

<u>SAFEGUARDING NOTICE</u> 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**

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS FEAST DAY**, Although the actual day is the 12<sup>th</sup> October, a parish can celebrate its patronal Feast on the nearest Sunday So we will be celebrating our feast next weekend. *Our Relic of Blessed Carlo will be available for Veneration after each Mass.* 

<u>COME AND CELEBRATE OUR PARISH FEAST DAY TOGETHER!</u> A parish 'bring 'n share' has been organised for next Saturday night October 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Blessed Carlo. Bring your favourite savoury dish / pudding, it can be hot or cold, plus something to wash it down with. Bring enough for yourself and a little more to share with others. Tea/coffee/juice will also be available. Start time 6.30pm.

<u>SCAM EMAILS</u> There has been another scam email this week pretending to be from Fr Mark. It has been sent from *parishpastor5633@gmail.com* This is a false address, DO NOT REPLY TO IT and delete it immediately. Remember that official emails from the parish always end with <u>rcaob.org.uk</u> or the parish database address which is <u>noreply@parishaccounts.org.uk</u> Emails coming with any other addresses are SCAM and please, never reply to requests for money. God Bless, Fr Mark

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY** Starting next Saturday there will be the Rosary at 5.00pm before the 5.30pm Mass. This will take place for the rest of the month, the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> October.

<u>SVP Coffee/Tea Events</u> we have two opportunities for you to join us for refreshments and good company: Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am. in St Michael's Hall. Also on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 11.00am in St Bernadette's Church Hall. Hope to see you there, everyone is welcome so bring a friend.

**<u>CHARITY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE.</u>** Saturday 19th November in St Michael's Church Hall. Save the date. Stall £15 plus donation of a raffle prize. Details from Margaret or Sarah 07531 227761 or 07948 963325

**PARISH AUTUMN FAYRE. SATURDAY 29TH OCT WOMBOURNE COMMUNITY CENTRE**: Parishioners from St Bernadette's are organising this parish fund raising event. We are appealing for a range of items for the stalls, including bottles & tombola prizes, toys & books for children, groceries & home produce, toiletries, jewellery & crafts and cakes for the cake stall & refreshments stalls. We would also appreciate cash donations towards our expenses. Items can be brought to St Bernadette's church when services are held. More details Charlie Beare 07774 693054 or Marese O'Dwyer 07903 496810.

**<u>CAFOD Quiz:</u>** We now have a new date for the Quiz that we had to postpone. It will now be on Saturday, 29th October at 7.30pm in St Michael's Hall. The proceeds will be shared between CAFOD and Compton Hospice.

TRIP TO HEDNESFORD TO VIEW THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE - the coach is going to collect parishioners from St Bernadette's at 1.45pm before going to St Michael's. We will leave St Michael's at 2.15pm to arrive at Hednesford about 2.45pm. The return journey will be at 5.30pm via St Michael's before arriving at St Bernadette's. If you haven't already paid your £5, please bring it with you on Sunday. Any questions please call David Spinks, 07544960402.

## SHRINES OF OUR LADY A series of talks and reflections for October, at the Parish Centre at

**Our Lady and All Saints** Catholic Church, New Road, Stourbridge. Tuesday 11th – Medjugorje, Tuesday 18th – Fatima, Tuesday 25th – Lourdes. Talks start at 7-30pm All Welcome Come and learn, and share your own experience. For further information please contact Fr Philip Griffin on 01384 395308 or email <u>olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk</u>

