



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 4th December 2022

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

SUNDAY 4th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Neville Pope*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Barry Wignall RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Nicola & Gigliola Iafigliola*

11.30 am St Michael *Pro populo*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 5th December Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

5.45pm St Michael-Adoration in the Lady Chapel

6.30pm St Michael *Private intention*

Tuesday 6th December Advent Feria

11.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Sue Bach RIP*

Wednesday 7th December Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9:30am St Bernadette *John Canning RIP*

Thursday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00pm St Michael *Rosalia Finazzo RIP*

Friday 9th December Advent Feria

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Luisa Blackwell RIP*

Saturday 10th December Advent Feria

10.30am St Michael Adoration

11.00am St Michael Confessions

SUNDAY 11th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Gaudete Sunday*

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Gary Conway*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Chris Walsh RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Pat Grady 92nd Birthday*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

THE CARMELITE MONASTERY Mass is every morning at 9.00am.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas Eve 5.30pm St Michael Children's Mass

Christmas Night Mass 9.00pm St Michael – *this is preceded by carols from 8.30 pm*

Midnight Mass 12.00am SS Peter & Paul – *this is preceded by carols from 11.30 pm*

Christmas Morning 9.00am St Bernadette, 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul, 11.30am St Michael

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

ADVENT PREPARATIONS AT HOME An ideal way to prepare for the true spirit of Christmas is to gather at home and celebrate the Advent Feast. Some of you experienced this in the hall at St Michael's a few years ago but it is intended that this is something you can do yourself at home. All the instructions for how to celebrate the Advent Feast can be found by downloading the booklet from our website on the **Online Mass and Activities page**.

CANDLELIT RORATE MASS 7.00 am SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER SS PETER & PAUL This is a beautiful quiet reflective early morning Mass of Our Lady to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Saviour at Christmas. It will be followed by ***bacon rolls and hot drinks in Giffard House***. If you would like to stay for the refreshments, please sign up on the sheet in the porch of each church.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY Next weekend of Sunday 11th December we shall be blessing cribs at the end each of the weekend Masses. These blessings will be both for the 'baby Jesus' figures that children have made, and your full crib sets before you put them up at home.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION Tuesday Evening 20th 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 22nd December at SS Mary & John.

SERVICE OF CAROLS AND READINGS To prepare for Christmas, why not Join Fr Mark at St Peter's Collegiate Church in the City centre on Monday 19th December at 6.30pm? Mass has been moved to midday on that Monday, so that, as many of us as possible, can attend the Carol Service.

MASSES AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY OVER CHRISTMAS Their "Midnight " Mass will be at 8.30 pm, and morning Masses from Christmas day until New Year's Day at 10.00am.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MASS Christmas Eve Planning has started for the Christmas Mass at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's. Families from across all three churches are welcome, and we are looking for readers, for children to help with the Offertory, to help as part of the Welcome Team, and for two Reception aged children to take the parts of Mary and Joseph. If you would like your child to take part in any way, please phone Liz Yeo on 078752455165 / email lizyeo@btinternet.com or talk to one of the Children's Liturgy Group after 11.30 Mass.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS - the KSC are providing Keep Christ in Christmas posters for us all to display at our homes. These posters will be available in our three church entrances from Advent Sunday. Please take as many as you need to keep alive the true message of Christmas.

BLESSED CARLO PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DISCO at St Michael's Church Hall on Sunday 11th December 4pm-6pm. All welcome. Drinks and nibbles available.

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.

SYNDODAL PATH DISCUSSION - MUSIC AT MASS Please see the notes from this meeting in the attached sheet.

WEEKLY ROSARY - the weekly Rosary that was prayed each Saturday in October before the 5.30pm Mass at St Michael's was well received and Fr Mark and our parishioners have asked if this can be a regular feature of our weekly worship. To make this happen we need volunteers to lead each Rosary so if you would like to do this please send me your name so we can put a rota in place. Either email me at David.spinks1949@gmail.com or text me at 07544 960402.

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 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

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. From next week there will be registration forms available in each church for you to pick up. These need to be handed in to one of the priests well before January 15th.

Mission and Outreach

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Saturday 17th December 2022

A City Centre Nativity & Lantern Parade...

Beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3pm and
ending in St Peter's Square at 4.30pm.

