



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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15th DECEMBER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Bernard Brown</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Julia Moroney RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Fr John Lungley RIP</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Chris & Simon Starkey</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

Monday 16th December Advent Feria

4.00pm St Michael Vigil Reception <i>Tom Collis</i>	5.45pm St Michael Adoration
	6.30pm St Michael <i>Joe Bate RIP</i>

Tuesday 17th December Advent Feria

12.30pm St Michael Requiem Mass <i>Tom Collis</i>	6.30pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Breda O'Donnell</i>
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Wednesday 18th December Advent Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *Kate Reynolds RIP*

Thursday 19th December Advent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration	12.00 pm St Michael <i>Richard Hall RIP</i>
	6.00pm-8.00pm St Michael Adoration & Confessions

Friday 20th December Advent Feria

9.30am St Bernadette <i>John Clarke</i>	12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration
12.00pm St Michael Funeral Mass <i>Veronica Bury</i>	12.30pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Patrick Guiton RIP</i>
	1.00pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions.

Saturday 21st December Advent Feria

11.00am St Michael Confessions

22nd DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Monica Blee</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Julia Moroney RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Fr John Lungley RIP</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Chris & Simon Starkey</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant:** Fr. Alex Taylor, **Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney

Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Lydwin and Sr. Anna Maria, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Office: 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND, 01902 341343 **Parish House,** 51 North Street, 01902 423005

St Michael's Hall Bookings: bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk **St. Bernadette's Hall:** Alison Banyard, 07581 340921

Hospital Chaplaincy New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352

Catholic Education from 3-19: sfscmac.co.uk

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk **Parish Facebook page:** @carloacutisparish

SAFEGUARDING The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Steve & Chris Callow. They can be contacted at: sg.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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. Also, please do not let children of this age go near the votive candle stands unaccompanied, and do not let them run round the car park. It is important that we do everything to ensure that accidents do not happen. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

ADVENT

DURING ADVENT WE WILL USE THE SHORT PENITENTIAL RITE You will find this on **page 8** of our new Parish Mass books We will also say the **APOSTLES CREED** after homily. You will find this on **page 12**.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET FOR THE ADVENT SUPPER are available on our parish website. This is a simple resource for a family meal at home which celebrates the spiritual meaning of Advent. [Advent Feast \(carloacutis.co.uk\)](http://carloacutis.co.uk)

BLESSING OF CRIBS ON GAUDETE SUNDAY 15th December. Don't forget to bring in your cribs and images of the infant Jesus this Sunday for a special blessing to prepare your homes for Christmas.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS THIS THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 6.30 – 8.00pm There are several churches in the city available on this evening for you to be able to go to confession: St Michael's, Penn, Our Lady's, Old Fallings, SS Mary & John, St Joseph's, Willenhall Rd. (Wolverhampton), St Christopher, Codsall and St Anthony, Fordhouses. If you are not free on the 19th, then St Patrick's, Wolverhampton will be on Tuesday 17th from 6.30pm – 8.00pm

News and Activities

WELCOME TO DEACON GERRY BOWEN Gerry has been s a student for the priesthood at Oscott and was ordained deacon on Saturday Morning. At Christmas Gerry will be moving into Giffard house to work in our parish while he prepares for ordination to the priesthood next year. Please keep him in your prayers.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS - examples of the cards which are available can be seen at the entrances to the Churches. Orders to either Nick Greenwood 07590060238 or David Spinks 07544960402.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTERS sponsored by the Knights of St Columba are now available in the entrances to the Churches. Please take some for yourselves or your friends to display in your windows at home to proclaim the true message of the season.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5.30PM The car park at Warstones Primary School will be available for this. Please consider parking there so that there is space in our own car park for visitors.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE :If you would like your child to be involved in the Mass at 5.30 on Christmas Eve, then we are looking for readers ,for children to take up the Offertory, and for a Reception age child to be Mary for the tableau -please contact Liz on lizyeo@btinternet.com or Teresa on teresascragg9@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 th December	
5.30 St Michael Children's Mass	
9.00pm St Michael	Preceded by carols at 8.30pm
12.00 Midnight SS Peter & Paul	Preceded by carols at 11.30 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 th December	
9.00am St Bernadette	
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul	
11.30 am St Michael	

CARMELITE MONASTERY CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve; (No morning Mass) , First Mass of Christmas at 8.30pm .

Christmas Day, until the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday. 12th January: Mass at 10 .00. am.

NEW LECTIONARY DEDICATIONS as the labels provided were not helpful for the dedications that some people have requested, one of the sisters in Carmel has offered to write them on special parchment. This will not only look better, but it will also be a beautiful link with our Carmelite sisters in the parish. This will take more time, however, so Fr Mark will be in touch with those who have dedicated the first volumes, and we hope to get them labelled before Christmas.

