



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 8th January 2023

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

8th January 2023 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Teresa Gallagher*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Tuohy & Cotter Families*
 11.30 am St Michael *Simon Tudor*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 9th January Feria
 12.30pm St Michael Requiem Mass *Francis McMahon RIP*
 5.45pm St Michael-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6.30pm St Michael *Joe Leonard Bate RIP*

Tuesday 10th January Feria
 9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Vernon Henry Hedgecox RIP*

Wednesday 11th January Feria
 9.30am St Bernadette-Service of Word and Holy Eucharist

Thursday 12th January Feria
 10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12.00pm St Michael *Marylka Cyfka RIP*

Friday 13th January Feria
 12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Bridie Barrett RIP*
 12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Divine Mercy Devotion*

Saturday 14th January Feria
 10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 11.00am St Michael Confessions

15th January 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Dick Knox RIP*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Family of Henry & Judith Soronnadi*
 11.30 am St Michael *Mary Rowley RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

THE CARMELITE MONASTERY Daily Mass at 9.00 am

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

LEAVING CELEBRATION FOR SR RITA Sr Rita has devoted the last five years of her life doing God's work in our parish so we hope to give her a good send off as a sign of our appreciation. There will be a **'Bring and Share' meal at 1.00pm this Sunday 8th January** in St Michael's Hall. This will be a lovely opportunity for all of us who know Sister Rita, to be able to say our farewells! All our prayers and best wishes go with her as she starts her new role in India.

YEAR PLANNING MEETING In order to organise the year ahead with parish events, would it be possible for all parish organisations to send along a rep to a special diary planning meeting for 2023? It will take place in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's on Saturday 14th January at 12.00 noon. We will be discussing events like parish barbecues, quiz nights, pilgrimages, retreat days, children's discos, Christmas Fayres etc, etc! It will be most useful if all parish groups are represented at this meeting. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S PREPARATION FOR RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION Anyone preparing for these sacraments, whether they are in **Catholic Schools or not** need to attend the **Enrolment Mass next Sunday 15th January** with their parents or responsible adults, either at SS Peter & Paul at 10.25am or St Michael at 11.30 am. This will be followed by an introduction meeting which all must attend. This week is the last opportunity to **pick up a registration form for your child**. They are available in the sacristy of each church for you to pick up. These need to be handed in at the meeting after Mass next Sunday.

For those not in Catholic schools the preparation will take place on Saturday Mornings in the Sacristy Meeting room at St Michael's Church. The dates of these sessions are as follows:

Session 1	Jan 21st	11-12 noon
Session 2	Jan 28 th	11-12 noon
Session 3	Feb 11 th	11-12 noon
Session 4	Feb 18 th	11-12 noon
Session 5	Mar 4 th	11-12 noon
Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation	Mar 11 th	11-12 noon
Session 6	Mar 18 th	11-12 noon
Session 7	April 1 st	11-12 noon
Session 8	April 22 nd	11-12 noon
Session 9. Mini Retreat	April 29 th	10.30-12.30

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2023

SS Peter & Paul: Saturday 20th May 3.00pm

St Michael: Sunday 21st May 11.30 am

FEBRUARY - DEANERY VOCATIONS PROMOTION MONTH The diocese is starting a new initiative whereby each deanery has a special month to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Our Deanery, Dudley and Wolverhampton, has been allocated February each year. As we have only just discovered this, it may be a bit late this year to organise too much, but we will be having a special **Wolverhampton Celebration for Vocations at SS Mary & John's on Friday February 3rd**. (There will be a similar event in the south of the deanery in Stourbridge).

The **Vocations Celebration** will start with a **Holy Hour from 11.00am**. This is followed by **Mass at Noon** and there will be a social event afterwards in the hall. All the religious of the deanery will be invited to this event and at the end of the social, we would like to launch a Vocation Promotion Group. This would consist of a couple of parishioners from each parish who would join the group. This group would primarily pray for vocations, but would also organise events. If you would like to volunteer to be one of our parish reps, please contact Fr Mark. Many thanks.

SVP GET TOGETHERS IN JANUARY - SVP afternoon tea on Wednesday January 11th at 2.00pm in St Michael's Hall. Please come along and enjoy refreshments and good company. Bring a friend. Let me know if you need a lift to get there. Again, on January 25th St Michael's Hall and January 26th St Bernadette's Hall both starting at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend with you. If anyone requires a lift, please let us know. Call David Spinks on 07544960402.