## 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.

**<u>SHEKINAH PRAYER GROUP</u>** 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.

<u>LEGION OF MARY</u> meets in the Guild Room every Sunday after the 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul, All welcome! <u>PRAYER GROUP at SS Peter & Paul</u> the *"Divine Light Prayer Group"* meets every Sunday after 10:15am Mass. Come along and join us in our Praise and Worship. All Welcome. **HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS** The shops are now full of Halloween trinkets. It is important to remember that Halloween is originally the name of a Christian festival. As November approached and the days grew shorter and all the vegetation died down for the winter, people naturally thought of death. The great feast of All Saints was celebrated on the first day of November to remember all those who had shown that Christian faith overcomes the power of death. Mediaeval Christians had a real sense of fun and therefore created all sorts of games and rituals to poke fun at death to show that it had NO POWER over CHRIST. I was in a 15<sup>th</sup> Century crypt in Sicily last week and there were skulls painted round all the walls and all the skulls had ridiculous expressions on their faces, the whole thing was designed to make you laugh! On the eve of All Hallows (All Saints) the idea of Halloween traditions were to make fun of everything that made claim to have power over us, confident in the victory of CHRIST. In recent decades some people, losing this focus, turned Halloween into an anti-Christian celebration. It does not have to be so. It is fine for families to have some fun, as long as for them it is an expression of the victory of Christ. The best way to ensure this, is that in our families we make *even more fuss* of All Saints Day itself with a big family meal and celebration. Children could be encouraged to dress up as their favourite saints for example. Did you know there are particular foods associated with different saints? You can check this out on Catholic websites like <u>aleteia.org</u> All Saints Day is an opportunity to be creative and celebrate.

<u>NEW CROSS HOSPITAL</u> Since Julie left in July, her replacement has not yet been appointed at the chaplaincy at the hospital. This means that there is no one looking after Catholic patients. The priests around the deanery take it in turns to be on emergency call each day, but without a permanent presence in the hospital, some people are being missed. It is essential, therefore, if you know of anyone who has gone into hospital that you let us know immediately. Please pray that there will be a new appointment as soon as possible.

# **Mission and Outreach**

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith, we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to <u>cafod.org.uk/fas</u>

<u>Life Charity Shop and Life Caring Outreach</u> Many thanks for all the recent donations of clothes, bric-a-brac and books for our shop. Please note goods can now be left in **the new box at St Bernadette's**, as well as the usual box at St Michael's. If your items are bulky and you can't get them to the shop or to church, please ring Rosalie on 330553 to arrange collection. Please also ring Rosalie if you can give baby and toddler clothes, or pushchairs etc, for our outreach team to hand on to the mums who have asked for our help.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** continues at all three churches. Please place your donations at St Michael's on the table to the right in the porch. We continue to welcome donations of FOOD, TOILETRIES and ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. As we are anticipating a huge demand for help in the coming months, your support is greatly needed and massively appreciated. This week's donations were distributed by Corpus Christi Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you so much.

<u>The next FareShare</u> is at St Michael's Church on Wednesday October 19 at 2pm. 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 home!

**BREAKFAST CLUB SUDAN**: Thanks to your generosity a deposit has been paid that secures the purchase of the land next to the school. This means that, in the future, there will be more space for the kindergarten and toilet block. Sr Angelina sends her 'thanks and gratitude for your love and concern for the children of Sudan.' (A short video, with Sr explaining her hopes and showing the land, is available on the parish facebook page.)

<u>Knitters:</u> Thank you for the dozens of hats sent on this summer for distribution to seafarers. *Apostleship of the Sea* (now *Stella Maris.org.uk*) was formed on October 4th, 1920, in Glasgow, and ministers to seafarers far from home: your hats are part of that outreach. If you have oddments of wool left over from your autumn knitting, please consider turning them into hats. Contact: Catherine 336534. <u>Journey in Faith</u> classes every Monday at 7.00pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's. 'Journey in Faith' is not only for those interested in becoming Catholics but also for any parishioners who are interested in learning about their faith. If you are interested in certain topics, you can then come along for those sessions.

