



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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Timetable of Masses and Services

10th December 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Rosalia Finazzo RIP*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Alan Willetts RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Jim Corcoran RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Chris Walsh RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 11th December 2023 Advent Feria

5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm St Michael *Annual Mass for the Parish*

Tuesday 12th December 2023

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Henry & Judith Soronnadi*

7.00pm St Michael *Candlelit Carol Service*

Wednesday 13th December 2023 Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

9:00 am St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly*

Thursday 14th Dec 2023 Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

10.00am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00 noon St Michael *Monica Blee*

Friday 15th Dec 2023 Advent Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette *Martin Kearney*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Patrick Guiton*

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration

1.00pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions

7.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Carol Service*

Saturday 16th December 2023 Advent Feria

10.30am St Michael **Morning Prayer of the Church** followed
by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00-11.30am St Michael *Confessions*

17th December 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Carolina Dia Juliw*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Private Intention*

11.30 am St Michael *Mary Hooper*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Julia Moroney RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Mass is livestreamed from SS Peter & Paul at 10.15am each Sunday www.carloacutis.co.uk/online-services.html

CARMELITE MONASTERY: Mass at 9.00am every day.

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: sq.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 concern.

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.

Over the next few Sundays, our Safeguarding reps will be speaking after each of the Sunday Masses to remind us all of our responsibilities of safeguarding as a parish community.

Advent

This Advent we begin a year of preparation for the Holy Year in 2025. The Holy Father has asked us to make PRAYER the focus of our preparation. Advent often gets lost in the preparations for Christmas, this Advent let us try to give as much time as possible for prayer. Copies of 'Walk with Me' daily prayer booklets for Advent are available in each church.

THE ANGELUS will be prayed at the beginning of each of the Sunday Masses.

THE SHORT PENITENTIAL RITE will be used at all Masses in Advent

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH will be celebrated on Saturday Mornings at 10.30am in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's. (This lasts for 15 minutes) Adoration will continue to be available afterwards.

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

TAKING LITURGY SERIOUSLY 2 – EUCHARIST Another way of exploring prayer for 2024 would be to sign up for one or more modules by zoom on the liturgy which have been produced by the Bishops of England and Wales. For more information see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously-course>

PRAYING ON LINE Livestream Adoration at <https://www.youtube.com/live/Dd7YbWyPcQo?si=4DtPJ9yktiaXFDz4>

Livestream Rosary at <https://www.youtube.com/live/ijrncZ180II?si=wQngOaNgoP5PFFh8>

Livestream Chaplet of Divine Mercy https://www.youtube.com/live/YT_zjA-2Col?si=DqjW-aV6glA18III

The parishioner who recommended these appreciates them because she knows she is praying with others in real time.

ADVENT ROSARY on ZOOM. Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm All welcome to join the Catholic Women's League for reflections and Joyful Mysteries. Have your crib and a candle with you if you wish.

Meeting ID: 868 6397 1480 Passcode: Te05qM After 40 minutes use Meeting ID: 844 0271 5514 Passcode: UjD6wp

Further details: Sarah 07948 963325

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES go to <https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh. R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Short Penitential Rite

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Kyrie, eléison. Kyrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kyrie, eléison. Kyrie, eléison.

News and Activities.

NEXT SUNDAY IS BAMBINELLI SUNDAY 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.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE tickets are out on sale. A Book is £2.50 and a single ticket 50p. The Draw will take place on 17th December 2023 after the 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul's Church. There are number of exciting prizes for you to win! All proceeds for Church Heating.

CAROL CONCERT AT SS PETER & PAUL ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 7.00 PM. Come along and sing all your favourite carols. Free Car park available beside the church.

#FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON A City Centre Nativity and Lantern Parade Saturday 16th December 2023

A family friendly walk with alpacas, beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3pm and ending at St Peter's Square about 4.30pm, stopping along the way to tell the story of Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus, and sing carols accompanied by The Band of the West Midlands Fire Service.

We are looking for people to be stewards on the day from 2.30 to 5.30pm.

The Stewards will walk with the participants, keeping everyone on the pavements and helping especially at road junctions. **We are looking for people to take part in reading the Christmas story.**

We are also looking for a couple of people who would be willing to serve drinks at the end in St Peter's Square.

If you can help, please contact Fr Mark on mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk as soon as possible!

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

PARISH FESTIVE SING-A-LONG with BRING & BUY All welcome to join the Catholic Women's League for a Christmassy hour or so in St Michael's Church Hall at 1.30pm, Thursday 14th December. Christmas jumpers if you wish. Bring 'this and that' for the table sale with proceeds for church flowers. Details from Sarah: 07948 963325

CHRISTMAS POSTERS - these posters sponsored by the Knights of St Columba will be available in each church entrance . Please take and display one to Keep Christ in Christmas.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE this Wednesday, 13th December, will be at **Springdale Methodist Church, Warstones Road, Penn, WV4 4LF** from 7.00-8.00pm (St. Michael's is unavailable that night.)

