



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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7th February 2021- Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services.

For Online Masses, go to www.rcwlvwest.com

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>Shirley Egan RIP</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>Monica Blee</i> 2.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Rite Mass.
Monday 8th February Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita	9.30 am Online Mass <i>pro populo</i> 8.00 pm Online Holy Hour "Monica's Prayers"
Tuesday 9th February Feria	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Mary Anne Beare & deceased members of Beare Family.</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour "Blessed Carlo Acutis" finishing with Night Prayer
Wednesday 10th February Memorial of St Scholastica	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 Midday St Bernadette <i>Pauline Mins</i> 5.00pm Vigil Reception <i>Patricia Byrne RIP</i>
Thursday 11th February Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes	12.00 Midday Online Mass <i>Joseph Abbiss RIP</i> 1.45 pm St Michael Funeral Mass <i>Patricia Byrne RIP (by invitation only)</i> 8.00pm Online Holy Hour "Year of St Joseph devotions with Benediction"
Friday 12th February	9.30am St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Eileen Jones</i> 1.00 pm St Michael Funeral <i>Rose Tully RIP</i> 3.00pm Online Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday 13th February	9.30 am Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 am St Michael Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass 14th February Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.00 St Bernadette <i>Peggy Mantle RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Hubert Kelly RIP</i> 11.30 St Michael <i>pro populo</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.

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,***

Year of the Word The Sunday Gospel each week this year is taken from St Mark. There is a great overview of the gospel available on youtube. It only last 10 minutes and it gives an excellent insight into understanding this gospel.

[Tinyurl.com/23vyvw1q](https://tinyurl.com/23vyvw1q)

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.

*****Next session Tuesday 16.2.21*****

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: St Joseph, Patron of Fathers. Prayer for Fathers.

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

Rosary on Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita. Join us on zoom at 7pm on Monday 8th Feb to hear of this inspirational woman who personally endured human trafficking. Call or email Sarah for codes: 07948963325 sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Covid Vaccinations Has anyone been offered a vaccination but does not know how to get to where it is being administered? We have heard some stories of people being asked to go great distances. If this is the case, please contact Fr Mark and we will look for a way of getting you to receive it.

Lent begins a week on Wednesday! There will be a Mass in each Church on Ash Wednesday, but it will be necessary to book if you want to attend. Lent will be an opportunity to take part in more of the devotions provided online and the ***Walk with me Booklets and Calendars*** are available at Church from this weekend. There will also be some Ecumenical events. There will be more information next week. *Let us pray that by the time we reach the end of Lent, we might see some relaxation of the Covid safety measures so that we can celebrate Easter more freely this year...*

Stewards and Cleaners Apart from during the three-week November lockdown, we have been able to celebrate public Mass in all three of our churches every week since last summer. This has only been possible because of the hard work and dedication of our cleaners and stewards, week in, week out. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank them for their dedicated service enabling us to safely celebrate Mass during this most difficult time. Fr Mark

Mission and Outreach

The Food Collection: 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!

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.

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.

Ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org>

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>

Finances

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for January 2021 was St Michael's £1684.75, St Bernadette's £795.18, SS Peter & Paul £266.00

SS Peter & Paul Church 200 Club: Winner for January 2021: No. 295- Patrick Guiton

Offertory Collection for Sunday 31st January 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	37.00	296.60	31.27	
Gift Aid	235.00	226.00	33.00	

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.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Paul Green, R. J., Keith Tomlins, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, 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: Jim Deacey, Paula Box, John Owen, Dr Biswanath Dey, Patricia Bamford, Marion Driver (Bunty), Rose Catch, Patricia Byrne, Anne Middleton. **May they rest in peace.**

Safeguarding Representatives:

Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse (St Bernadette) 01902 326334

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