



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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22nd August 2021 (YEAR - B)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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 Holy Souls (Only top car park available)
Monday 23rd August St John Wall	6.30 pm St Michael <i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 24th August St Bartholemew	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and online <i>John Mulhall RIP</i>
Wednesday 25th August Feria	12.00 noon St Bernadette <i>Mark Watkins</i>
Thursday 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi	10.00 am St Bernadette <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00 noon St Michael <i>George Brown RIP</i>
Friday 27th August St Monica	9.30 am St Bernadette <i>Anthony Cosgrove (ill)</i> 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online <i>Alan Reed RIP</i>
Saturday 28th August St Augustine	10.30am St Michael <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass 29th August 22nd SUNDAY in Ordinary time	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Edison Christopher Pollard-Barney</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>John Goudie RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Thanksgiving for God's Mercy.</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Margaret Clitheroe (Catholic Women's League)</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Holy <i>pro populo (Only top car park available)</i>
<i>For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Monastery but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.</i>	

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. This Sunday and next Sunday it is being used but the next time will be December 26th. 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.

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.

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.

Don't forget the Online Activities available on our Website!

Mission and Outreach

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!

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

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 children's hospitals across England who travel long distances from their home. If you would like to donate, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3IVMoYh>

A Decade A Day? * Can you join the parish Section of the CWL in presenting a Spiritual Bouquet to the Holy Father for his intentions in relation to the November COP26 Climate Conference? We are sending this traditional gift of prayer to arrive for the Vatican Conference "Faith and Science: Towards COP26" (October 4th) - a greeting in advance of his proposed visit to Glasgow. Please contact us up to September 20th to offer any pledges you can contribute to this witness to our Catholic commitment to care for God's Creation. Contact: Margaret Richards 07837660789 or margierichards@sky.com **Equivalent to one set of mysteries a week; Communion intentions and all other gifts of prayer such as the Angelus most welcome.*

Life Charity Shop at 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG Tel 01902 420656 Could you help sort donated items, and steam clothes ready for display? Volunteers are needed to work 10.00am-2.00pm on Wednesday and/or Friday, or 12noon-4.00pm Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. You'd join a friendly team, and all necessary training will be given. If you might be interested, please phone and ask to speak to Catherine or Jane. The shop is very grateful for all the clothes, bric-a-brac and books they receive. If you are donating items, please remember that you must ring the shop and book a slot if you have more than one or two bags to give. If you can't take items there yourself, please ring Rosalie (01902 330553) and make arrangements to drop them at her house or have them collected from you.

Life Caring Outreach: We greatly appreciate recent donations of pushchairs, highchairs, baby clothes and other items. They are handed on to local families who are in real need of such items for their babies and toddlers. Anyone wanting such help, or who needs a listening ear for any pregnancy-related issue, is invited to ring the free Life National Helpline on 0808 802 5433.

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.

Pope Francis on Wednesday appealed to everyone to receive the vaccine as an "act of love". He said: "Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19,". "They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together," he said in a video, aimed at communities disproportionately affected by the virus in North, Central and South America. "Being vaccinated... is an act of love,". "And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people".

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	£135.31	<i>These figures will be published next week</i>		
Gift Aid	£ 94.00			

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Christine McHale, Simon Swanwick, 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: John Norton, 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.