



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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### 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (year B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services. *For Online Masses, go to [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk)*

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	5.30 pm St Michael <i>John &amp; Peter Mulvehill RIP anniversary</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Edison Christopher Pollard-Barney</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Joan O'Sullivan</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>John &amp; Tess Foster</i> <b>5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy</b> <b>6.00 pm SS Peter &amp; Paul pro populo</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August St Teresa Benedict of the Cross	12.30pm St Bernadette <i>Requiem Mass Wiktoria Balukiewicz RIP</i> 6.30 pm St Michael <i>John Stanley RIP</i>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August St Lawrence	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and online <i>Harry Hedgecox RIP</i>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August St Clare	12.00 noon St Bernadette <i>Peter Paul Jaria RIP</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August Feria	10.00 am St Bernadette <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 12.00 noon St Michael <i>Anthony Cosgrove</i>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Feria	9.30 am St Bernadette <i>George Brown RIP</i> 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online <i>Elain Farmery RIP</i> 12.30pm <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> August St Maximilian Kolbe	10.30am St Michael <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b> <b>ASSUMPTION OF OUR</b> <b>LADY</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>5.30 pm St Michael</b> <i>Philip Dunne RIP</i> <b>9.00 am St Bernadette</b> <i>John Stanley RIP</i> <b>10.15 am SS Peter &amp; Paul &amp; Online</b> <i>Patrick Kelly RIP</i> <b>11.30 am St Michael</b> <i>Margaret Kenny RIP</i> <b>5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy</b> <b>6.00 pm SS Peter &amp; Paul pro populo</b>
<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>	

## ***Parish News and Activities***

**National Alter 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**Appeal for cleaners at St Michael's:** We are still in need of other volunteers for the rota so that those who clean do not have to do it so often. If you feel you can help out, please see Sr Lydwin or call me on 07763768375. Many thanks. Diane Welch.

**Youth 2000:** Are you aged 18-35? Youth 2000 are organising a summer festival of faith at Ampleforth College, "REJOICE," from Friday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> until Monday Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going as part of a parish group, contact Fr Sean, who will be going too ([fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk)).

**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.

**March for Life:** 'March for life,' The annual fun-filled march to witness to the sanctity of human life, will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in London. Further details can be found @ [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) We are hoping to organise a coach from Wolverhampton. Please register your interest in this incredibly important act of Christian witness by emailing Fr Sean ([fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk)).

**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.

**Golden Wedding** - Roz and David Spinks would like to thank the CWL for requesting intentions for our Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Vigil Mass last Saturday. Thanks to all our friends for their prayers and kind messages. We are so blessed to be members of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish and family. God Bless you all.

**Betty Brown and family** wish to thank everyone for your prayers and support during George's illness. Also, for the kind messages of condolence, attendance and participation at the funeral and for your generous donations to the Life Charity. It was very much appreciated.

**Isolation** Unfortunately, Fr Mark spent the day with someone in Birmingham who has now tested positive for coronavirus. This means he is self-isolating till next Saturday night and will not be available for any pastoral work. Anyone who was at Mass on Friday at SS Peter & Paul should be ok, as all the covid regulations were followed and Fr Mark only has to self-isolate as a precaution. He will be celebrating some private Masses including two Masses for George Brown RIP and Mass for Gerard Smith RIP (of "The Oaks" Nursing home).

## ***Mission and Outreach***

**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 families by Stratton St Methodist Church. 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	111.41	380.55	99.00	
<b>Gift Aid</b>	175.00	157.50	115.00	

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** 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, George Brown, Rita Kendall, Luke Evans, Hilary Clitheroe.  
**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**

Here are the guidelines that we will be operating across all three churches from this weekend

**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.*

**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/3rWYj9n> 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.*