



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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31st January 2021- Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to www.rcwlvwest.com

Saturday Vigil Mass 31st January Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Fr John Dewis</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>pro populo</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Bernadette Davey RIP</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>Beryl Hilda Pratt</i> 2.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.
Monday 1st February Feria	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Patrick Clarke (Birthday)</i> 4.00pm St Bernadette Vigil Reception 8.00 pm Online Holy Hour "Monica's Prayers"
Tuesday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Mary Maloney</i> 11.00 am St Bernadette Funeral Mass <i>Ian Percy RIP (by invitation only)</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour "Blessed Carlo Acutis" finishing with Night Prayer
Wednesday 3rd February <i>Votive mass of St Joseph</i>	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Rob Henson</i> 12.00 Midday St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 4th February	12.00 Midday St Michael <i>Pauline Minns RIP</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour "Year of St Joseph devotions with Benediction"
Friday 5th February Memorial of St Agatha	9.30am St Bernadette <i>Mary Abbiss</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul & Online Funeral Mass <i>Anne Middleton RIP</i> 3.00pm Online Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday 6th February Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions	9.30 am Online Mass 11.00 am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass 7th February Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Fr Brian Doolan RIP</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>pro populo</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>Monica Blee</i> 2.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.

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.

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.

ATTENDING HOLY MASS

No one is under obligation to attend Church, as the Sunday Obligation was lifted at the beginning of the Pandemic. Churches are allowed to remain open for prayer & Communal Worship in accord with Governmental & Public Health England guidelines. You are not obliged to be present at Church; ultimately the decision to attend is completely yours! We have complied with all Governmental recommendations. Please acquaint yourselves with these guidelines.
For the time being Holy Mass will be livestreamed nearly every day.

FACE COVERINGS: Must be worn in places of worship unless you are exempt. THIS IS NOW LAW.

HAND SANITISATION: Please ensure you sanitise your hands, on entry/exit of the Church.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Please adhere strictly to this requirement of remaining **2 metres** away from anyone who is not in your family bubble.

TRACK & TRACE: Please ensure that you have completed your Track & Trace requirements. This is covered if you have booked but if you have not booked you need to give your details to the stewards and if you have a mobile phone, scan the NHS Track and Trace Poster. Thank you!

ON LEAVING CHURCH: There is always the temptation to remove your Face Covering and socialise with Friends. But it is this interaction at close proximity that can constitute the spread of the virus. Please GO STRAIGHT HOME!

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTION OF THE STEWARDS: Our wonderful Stewards will be available at all Masses. We are grateful that we are able to remain open during this difficult time.

Please stay at home if you can; keep SAFE & WELL; and always be generous with each other during this stressful time.

Parish News and Activities

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,***

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*****

Online Holy Hours

Monica Prayer - Prayer for the conversion of family members and loved ones.

Blesses Carlo Acutis – Contemporary Holy Hour in honour of our patron, Blessed Carlo, ending with night prayer.

St Joseph – Devotions to St Joseph for the Year of St Joseph, followed by a short period of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. This Week's theme: Joseph patron of Workers. In particular, prayer for key workers in the pandemic.

Divine Mercy – Divine Mercy devotions at the Hour of Great Mercy, 3pm on Friday.

Mission and Outreach

Today is Racial Justice Sunday This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. If you have the internet, please go and investigate the resources on the Website of the Bishops' Conference:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021> There is a video made by young Catholics from Zimbabwe and a video from a parish in London. Both are great conversation starters with families and friends.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice says in his message:

"It's not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of Pope Francis: 'God asks us to dare to create something new.'"

Ethnic minorities have suffered disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating a systemic problem with racial injustice in our society. This was dramatically brought home with the brutal killing of George Floyd and the reaction it provoked. As Pope Francis reflects: "instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think." Dismantle structures of injustice

These shameful reminders of racism demand meaningful action to confront and dismantle sinful structures of injustice. Our brother Bishops in the USA remind us that: "all of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur."

Racism is a sin and a violation of human dignity in which we are all complicit. As Catholics we need to acknowledge and confront our own failings, as individuals and as a Church. Every single one of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission. We need to address the lack of visible diversity at every level, so that people can see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life. We need to engage suppliers and businesses from all parts of the community, seeking out those which promote diversity and inclusivity. Most importantly we need to actively invite people from different ethnic communities to share their experiences and genuinely listen to their voices, however challenging this may be .

It is not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of the Holy Father: "This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities — what we value, what we want, what we seek — and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. God asks us to dare to create something new."

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness. In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffer the help that they need and the care that they require.

May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

A new Parliamentary Motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

SPUC Statement: Consultation on Home Abortions The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. The consultation ends on 26 February 2021. Please go to: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>

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 Mass at SS Peter & Paul. This week's donations have been delivered to local Penn families. In addition to cereal, UHT milk, tins of meat/fish/vegetables/fruit/rice pudding/custard etc any donations of FRESH FRUIT would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

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 Mark has been volunteering for the last two weeks so if you need to know more, have a word with him.

If you would like help, then please get in touch with Fr Craig's Parish Office on 01902 452 841

or email stnewmancluster.wmids@rcaob.org.uk

Life Charity Shop and Life Outreach for Needy Mums and babies: A big 'thank you' to those who are kindly storing their donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac for the Life Charity Shop. We'll be glad to accept them when the lock-down is over and the shop is able to open again. Life continues to support local families and at present there is a high need for cots and cot bedding, as well as Moses baskets, pushchairs, baby clothes and other items for young babies. If you can help, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 /email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk. If you know of any family needing this kind of support, please suggest they use this email, or ring the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. As well as giving us messages from those in our locality who need practical support, this Helpline offers a confidential 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 24th January 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	£200.00	£104.05	£10.00	
Gift Aid	£ 25.00	£ 95.00	£63.00	
FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Paul Green, 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, 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: John Owen, Dr Biswanath Dey, Patricia Bomford, Marion Driver (Bunty), Rose Catch, Patricia Byrne, Anne Middleton. May they rest in peace.				
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