



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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15th August 2021 (YEAR - B)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Timetable of Online Masses and Services. *For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk*

Saturday Vigil Mass SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 15th August	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Philip Dunne RIP</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>John Stanley RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Patrick Kelly RIP</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Margaret Kenny RIP</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>pro populo</i>
Monday 16 th August Feria	6.30 pm St Michael <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 17 th August Feria	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and online <i>Salvatore & Rosalia Finazzo RIP</i> 12.45 pm St Michael Requiem Mass <i>Kath Raby GM</i>
Wednesday 18 th August Feria	12.00 noon St Bernadette <i>Eugene O'Connor RIP</i> 1.00 pm St Michael Funeral Service <i>Jorge Vieira RIP</i>
Thursday 19 th August Feria	10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 noon St Michael SR <i>Genevieve Rosario RIP</i>
Friday 20 th August St Bernard	9.30 am St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.45 am St Michael Requiem Mass <i>Sylvia Diamond MC</i> 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online <i>Patrick Guiton RIP (anniversary)</i> 12.30pm Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday 21 st August St Pius X	10.30am St Michael <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass 22nd August 21st SUNDAY in Ordinary time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Thankom Poulouse RIP (1st anniversary)</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Brian & Gloria Dyce 50th Wedding Anniversary</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>pro populo</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Anthony Cosgrove (ill)</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Holy Souls (Only top car park available)</i>

For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Monastery but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

Car Park at SS Peter and Paul The main car park is now being rented out for Football Matches. This normally effects Saturdays, but it also affects a couple of Sunday evenings over the year. Sunday 22nd is one such occasion. As this is mainly a student Mass and we only get two or three cars, please park in the UPPER CAR PARK.

Parish News and Activities

Annual SVP Mass for the Sick will take place on Saturday 4th September at Midday. This Mass is an opportunity to gather those who are infirm and housebound to come together to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. ***If you know of anyone who would benefit from being brought to this Mass***, please inform any member of the SVP or the parish clergy. ***If you are able to offer transport to this Mass for someone***, please also inform the SVP or the parish clergy. *Please be aware that the Church teaches that the Sacrament of the Sick is reserved for those who are seriously ill or suffering from the frailty of old age. It is not intended for anybody who feels under the weather. Before the Mass begins please ensure that the priests know who is to be anointed with the Sacrament.*

National Altar Servers Mass at SS Mary & John Wolverhampton We are very privileged to have this National Event celebrated by the Archbishop here in Wolverhampton this year! It will be on Saturday 25th September at 12.00 noon. I would like as many as possible of our altar servers to attend. Please let me know if you can attend and we will draw up a list. Many thanks, Fr Mark

Proximity On Saturday 2nd October 2021, the diocese is holding a new event for Altar Servers called "Proximity" They intend this to be an annual event for altar servers of all ages. The aim is to form servers in faith as those who come close to Jesus at the altar, so that they may grow closer to him in their lives. This year, our day is based around the life and witness of recently-beatified teenager Blessed Carlo Acutis. Hosted in the inspirational setting of St. Mary's College, Oscott, our diocesan seminary, the day involves:

- an exploration of the life of Blessed Carlo, led by Mgr. Mark Crisp,
- Mass with the seminary community,
- testimonies from those for whom altar serving has been part of their vocational journey,
- age-appropriate workshops for junior, senior and adult servers,
- concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The day is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other servers from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham and find out about other opportunities to grow in faith. They are asking for a donation of just £5.00 to attend (subsidised by the diocese). The day will be led by the Diocesan Vocations Office (which administers the Guild in the Archdiocese of Birmingham) and the Kenelm Youth Trust, with contributions from the Oscott seminary community.

Information and a how to book: www.vocations.org.uk/proximity

Lateral Flow Test Kits Using one of these kits is very easy and it is a reasonably reliable way of knowing whether you have contracted Covid 19. So, regular use of such kits gives the person using them reasonable confidence to know whether it is safe to mix socially. Fr Mark has a supply of these kits. If you would like to register to have some, please email the parish to register and then you can collect your kit.

Praying the Rosary Following on from the success of the online Rosary led by the Knights of St Columba during May, the Rosary will now be led by different groups of the parish on the First Thursday of Every Month at 8.00pm. At first this will still be online, but once restrictions are relaxed, it will also be public.

The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know! The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email – marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Mary Doherty will be received into St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Tettenhall on Tuesday 17th August at 4.30pm. The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 18th August at 10.30am. Thereafter she will be buried at Danescourt Cemetery.

Celebrations for our new our new Parish Patron Blessed Carlo Acutis Blesses Carlo was beatified last year in Assisi on October 10th and his new feast day was instituted for October 12th each year. We may have been the first parish in the world to be dedicated to Blessed Carlo but unfortunately due to the Covid Restrictions, we were not able to mark this in anyway when the news originally reached us in January. We therefore intend to have a variety of events across our three churches around his new Feast Day. Archbishop Bernard will be joining us on Sunday 10th October for one of these special events. At present we are thinking of ideas of how to mark this occasion. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Fr Mark.

