitted in advance of reintroducing new services
- With a degree of easing of regulations, it will now be possible to hold, Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms (following strict guidelines)
- The parish are looking into the purchase of a Sanitising sprayer and equipment, this will make cleaning much easier and efficient and should allow the opening of toilets and the church halls
- We will have a new Priest very soon to work alongside Fr. Mark and Fr. Gary, he is currently a Seminarian and will be Ordained during September 2020
- A proposed name for our combined Parish was discussed, **further detail is on page 3 of the bulletin.**

DEC Coronavirus Appeal In the UK our struggle against coronavirus has entered the next phase, but in many of the world's poorest countries the fight has only just begun. **CAFOD** has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee to help millions of vulnerable people whose lives are at risk as the coronavirus pandemic spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can contribute at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus or 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB or 0303 303 3030

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.

It is now possible to make 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.

SVP support - if you or anyone you know is in need of support particularly during this pandemic please contact Sr Lydwyn 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. ***This week we have given 99.5kg of food/toiletries and £40 to The Well. 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.

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, Jenner Martin, John Barratt, John Stanley, Dorothy Stephenson
May they rest in peace.

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775,
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New Parish Name for our Combined Three Parishes...

I was grateful for the many suggestions I received over the winter for a new name for the parish. Although they were all suitable suggestions I felt that they were all very much the same as other parish names and wanted something new and relevant to the situation of the Church in the world today. Obviously St John Henry Newman, as a new saint in the diocese, would have been suitable, but that has already been taken by the cluster of parishes in the south of the deanery.

Once lockdown started and we discovered that the only way we could stay connected as a parish community, or indeed celebrate Mass was through the Internet, I became increasingly interested in a new saint who is already being referred to as the ***"saint of the internet"***. When I say 'saint', he has not been canonised yet but is being beatified on October 10th in Assisi. His name is Carlo Acutis. He was born in England in 1991 of Italian parents and he died at the young age of 15 in Milan. He had a great devotion to the Eucharist and was also known as a computer 'geek' because of his use of computer programming to promote the gospel'. He is an excellent role model for young people so I have already put the idea to our schools and they are very interested. I have also consulted the Parish Pastoral Council who are very supportive and the Archbishop has written to me expressing his excitement with this proposal. Given that each of our three churches will continue to be known by their present dedications, I think the idea of having a brand new saint in the making, will bring new life to our parish. I suspect he is not known to many of you but there is a great deal of information about him on the internet and I intend to print out more material for those who do not have access to computers. Here is a brief summary of his life:



Venerable Carlo Acutis had a PlayStation. He made awkward videos with his friends. His favourite cartoon was "Pokémon." And on October 10th this year he will be canonised in Assisi in Italy.

Carlo Acutis died at a tender age of 15 of leukaemia, leaving in the memory of all those who had known him a great feeling of emptiness and a profound admiration for what was his brief but intense testimony of an authentic Christian life. After Carlo received his First Communion at the age of 7, he never failed to attend Holy Mass daily. He always tried to spend time in adoration before the Tabernacle in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament before and after the Eucharistic celebration. Our Lady was his trusted friend and he always honoured her by reciting the Rosary every day.

Carlo's modern way of life was in harmony with his deep Eucharistic and Marian devotion which made him admired and loved by everyone. He spent his short life finding time to teach catechism to children who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation; to volunteer at the soup kitchen for the poor of the Capuchins and the Sisters of Mother Teresa; to help the poor who lived in his neighborhood; to help other children with homework and to use the internet to proclaim the gospel. Meanwhile, he loved playing the saxophone; playing football; designing computer programs; having fun with video games; watching crime movies and making little films with his dogs and cats.

To quote Carlo's words: ***"Our aim has to be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven."*** His famous quote is: ***"All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies."*** In order to move towards this destination and not "die as photocopies" Carlo said that our compass has to be the Word of God, and the way to such a lofty destination is through the sacraments and prayer. In particular Carlo put the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the centre of his life and he called it ***"my highway to heaven"***.

In October 2006 he was taken ill and diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. He died just a few days later. At his funeral his Parish Priest was astounded because so many of the poor in the city came to pay their respects. At such a young age, he had touched the lives of so many people. Immediately devotion to him began to spread. Pope Francis quoted him at the Synod of the Youth in 2018 and then, after a Brazilian child was healed of a congenital disease of the pancreas through his intercession, the Vatican approved for him to be Beatified this October 10th.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



CORONAVIRUS

Guidelines for Public Mass during the Coronavirus Pandemic

<p>Attendees must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Have already pre-booked a seat, + Wear a face covering, + Remain 2 metres apart, + Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the Church, + Follow the signs, + Listen to the stewards, + Not enter the sanctuary area or sacristy. 	<p>Holy Communion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Will take place after Mass has finished, + Watch for stewards' instructions when to proceed row by row to communion, + Receive in silence by hand only. Fully extend your arms so that you are a safe distance from the priest. + Move to the side and partially lower face covering to consume the host. + Once you have reverently received the host, leave the church in single file.
<p>Please Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Holy water is not available, + The Church will be disinfected after each Liturgy, + All parish meetings and ministry events, remain suspended until further notice. 	<p>Please stay at home if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + You may have a pre-existing condition or are immuno-compromised, + You are feeling ill, + You suspect you may be ill or have been exposed to COVID-19, + You have a sick family member at home.
<p>During Mass No...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Altar servers, + Children's liturgy, + Eucharistic ministers, + Offertory procession, + Physical sign of peace, + Chalice distribution, + Parish missalettes or hymn books, + Singing, + Collection bags, + Toilets available, + Congregating afterwards outside. 	<p><i>Government advice is that those with severe breathing difficulties and the under 5's are not required to wear face coverings. For the adults who cannot wear face coverings the advice is that they stay 2 metres distant from others. Children must be with their families and so distant from others.</i></p>

For the safety of all who attend Mass, the government has advised that contact details be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to the Track and Trace Service if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law. The parish is committed to ensuring that information we hold about you is properly and securely held in accordance with the law. You can find out more from our Privacy Notice, which is at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>. It is in the legitimate interests of the parish to hold this information about you. This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, registered charity number 234216.