FREE EPIPHANY CONCERT. Saturday 4th January 2pm, St Michael's Church. WULFRUNA LADIES CHOIR return by popular demand. Raffle and donations for ACORNS CHILDREN'S HOSPICE. No need to book. EVERYONE WELCOME. Refreshments served in the church hall during the interval. Don't miss this beautiful event, now a lovely tradition in our parish. Further details: Sarah 07948 963325. Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Mission and Outreach

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH Many thanks to all for your support of our charity shop during the past year. PLEASE NOTE our volunteers are having a well-deserved break over Christmas. After 15th December, please delay further donations until after the New Year. Thank you also for all the gifts of baby clothes and equipment which we have passed on to needy local families. If you hear of anyone in urgent need, please ring Rosalie on 01902330553 or email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk

FOOD COLLECTION: The Food Collection: Donations of food (tinned/dried/cereal/ biscuits etc), toiletries (shampoo/toothpaste and toothbrushes/ sanitary products/soap), essential household items(kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/ washing powder) AND Selection Boxes would be greatly appreciated.

This week's donations have been distributed by St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Aldi Orange Gift Cards have been given to Holy Rosary, St Teresa's, St Michael's, SS Peter & Paul, St Paul's, St Patrick's, St Edmund's and Highfields schools. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SVP WINTER CLOTHING APPEAL: We are entering into a new Jubilee Year where we are being called to be Pilgrims of Hope. This advent, and Christmastide, the St Vincent de Paul Society are asking for your help to bring hope in your city. The SVP in Wolverhampton are supporting families seeking asylum and who have no clothing for the Winter. Do you have spare winter clothing you could donate? Coats and Jumpers, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, etc for adults and children. If you can donate these items, please place them in the SVP collection points if your church has one. Alternatively, contact the SVP District President via email secretaryF021402@svp.org.uk to make other arrangements. Thank you

TAKE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATION! The Climate and Nature Bill is a proposed new UK law that would address the full extent of the climate and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science. If passed, the Bill would require the United Kingdom to set and achieve climate and nature targets and give the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero a duty to implement a strategy to achieve those targets. It has widespread support from MP's from most political parties in the Westminster Parliament and is being introduced by Dr Roz Savage MP for its second reading on January 24th. If you are concerned about the Climate and Ecological crises, please consider writing to your MP to ask them to attend the House of Commons on January 24th to support the Bill. It will not progress unless 102 MP's are present and voting in favour of the Bill, and this is a significant challenge as many MP's return to their constituencies on Friday. You can find more information about the bill at <https://www.zerohour.uk/climate-and-nature-bill/> where there is also a guide to writing to your MP (under the "Take Action" tab). Thank you for your help! Peter Stott

Formation

PLEASE BOOK FOR 'FLAME' THIS WEEK It is a Catholic Congress (for those 14 and over) held in London at the Wembley Arena. The event will consist of a concert with inspiring speakers, incredible live music, prayer and adoration. Catholics from all over the country head to Flame every year. *THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL* decided that the parish should pay for the coach in order to help our young people. You therefore only have to pay for the event itself. The tickets cost £33.00 Please book your place for Saturday 15th March 2025 by filling the registration form using this QR code. <https://forms.office.com/r/HfAz9hRxCg>



LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2025 The dates for the annual Birmingham to Lourdes pilgrimage have been announced as Saturday 24th May to Friday 30th May 2025. If there is any interest in going as a group from Blessed Carlo Acutis parish, joining other pilgrim groups and parishes from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham, please register your interest by using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/mbqnvRbtPn> or informing one of the priests.

Finance

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 300 CLUB: As the BCA Parish 200 club will have more than 200 members next year, it is now renamed as BCA Parish 300 Club. This means now that any ticket only has a 1 in 300 chance of winning each month.

The Annual Subscriptions are now due. Kindly pay Sr Lydwin at St Michael Church, Mr Bill Finnegan at SS Peter & Paul and Mr Brian Dyce at St Bernadette. We encourage new members to join the 300 Club. The Annual Subscription is £12.00 which entitles the members to one chance in the Monthly Draw. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

Winners of BCA 200 Club Winners of November Draw:

No 221 Bill Finnegan £50.00 No. 8A Anne Bayley £10.00

You can donate through the website by using this QR code.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 8 th December 2024						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		57.00	10.00	30.00		97.00
Non-Gift Aid	192.55	292.04	51.50	59.00		595.09
Attendance	247	64, 178	65			554
Standing Order: November 2024: £4670.79						
Second Collection Poor Parishes £242.12						



Regular Prayer

SILENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Monday 5.45 pm – 6.20 pm in Lady Chapel at St Michael's. **Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am** at St Bernadette's. **Saturday 10.30am- 11.30am** in Lady Chapel at St Michael's.

CHARISMATIC 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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP Meetings are every 4th Thursday of the month, 3.00pm at St Bernadette's. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY meets in the Guild Room every Sunday after the 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul, and after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's. All Welcome!

LAY ASSOCIATES OF SISTERS OF ST ANN KNOWN AS THE LASA PRAYER GROUP will break up for Christmas vacations from 10th December 2024 and will meet in the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARMEL MONASTERY: Every Sunday from 4.30pm until after vespers at 5.40pm. and every first Friday of the month from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. All are welcome.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Zsofia Toth, Dennis Oparaji, Christine Ball, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Andy Hyatt, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Ben McKearney, Steve Kavanagh, Antony Cosgrove, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Margaret Stokes, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Freya Haynes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Ronald Barnett, Anthony Woods, Tituzza D'Albora, Veronica Bury, Tom Collis, Sean McDonald, Varghese Puthussery, Mgr Graham Wilkinson, John Clarke, Mick McDonough. **May they rest in peace.**

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