Crisp Packet Recycling at St Michael's: This initiative from Youth Group is restarting with the holidays: empty packets can be left in the dedicated box in St Michael's Hall.

Mission and Outreach

Sponsored Hair Cut One of the Altar Servers at St Michael's, Grace, is bravely going to cut her hair short and donate the hair (12inches) to the Little Princess Trust so it can be used to make a wig for children with cancer or other such illnesses which cause them to lose their hair. While donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust she would like to be sponsored and donate the money raised from this appeal to Ronald McDonald House charities. Ronald McDonald House charities provide free accommodation and support to families of critically ill children being treated in the Children's hospital across England who travel long distances from their home. If you would like to donate, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3IVMoYh>

Life Charity Shop at 12 Lichfield Street in the city centre is very grateful for recent donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac. Goods sell quickly, so more are always needed! Small amounts can be handed in at the shop but if you have a lot to take, please ring the shop first on 01902 420656 to book a delivery slot. If you can't take them yourself, ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 and arrange to drop items at her house or have them collected from 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.

Life Caring Outreach thanks all who made such generous donations, totalling nearly £700, in memory of George Brown. The money raised will be used help local mums and babies. While we are often given cots, pushchairs and a range of other baby items, sometimes insufficient are donated to supply all the needs we hear of in our area. This generous gift will enable us, when necessary, to purchase essential baby equipment for needy mums and babies. Anyone who would benefit from this kind of practical support, or who would like to find a confidential listening ear for any pregnancy related issue, is invited to ring the free Life Helpline 0808 802 5433.

The Food Collection: The Food Collection continues throughout the school holidays at the usual times: St Bernadette at all Masses; SS Peter & Paul at the 10.15 Sunday Mass; St Michael at all Masses AND Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. This week's donations will be distributed to local Penn families. Thank you!

Good Shepherd Ministry Next year, 2022, is the 50th year since the Good Shepherd Brothers started their work in Wolverhampton. During the coming year they hope to mark the anniversary by various special events and will keep you informed. ***Their first 'event' is a fundraising campaign taking place this June and July.*** Members of their staff, volunteers and friends are undertaking various 'sponsored' activities. One of these activities is a 50-mile bike ride which Br Charles hopes to complete with some members of their staff. Sponsorship forms are available on the parish website and in the porch of each Church.

Should I get a Vaccination? Some of our younger parishioners have been asking this question. The bishops of England and Wales issued a document last December, quoting the latest statements from the Vatican. You can read the full statement on: <https://bit.ly/3rWYi9n> The final sentence reads: "Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection."

If you have not yet received the vaccine, please do take special care to protect others when you enter church.

Finances

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for July 2021: St Michael's £ 1696.25 St. Bernadette's £700.18 and SS Peter & Paul £ 293.00

Offertory Collection for Sunday 8th August 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	£113.53	188.56	82.00	
Gift Aid	£ 85.00	145.00	60.00	

The result of the draw of 200 Club at SS P&P: Winning No. 156 Aaron Humphries

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: George Butterfield, Fr John Lungley, Maura Andrews, Teresa Rickards, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Peter Holmes, 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, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Josephine Wright, Gerard Lashford, Kathleen Raby, Sr Genevieve Rosario (Sisters of Joseph of Tarbes), Mary Doherty, May **they rest in peace.**

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse 01902 326334

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Guidelines for Attendance at Mass

YOU NO LONGER NEED TO BOOK TO COME TO MASS. Each church has lists of names of those who have been attending and you will be ticked off the list when you arrive.

- If you are coming back to church for the first time, when you arrive, you will be asked to either register with the QR code or write your name and phone number on a slip of paper and place it in the box provided.
- When you arrive, you will be asked to wear a face mask in church (unless you are exempt), and you will be asked to sanitise your hands on entry.
- A steward will ask you if you wish to be socially distanced or not, and they will take you to the relevant area. In the socially distanced area, please fill from the front so that there are no gaps left in the pews that would mean someone would have to climb past you in the row.
- Members of the congregation are now permitted to sing if they are wearing a face mask.
- Readers no longer have to sanitise before they read but they can continue to do so if they wish.
- Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers will continue to wear face masks.
- Holy Communion is distributed differently in each church so please check the information sheet for your church. People in the non-socially distanced areas will be able to process up to Holy communion in the normal way but please wait for a steward to call out your row so that there is no bunching together in the communion procession.
- Sanitiser will still be offered as you go up to Holy Communion, but this is totally voluntary, and is provided in case you sense that your hands may need cleaning after touching benches and handrails. Please ensure you have rubbed your hands together well, so that they are dry before you receive the Blessed Sacrament. Please also ensure that you stretch out your hand as flat as possible.
- At the end of Mass, you may stay behind to pray but please be conscious of others in your row who may want to leave. (Particularly if there is no other way out of the pew.)
- As you are leaving, please also ensure that you do not congregate within the church but go straight outside.

Let us keep on praying for one another and for those who are sick and those who care for them during this pandemic.