The following week, 20th December, we will be back at St. Michael's Church from 7.00-8.00pm.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI! When the price came in for the October dates it was far too expensive, so we will now be travelling from **Monday 4th November to Sunday 10th November**. By doing this we have reduced the cost by over £400. The price is now **£1,150** per person which includes flights, Coach transfers in Italy, 3 nights Emmaus hotel, with 3 dinners at local restaurants, 3 nights with 3 dinners at Hotel La Rocca in Assisi. Prices for pilgrimages have shot up since Covid so hopefully if people can begin saving now, we have nearly a year before we travel. It will be a great blessing to be able to pray at the shrine of Blessed Carlo our patron. *If you would like to come, please email* mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH – PLEA FROM THE CLEANERS! When you have finished with paper tissues in church, please DO NOT drop them on the floor but take them with you to a bin outside. The church is left in a very messy state after Sunday Mass and it is not fair on the cleaners, who are fellow parishioners working voluntarily, who have to pick them up!

Mission and Outreach

THE FOOD COLLECTION This week's donations have been distributed by The Grove Primary School. Would you consider donating some essential household items such as washing powder/washing up liquid/toilet or kitchen roll OR tins/jars of food OR toiletries such as shampoo/soap/toothbrushes/toothpaste/sanitary products please? All donations are greatly appreciated and will be a lifeline to many 'Free School Meals' families particularly just before Christmas. Thank you.

THANKS *On behalf of the pastoral teams in St Martin's Multi Academy Trust, in Wolverhampton, I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all of those who have contributed items of food and toiletries for people in need. The three schools in the Trust, St Martin's, Field View and Grove Primary Schools, serve areas of high deprivation. We have many families in desperate situations and they rely on food parcels to feed their children. The generosity shown by so many people donating items is often overwhelming and I know the staff in our schools and the parents who receive the items are very grateful.* Ben Davis CEO of St Martin's MAT.

SELECTION BOXES FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN: Any donations of selection boxes would be most appreciated and can be left at the usual Food Collection points at our 3 churches. You would be very welcome to help wrap them after the 11.30am Mass on December 10th in the hall at St Michael's. Many thanks.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH Thankfully our shop at 12 Lichfield Street is now able to open 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday. We will be grateful for donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac. If you're unable to take them to the shop, please place them in the box at St Bernadette's or St Michael's church.

Our **Outreach Service** continues to welcome donations of baby clothes and equipment, which help us support needy mums and babies. If you leave baby items at church, please label the bag clearly 'LIFE BABY ITEMS'. Alternatively, we can collect from you, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

LEGACY GIFTS FOR CAFOD Did you know that one third of CAFOD's long term support to help people out of poverty is funded by Gifts in Wills? If you would like to know more about leaving something to CAFOD in your Will, pick up a leaflet from the porch or call Lily Bliss on 020 7095 5367. Her email is legacy@cafod.org.uk

Finance

200 Club Draw November 2023 Winners St Michael No. 9 Matilda Rayney
SS Peter & Paul No. 238 Rita Finnegan

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 3rd December 2023						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	201.98	284.51	48.91	143.30		678.70
Gift Aid	20.00	67.00	15.00	50.00		152.00
Mass Attendance	149	87, 143	65			444
Standing Order: November 2023: £ 4265.25						

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Poor Parishes Fund

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 200 CLUB Annual Subscriptions are now due. From January there will be ONE 200 club draw across the whole parish. Kindly pay Sr Lydwin at St Michael Church, Mr Bill Finnegan at SS Peter & Paul and Mr Charles Beare at St Bernadette. We encourage new members to join the 200 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.

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.

Friday at 12.00 noon- 12.30pm at SS Peter & Paul. **Saturday 10.30am- 11.30am** in Lady Chapel at St Michael's

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 will resume to 4th Thursday of the month from January 2024. 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 vacation and will resume on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

SHEKINAH PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's every Friday for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. All welcome

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, , Anne Pearce, Sean O'Malley, Rosa Tse, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Pat Noad, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Anna McGrath, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Fr John Lungley, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Mary Ware

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Tom Kenny, Albert Smith, Jean Cooper, Tom Flanagan, Brenda Aston, Martin Kearney, Eileen Whittall, Margaret Ambler, Algis Jankauskas, Peter Alexsanrowicz, Mary Dolan. **May they rest in peace.**

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