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6th September 2020 - Year A Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to www.rcwlvwest.com

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| Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 6th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30pm St Michael <i>Jenner Martin RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Middleton , Crane, Grogan, Luetchford</i> 11.30am St Michael <i>Kevin & Theresa Fisher Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| 7th September Monday Feria | 6.30 pm St Michael <i>David Blee</i> |
| 8th September Tuesday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and Online Mass <i>Gabriel Langan RIP</i> |
| 9th September Wednesday Feria | 12.00 Midday Online Mass <i>Celia Sadler RIP</i> |
| 10th September Thursday Feria | No Online Mass |
| 11th September Friday Feria | 8.00 pm Online Mass <i>Mary Rowley RIP</i> |
| 12th September Saturday Feria | 11.00 am - 11.30 am Confessions outside St Michael's Church |
| Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 13th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5.30pm St Michael <i>John & Mary Abbis (63rd Wedding Anniversary)</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Peter Tuohy RIP</i> 11.30am St Michael <i>Colette Jones RIP</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. | |

The 5.30 pm Saturday Mass at St Michael's has reached capacity so it is essential that you book if you want to secure a place. For the Sunday Masses it is still possible to turn up as there are more spaces available.

FOR ST MICHAEL Please email or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 on Thursday and Friday.

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

There is no need to book for weekday Masses. We are re-establishing the Monday evening, Tuesday Morning and Friday Lunchtime Masses but there is no Public Mass this Friday as Fr Mark has to go to a funeral.

Parish News and Activities

Entry into St Michael's when coming for Mass. Now that it is getting colder, please queue in the hall before entering the church. Please enter the hall via the Fire Escape that opens onto the car park. There is a ramp leading up to it. This means that you can queue without being subject to the elements. Please pick up your ticket from one of the sisters who will be sitting at a desk in the hall. If you have difficulties with mobility and have ordered a mobility ticket, there is no need to enter the hall. Instead, go straight to the entrance of the church and pick up your ticket from the steward there.

Guidelines for Attending Mass Although all the instructions for attending Mass seem very strange, we are following the National Guidelines which were agreed with the Government and the Bishops of England and Wales. The particular difficulty with St Michael's Church is that all the rows are different lengths and some of them are very long. This means that in order to get the maximum number of people into the church, there needs to be strict organisation in order to ensure that we make full use of the benches that are available. It is also necessary to have the details of everyone who attends because we have received a directive from the diocese about contacting everyone who has attended a Mass if someone is taken ill and is tested positive for coronavirus. We therefore need a contact for every group or individual who attends Mass. All these directives can be found on our website. ***Please remember that all these guidelines are designed to keep everyone safe who comes to church.***

Clarification about receiving Holy Communion and the availability of Toilets. The National Guidelines do not require a person to sanitise their hands immediately before receiving Holy Communion. We are providing the option of using a sanitiser, however, for anyone who may be concerned that their hands may have been contaminated in any way since they last sanitised their hands when they entered the church. The toilets are now available as long as you follow the one way system in and out of the church.

Ventilation in Church We are required to ensure that there is plenty of ventilation during Mass. Neither St Michael's nor SS Peter & Paul's have windows which means we need to keep doors open. This weekend, instead of the side Fire Escape at St Michael's being left open, we will open the Fire Escape in the sacristy. ***Even so, both churches will be cold, so it is essential that you wear warm clothing for Mass.***

Meeting to plan for the Opening of St Bernadette's Church Next Saturday afternoon 12th September at 3.00pm in St Bernadette's. Some volunteers have already put their names forward but anyone else is also welcome to join us. Please bring a face covering, as we will be meeting inside the church. Many thanks Fr Mark

Baptisms We will soon have a Church Cleaning system that will enable us to open the churches for baptisms. These will have to be at fixed times and only one child to be baptised in any service. The times available will be 12.30pm on Saturdays at SS Peter & Paul and 3.00pm on Sundays at St Michael's. We will be able to start taking bookings from October onwards. Before your child can be baptised it is necessary to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. This can be done however, by zoom or other virtual platforms. If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact Fr Mark on mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk

Mission and Outreach

Free School Meal (FSM) Families Although the summer holidays have finished we shall continue to collect food and toiletries for FSM families whose numbers have unfortunately increased.

At St M: Tuesday 1-2; Thursday 10-11; Saturday 10-11 open car boot AND before Saturday Mass at 5.30 and Sunday Mass at 11.30 box outside hall entrance .

At SSPP before 10.15 Mass. open car boot.

Thank you so much for the 94.5kg of food and £70 donated during the week!

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.

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.

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

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.

*Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish.
We will now publish the total amount received at the end of each month.*

Offertory Collection for Sunday 30th August

| | Non Gift Aid | Gift Aid |
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| SS Peter & Paul | £ 86.46 | £339.50 |
| St Michael | £269.46 | £237.00 |
| St Bernadette | ***** | ***** |

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>

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: 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: Italo Donato Festa, Daphne D'Souza, Cliff Whittall, Marie Therese Lennox, Taofik Sekoni, Jenner Martin, John Barratt, John Stanley, Dorothy Stephenson **May they rest in peace.**

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