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22nd DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Monica Blee*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Maureen Finnegan RIP*
11.30 am St Michael *Richard Hall RIP*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 23rd December Advent FERIA

12.00pm St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly RIP*

6.30pm St Michael *Jill Veronica Hughes*

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

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5.30pm St Michael Family Christmas Mass *Joan & Philip Dunne & Family*
8.30pm St Michael Carol Service 9.00 pm St Michael Vigil Mass *Christopher O'Toole*
11.30pm SS Peter & Paul Carol Service 12.00.am SS Peter & Paul Midnight Mass *Pro populo*

25TH DECEMBER SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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9.00am St Bernadette *Alan Willets RIP*
10.15am SS Peter & Paul *Peter Grey RIP*
11.30am St Michael *Bob Jones RIP*

Thursday 26th December Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr

12.00pm St Michael *Thanksgiving Mass for Sr Anna Maria*

Friday 27th December Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist

9.30am St Bernadette *Joe Eades RIP*

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Monica Blee RIP*

Saturday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *For families of our parish*

29TH DECEMBER FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Liz Murphy*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Tom Collis RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Bob Grant RIP*
11.30 am St Michael *Praying for Divine Intervention*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

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.

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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.

THIS SUNDAY 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**.

News and Activities

WELCOME TO DEACON GERRY BOWEN Gerry has been a student for the priesthood at Oscott and was ordained deacon last Saturday Morning. At Christmas Deacon 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.

SISTER ANNA MARIA Sadly Sister Anna Maria will be leaving us this week. She was only able to stay on a short-term visa and is now returning to India. We thank her for all she has given to the parish over the last 18 months and wish her every blessing in her new assignment.

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

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.

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

ALTAR SERVERS MEDALS These will not be presented on the Feast of St Stephen but will be presented by the Archbishop when he comes in January.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION 18-19 JANUARY 2025 This is the opportunity to show to the Archbishop all that is going on in our parish and to talk about our hopes for the future. We are not too sure yet of when the Archbishop is arriving or leaving, but we have made these provisional plans so far:

Saturday 18th January	
3.00pm	A meeting with the Parish Council and with a rep of each of the prayer groups and societies in the parish. Please decide in your group who should represent you at this meeting.
5.30 pm St Michael	The Archbishop will preside and preach at this Mass and will have a short time to meet people after Mass
Sunday 19th January	
9.00 am St Bernadette.	The Archbishop will preside and preach at this Mass and will have a short time to meet people after Mass
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul.	The Archbishop will preach at this Mass and again have a short time to speak to people after Mass
11.30 am St Michael.	The Archbishop will preach at this Mass and then stay behind for the Parish Reception.
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	PARISH RECEPTION This is a <i>BRING AND SHARE</i> meal with more time to speak with the Archbishop

CANONISATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS This takes place on **Sunday 27th April 2025. This is the Sunday after Easter Sunday.** The parish Council have set up a working party and we are just beginning to put forward ideas for this very important moment in the life of our parish. There will only be **ONE MASS** in the parish that Sunday. That means there will be **NO 9.00 am** Mass at St Bernadette's and **NO 10.15 am** Mass at SS Peter & Paul. Please put this in your diaries now and tell everyone you know, so that no one turns up for Mass at those churches on that morning.

The Parish Mass for the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes at St Michael's but we are not sure what time it will be yet. The plan is that we might be able to get large screens to watch together the first part of the canonisation in Rome and then celebrate Mass possibly around 10.30 am but this time will be established soon and then advertised. We are then looking into setting up a large Marquee on the large lawn in front of the church for a Grand Reception. If you have any other ideas about these celebrations, please contact the Parish Working Party by emailing bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

JUBILEE SHRINE For the Jubilee Year, which begins on December 29th, the Lady Chapel at St Michael's has been allocated by the diocese as a **Shrine for Blessed Carlo Acutis (Saint, after 27th April!)** This means pilgrims from around the diocese and beyond may come to venerate his relic there, go to confession and obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The Working Party has begun preparations to accommodate this. We will ask large groups to book, so that we can cater for them. Individuals will be encouraged to come on Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment. When we have larger groups, we will need volunteers to steward and provide refreshments etc. If you would be happy to put your name on a list to be called on if you are available, please let the Working Party know by emailing bca.wolves@rcaob.org.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: Donations of food (tinned/dried/cereal/ biscuits etc), toiletries (shampoo/toothpaste and toothbrushes/ sanitary products/soap) AND essential household items (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/ washing powder) would be greatly appreciated by our Free School Meal families especially during the run up to Christmas. This week's donations have been distributed by SS Mary & John Catholic Primary Academy. 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

Finance

CHRISTMAS OFFERING The collection made at all Christmas Vigil and Day Masses will be for the priests of the parish. Please collect the envelopes in the porch of each church. Thank you.

CRIB OFFERINGS This year the offering given at the crib will again be for the charity "Friends of the Holy Land". Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring community for Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Significantly this includes all the places we hear about in the readings over Christmas. For example, the parishes in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. The parishes there have suffered greatly over the last year and need our help.

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 Lydwyn 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. There is a Draw every month: First Prize £50 and second prize £10. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 15 th December 2024						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		58.00	10.00	20.00		88.00
Non-Gift Aid	223.64	350.88	106.27	79.00	50.00	809.79
Attendance	207	77, 191	81			556
Standing Order: November 2024: £4670.79						



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.

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: Janet Scoular, 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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