26<sup>th</sup> September Welcome and Introduction God God's Existence, God's Attributes, The Trinity, God the Creator, God the Father 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10<sup>th</sup> October Creation Creation, The Angels, The Universe, Adam and Eve, Human Beings, Spirit and Matter 17<sup>th</sup> October Sin The Fall, Original Sin, The Old Covenant, Evil, Suffering, Death, Hell 31<sup>st</sup> October Jesus the Saviour The Good News, The Incarnation, Jesus's Life Death and Resurrection, True God and True Man 7<sup>th</sup> November Justification Justification, Sanctification, Repentance, Grace, Life after Death 14<sup>th</sup> November The Holy Spirit and Pentecost The Holy Spirit, Pentecost, Gifts and Fruits, Providence 21<sup>st</sup> November The Church Sacrament of Salvation, People of God, Body of Christ, Structure, Leadership, History 28<sup>th</sup> November Divine Revelation Scriptural Inspiration and Inerrancy, Tradition, Magisterium, Infallibility Baptism Rite of baptism, Effects of baptism 5<sup>th</sup> December Confession & Confirmation Confession, Forgiveness, Confirmation 12<sup>th</sup> December 9<sup>th</sup> January Eucharist The Last Supper, Mass as a sacrifice, The Real Presence, Eucharistic Miracles 16<sup>th</sup> January Marriage and Family Life Natural Marriage, Sacramental Marriage, Divorce, Children, Contraception 23<sup>rd</sup> January Other Sacraments and Sacramentals Priests, Bishops, Deacons, Male Clergy, Nuns & Monks, Sacrament of Sick. 30<sup>th</sup> January The Dignity of the Human Person Sanctity of Life, Conception, Abortion, Euthanasia, Death Penalty 6<sup>th</sup> February The Ten Commandments (Part One) Sins against God: Idolatry, Sacrilege, Blasphemy 13<sup>th</sup> February The Ten Commandments (Part Two) Sins against People: Murder, Stealing, Lying, Adultery, Covetousness 20<sup>th</sup> February Freedom in Christ Lent, Freedom, Virtue, Faith, Hope and Love, Beatitudes Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent) Rite of Election Election of those desiring to become Catholic by Bishop 27<sup>th</sup> February Holy Mass Church Tour, Signs and Symbols and action, Receiving Communion, 6<sup>th</sup> March The Blessed Virgin Mary Annunciation, Five Marian Dogmas, Marian devotion 13<sup>th</sup> March The Saints The Redemptive Power of suffering, Pray to the Saints, Devotion, Shrines 20<sup>th</sup> March Your Questions answered Any Questions you have answered 27<sup>th</sup> March Holv Week Holv Week Explained 3<sup>rd</sup> April Practical Details Everything you Need to Know about Becoming Catholic Saturday 8th April Easter Vigil Evening Mass with Baptisms, Confirmations, First Communions Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April Christ in Glory Resurrection, Ascension, Second coming 24<sup>th</sup> April Universal Call to Holiness Holiness, Prayer, Sanctity 1<sup>st</sup> May Being Catholic in a Secular World Dangers, Friendships, Community, Evangelisation. 8<sup>th</sup> May **Participants Celebratory Meal** 

## Finance

Winner of 200 Club St Michael for September: No. 50 Patrick Reynolds Standing Order for September 2022: £ 4014.25 OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	Figures available	351.70	77.00	5.00		£433.70
Gift Aid	next week	99.00	17.00	13.00		£129
Second Collection	Fr Hudson's Society: £ 208.45 Mission Appeal: £222.01					

There will be a Second collection this Weekend 8th /9th October CAFOD Family Fast

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH**: Ifunanyachukwu Lucy Eze, Sheila Percy, Margaret Ambler, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Audrey Pope, Eileen Whittall, Josephine Mann, Natasha Reynolds, Tony Wyer, Anna McGrath, Terry Carey, 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: Jaroslaw Tustanowskyj, Luisa Blackwell, Alan Jenkinson, Hilary Elsden, Mick Curtis, Mary Hanley, Claude Osborne, Thomas Lees. May they rest in peace.

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