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**8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Saturday Vigil** 5:30pm St Michael Katherine Colbert & Tracey Mulcahy  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Chris Walsh RIP  
 11.30 am St Michael Jane Ogochukwu Ullah  
 9.00 am St Bernadette Alan Willetts RIP  
 4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5.45pm St Michael Adoration  
 6.30pm St Michael Pro populo

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria**

9.00am St Michael Christina McLoughlin (AT) Holy Souls (MC)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria**

9.30am St Bernadette Holy Souls

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria**

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration  
 12.00 pm St Michael Matthias McGlynn RIP

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

9.30am St Bernadette Holy Souls  
 12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration  
 12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Baby Milo  
 1.00pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

10.30am St Michael Adoration  
 5.00pm St Michael Confessions

**15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday Vigil** 5:30pm St Michael Bernard Brown  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Julia Moroney RIP  
 9.00 am St Bernadette Fr John Lungley RIP  
 11.30 am St Michael Chris & Simon Starkey  
 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. Lydwyn and Sr. Anna Maria, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

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**For Online Masses, go to** [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sg.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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**.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH OF EACH CHURCH.** Please make use of them to help us pray each day and make Advent a real time of spiritual renewal.

**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)

**ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY** on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.00 pm at St Peter's (Anglican) Church in the City Centre, all are welcome.

**ROSARY for ALL this Advent. Wednesday 11th December** on Zoom, 7pm Meeting ID: 846 2431 0619

Passcode: Uz2d3p Part 2: Meeting ID: 826 2785 0145 Passcode: aGF0XW

Everyone welcome. Prayer requests taken at the start.

Further details: Sarah 07948 963325. Email: [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**FESTIVE SHARED LUNCH & CAROLS** - For all.

Thursday 12th December 12.30pm, St Michael's Church Hall. Raffle for church flowers. Bring something to put on the buffet table for the festive lunch. Hot drinks provided. 10 minute Catholic Women's League meeting ahead of lunch. You can hear what we have planned for 2025! Further details: Sarah 07948 963325. Email: [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT SS PETER & PAUL THIS FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm** This is to raise funds for the church organ which was built 200 years ago and is now badly in need of restoration. It is believed to be one of the oldest organs in any Catholic Church in England and is an essential part of our heritage. Please come and support us!

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

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, then St Patrick's, Wolverhampton will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm – 8.00pm

## News and Activities

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED SO HARD FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE. You raised £2186.75!** Not only is this a great amount to be raised, it was also a wonderful community celebration and there was a fantastic atmosphere in the hall. It was lovely spending time with each other and raising money at the same time.

**MANY THANKS** to those who volunteered for roles and who made beautiful stars for the **#FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON**. Unfortunately, due to the yellow weather warning, the organisers decided to cancel this year. We will store the stars for next year. Fr Mark has suggested we might try booking the Mander Centre next year, so that we are not dependent on the weather.

**WELCOME TO DEACON GERRY BOWEN** Gerry is a student for the priesthood at Oscott and is being ordained deacon next 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.

**DOUGHNUTS AND DRINKS** will be on sale after the 11.30am Mass this Sunday to raise money to send one of our young people to Lourdes next year.

**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.

**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](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP.** Bring & Share Christmas Party food Friday 13th December, plus special visit from Santa! Pyjama Party on Friday 20th December. Any siblings who have inset day are very welcome. (Please book if you wish to visit Santa and haven't yet done so) X Happy Christmas from Jim and Sarah X .Group returns Friday 10th January.

## Mission and Outreach

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH** Our Charity shop at 12 Lichfield St (opposite the Art Gallery) has a wide range of good quality pre-loved clothes and bric-a-brac. Please do take a look. If you have goods to donate and can't take them to the shop, they can be placed in a collecting box at St Michael's or St Bernadette's. We also welcome donations of baby clothes and equipment such as Moses baskets, which we give to the mums who request our help. If you'd like baby items collected from you, ring Rosalie on 01902 330553

**FOOD COLLECTION:** The 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. This week's donations have been distributed by St Edmund's Catholic 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.

We are still collecting SELECTION BOXES for our Ukrainian refugee children, some of whom will be celebrating their second Christmas away from home. Your boxes will be wrapped after the 11.30 Mass on December 15th. If you would like to help, please come and join us in the hall. Thank you!

**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](mailto:secretaryF021402@svp.org.uk) to make other arrangements. Thank you

## Formation

**CALLING ALL READERS** – The new Lectionaries are now available in the Sacristy of each church for you to come and look at them and acquaint yourself with the new layout in preparation for the next time you read. Please remember not to say anything written in red. Never say: 'The response to the psalm is' and at the end of the reading never say: 'This is the word of the Lord'. The correct phrase is 'The Word of the Lord'. Please ask one of the priests if you need guidance.

**NEW MISSALS WITH THE READINGS FROM THE NEW LECTIONARY** (published by Hodder) can be ordered via St Michael's Piety stall. (07932 609625) Cost should be £19.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		60.00	10.00	31.00		101.00
Non-Gift Aid	212.67	307.43	109.35	59.00		688.45
Attendance	227	73, 127	91			518
<i>Standing Order: November 2024: £4670.79</i>						
<b>Second Collection 8<sup>th</sup> December Poor Parishes</b>						



**Christmas Fayre: £2186.75**

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and will meet in the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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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