Mission and Outreach

CRIB OFFERINGS Any donations given to the Crib this year will go to the **International Winter Appeal for Ukraine** launched by His Beatitude Sviatoslaw Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

THE FOOD COLLECTION continues at all three churches. We continue to welcome donations of FOOD (dried and tinned only please), TOILETRIES and ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. Your donations over Christmas have been shared between Corpus Christi Catholic Primary Academy and Caring Hearts Community Hub in Ashmore Park. The £500 grant received from The Rotary Club of Wolverhampton has been used to buy supermarket vouchers and shared between 5 city primary schools.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH: Your donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc made an enormous contribution to the success of our shop during 2022 and we look forward to your further support in 2023. Please leave donated goods in the boxes at St Michael's & St Bernadettes, or take them to the shop at 12 Lichfield St in the city centre. We can collect heavy or bulky items from you, if necessary, please ring Rosalie on 330553 to make arrangements. Similarly, Life Caring Outreach welcomes donations of baby clothes & pushchairs etc to give to the mums who ask for our help. Many thanks

Life Charity Shop and Life Caring Outreach Do you have time to help vulnerable mums and babies? or to convey goods to our charity shop? The Life Group needs more **volunteer helpers**. Could you spare a few ad-hoc hours most weeks to help with one or more of the following:

- Visiting well-wishers to collect donated goods and delivering them to our city centre Life Charity Shop? *
- Delivering baby clothes and equipment such as pushchairs and cots to our needy clients in and around Wolverhampton? *
- Checking and /or providing safe storage for baby equipment until it is needed?

*Mileage allowance can be claimed.

If you might be interested and would like to know more about what is involved before you apply, please contact Rosalie (01902 330553) or Sue (07484 875043)

We thank all those who already support our work by donating items to our shop and the baby items which we give to local needy families.

PEACE SUNDAY JANUARY 15th 2023: The theme of Pope Francis' message for Peace Sunday 2023 is: *No-one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace.* Please pray for Pax Christi, the Catholic agency which does sterling work for peace with limited resources. If you wish to make a donation, you can do so after Mass outside SS Peter and Paul's or you can donate through their website <https://paxchristi.org.uk>

NATIONAL RETHINK ABORTION TRAINING DAY Organised by March 4 Life on Sat 4th Feb at St Mary's College, Oscott. This is an interactive event aimed at equipping people to talk about abortion in a meaningful and productive way in their everyday life. The day will include:

- A series of educational sessions aimed at equipping participants to deal with real life scenarios.
- Interactive role plays that will help you talk about abortion with those around you in a meaningful way.
- A variety of top speakers who will help you to clarify your own pro-life beliefs, so you become more articulate and effective in communication.

Full details can be found on our webpage <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/re-think-abortion-day>

There will be a hot lunch provided along with refreshments throughout the day. The day runs 10am - 5pm, although for those who are of the Catholic faith there will be a Mass at 9.00am before the day starts all of this for only £25 per head. Attendees must be aged 16 or over. Under 18s must let us know their age when they book. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

SAVE OUR FUTURE On Saturday February 4th, in St Michael's Hall, at 3.30pm there will be a showing of the new film: 'THE LETTER', fronted by Pope Francis, with leaders of marginalised groups throughout the world, illustrating the dangers from climate change and guiding us as to what we can do about it as Catholics. The film lasts just over an hour and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to discuss the film.

Finance

Winners of 200 Club Draw – December: SSPP No. 142, St Michael No 37 Michael Oakes.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 1st January 2023

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	969.36	354.24	68.92	98.00	100.00	1590.52
Gift Aid		121.00	17.00	10.00		148.00
Second Collection: Gift to Sr Rita £715.64						
Standing Order for December 2022: £ 4121.25						

Regular Prayer Opportunities

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP starting on Thursday 19th January from 6.30pm -7.30pm at St Michael's Church, in the Lady Chapel. St Padre Pio bore the STIGMATA and his life was dedicated to the poor, the sick and the suffering. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, he brought many souls back to God. Through the Padre Pio Prayer Groups, which are now worldwide, render similar service through prayer and penance in winning souls for Christ. All are welcome. For more information, contact Tina Abbiss on 07970196224 or email tina.abbiss59@hotmail.com

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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Elizabeth Firth, George Renkevic, Michael Foley, 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: Stephen Macari, Bernard Duggan, Francis McMahon, Sean Leer **May they rest in peace.**

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