Bring a lantern (LED lights only) and join Mary and Joseph
and our alpacas for
storytelling and Christmas cards!



ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS WALK OF WITNESS
Saturday 17th December 3.00 – 4.30pm Everyone is invited - come and be part of it. Bring a lantern and join in the celebration of the Christmas Story. (LED lights only please) There are simple instructions of how to make a lantern on the news page of our website.

THE NEXT FARESHARE at St Michael's Church Hall is on Wednesday December 28th 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 before the Christmas holidays begin. Any of the listed items that you can donate are massively appreciated. This week's donations were distributed by St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you so much for your continued support.

RED QUIZ: many thanks to all who attended and/or helped with this parish event. Your kind donations mean that £280 has been raised for the Aid to the Church in Need's Nigeria Campaign. A visit to the website will show you how these funds will be put to use. Thank you again. **Red Wednesday:** Breaking the Silence: There is still time to sign the petition asking our UK Government to encourage their Nigerian counterparts to bring to justice for those attacked for their faith. Look under "Red Wednesday" at <https://acnuk.org/>

MANY THANKS TO WOLVERHAMPTON ROTARY CLUB for awarding us a grant of £500. Supermarket vouchers will be purchased and sent into five primary schools where they will be distributed to 'Free School Meal' families.

THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE is very grateful for the nightwear you kindly donated in response to their appeal that has now closed. Thank you once again for your help.

Life Charity Shop and Life Caring Outreach Many thanks for all the donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc placed recently in the boxes at St Bernadette's and St Michael's. If your items are bulky and you can't get them to church or to the shop at **12 Lichfield Street**, please ring Rosalie on 330553 to arrange collection. Please also ring Rosalie if you have baby/toddler clothes or pushchairs etc for our outreach team to hand on to the mums who need our help.

HATS FOR SEAFARERS: Last call before Christmas for any hats to be sent to Apostleship of the Sea/ Stella Maris. A box is being filled for posting after Dec 11th. Contact: 336534

REQUEST FOR HELP FROM YOUR SVP - we have a beneficiary who is a Ukrainian refugee who has just moved into a property but needs a number of household items . If you can provide any of these please let me know; if not then any donation that will help us to get them would be very appreciated: Small washing machine, ironing board, electric heater, microwave, TV, bathroom cabinet. Thank you for your generosity - David Spinks 07544960402

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.

A Big Thanks and Goodbye:

With mixed feelings of joy and sadness, I would like to inform you that on 12th January 2023, I will be returning to my country India. I was sent as a missionary to this beautiful country England, and I have now completed five years here in the Diocese of Birmingham at St. Michael's Church. I am extremely grateful to Archbishop Bernard Longley, Mgr Mark Crisp, Fr Sean, Fr. Gary and Fr. Brendan and my Provincial Superiors for giving me an opportunity to serve in the Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis and to all my community sisters, especially Sr. Lydwin for supporting me in my pastoral ministry for the past 5 years. A very special thank you to all my dear Parishioners, for your love and friendship that I ever cherished. Before departing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for making my stay here a pleasant and memorable one.

Finally, I request you all to keep me in your prayers that I may exercise my ministry wherever I am. I assure you of my prayers. May God protect and bless every one of us to grow in faith and love. Sr. Rita

Finance

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.

200 Club Draw Winner of October SS Peter & Paul No. 48 Margarita Finnegan

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS *Please return all the money and stubs by the end of this week. Thank you for your support.*

SECOND COLLECTION this Weekend 3rd /4th December: Poor Parishes Fund

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 27th November 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	252.47	311.60	51.80	34.00		649.87
Gift Aid	10.00	74.00	105.00	10.00		199.00
Second Collection						
Standing Order for October 2022: £ 4606.76						

Regular Prayer Opportunities

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH Every Monday evening after the 6.30pm Mass at St Michael's.

ST EDMUND'S WEEKLY MASS 8.30 AM MONDAYS Parents and parishioners may join this Mass *in term time*. Please arrive by 8.25 am and gather in the school foyer. You will then be led to the chapel for the start of Mass at 8.30am.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: George Renkevic, Michael Faley, 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: Maria Felicia Fernandes, Terry Carey, Neville Pope, Vittorio Lombardi.
May they rest in peace.

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