



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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Timetable of Online Masses and Services 12th December 2021

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk

Sunday 12th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Ray Johnson RIP*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Chris Walsh RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Jeff Amber RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Monday 13th December Advent Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

6.30 pm St Michael *Monica Blee*

Tuesday 14th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church.

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Kathleen O'Malley RIP*

Wednesday 15th December Advent Feria

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

Thursday 16th December Advent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00 noon St Michael *Fr Bob Douglas RIP*

Friday 17th December Advent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette School Mass in the Church *Holy Souls*

11.00am St Michael Requiem Mass *Kathleen Kelleher RIP*

12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online *Patrick Guiton*

12.30 pm Adoration and Divine Mercy Devotions

6.00pm St Michael-Youth Mass

Saturday 18th December Advent Feria

10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

Sunday 19th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Kate Reynolds*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Julia Moroney RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Ann Shackleton*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Confessions in Advent A great way to make a new start in life during Advent is to go to confession. Remember Confessions are available at St Bernadette's after Mass on Fridays, at St Michael's on Saturday mornings at 11.00 am and for Advent we are putting on **extra Confessions at SS Peter & Paul** on Sunday mornings before Mass from 9.45 am.

Parish News and Activities

The Latest Guidance from the Bishops regarding Coronavirus has now been published and is included with this bulletin.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses If you would like to sit with social distance at any of the Christmas Masses, please book your place with the stewards over the next couple of weeks. We will then know how much of the church can be allocated to non social distanced seats at each Mass. Many thanks, Fr Mark

St Michael's 5.30 Christmas Eve Mass *Please book your seat if you wish to come to this Mass by ringing 01902 341 343* (not after 7pm at night)

Bambinelli Blessing this Sunday This year we can once again return to the tradition started by Pope Francis a few years ago for children (and adults) to bring their infant Jesus figures from their cribs to be blessed at the end of Mass this weekend.

Advent Youth Mass (for 11–16-year-olds) at St Michael's on Friday 17th December at 6.00pm followed by refreshments. All Welcome!

Zoom Blessing of cribs at home 4th Sunday of Advent December 19th at 7.00pm Those who joined us last year really appreciated this time of prayer and reflection at home before Christmas. It will last 15 minutes maximum. We will start with a welcome, then look at everyone's cribs and finish with a prayer and blessing. Come and join us on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/wmvsnev>

Deanery Adoration and Confessions On Tuesday December 21st from 6.30 pm, – 8.00 pm., there will be an opportunity to go to confession all around the city in the following Churches: St. Michael's (Penn), St. Anthony's (Fordhouses), St. Mary's (Willenhall), Corpus Christ (Ashmore Park) Our Lady's (Cannock Road), Ss. Mary & John's (Snow Hill), & St. Patrick's (Heath Town). All the priests of the Deanery are involved. This is also an opportunity to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as a preparation for Christmas.

Advent Preparations at Home An ideal way to prepare for the true spirit of Christmas is to gather at home and celebrate the Advent Feast. Some of you experienced this in the hall at St Michael's a couple of years ago but it is intended that this is something you can do yourself at home. All the instructions for how to celebrate the Advent Feast can be found by downloading the booklet of our website on the [Online Mass and Activities page](#).

Young Adult Christmas Social (18-35) **Where:** St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham. **When:** 18th December (Saturday)
Time: 1:45pm for a 2pm start with an option to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm

Contact Maisie Berry maisie.berry@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk **Sign up for CAFOD Advent reflections:** These reflections have been very popular and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit our Interactive online <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar> There are also free Advent children's liturgy resources that parish catechists may find useful. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Little Angels Stay & Play Group (0-5 years) **Friday** mornings 09.15-11.00am in St Michael's Church Hall. Just £1.50. Free tea & coffee for grown-ups and refreshments for your little ones. **Helpers needed, please.** If you love babies (we have several) and seeing kids having fun, do volunteer with us. Info from Sarah & Jim: 07948963325/24. sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

TWO HUNDRED CLUB SS Peter & Paul annual subscriptions of £12 are now due. Many thanks for your continued support. All proceeds to church upkeep.

Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW: Could all Christmas Raffle ticket stubbs and money be returned to Bill Finnegan by the weekend of 18th/19th December please. All Proceeds in aid of church maintenance. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Carmelite Christmas Cards will be available at £2.50 for a pack of 5 of the same design and 60p for a single large card. Please have plenty of change with you! Thank you for supporting the work of the Carmelite Sisters.

Live More Simply this Advent and Christmas: All are welcome to join the next online meeting of the Diocesan Climate Group on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm via Zoom. Inspired by COP26 even more parishes and schools across the Archdiocese have signed up to CAFOD's *livesimply* award, as we look to reduce our carbon footprints. In this webinar we will ask what decarbonisation actually means and how parishes can support a carbon reduction. Please register here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/living-more-simply-this-advent-and-christmas

Buy Fairtrade at Christmas 'Wolverhampton Fair Trade' has opened a pop-up shop in the Mander Centre until Christmas Eve, 10 am - 5pm Monday to Saturday. Find a gift that's out of the ordinary and support a producer in the developing world.

EPIPHANY CONCERT with WULFRUNA LADIES CHOIR (by popular demand) on Sat 8th January 2.15pm-4.15pm St Michael's Church. Raffle and refreshments. Free entry. All Proceeds to *Let Us Play*. Open to all. Please bring friends and family. Info: Sarah 07948 963325

"St Michael's Catholic Primary Academy is currently recruiting for a Play Leader for their popular after-school club provision from 3.15-5.15pm, Monday - Friday during term time. If you (or someone you know) is interested please contact the academy office on 556368 for further details or visit <https://www.sfscmac.co.uk/vacancies/st-michaels-catholic-primary-academy-and-nursery/>. The deadline for applications is 12pm on 5th January 2022."

The Synodal Path: Walking Together During Advent the diocese have provided questions to help you reflect on the three areas: Communion, Participation and Mission. This week we look at **Participation**:
How do you believe your presence at Mass makes a difference?
7. Explain what difference does it make in your life to receive the sacraments?
8. What part does prayer play in your life and your relationship with God/The church?
9. How do you currently participate, personally, in the life of the Church? How do families and young people participate in the life of the Church? How much responsibility do you have as an individual?
10. How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels?
11. If you could describe your local parish fulfilling your dreams and concerns for the whole world and the local community, what would it be like?

You can find out more online about the Synodal Path at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023>

Prayer for the Synodal Path

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

Mission and Outreach

SS Peter & Paul Primary Academy Winter Appeal. This year we are providing practical support to help families and anyone in our parish community to keep warm this winter. We recognise that the cost of utility bills are rising and to help support anyone who is worried about this we can help in the form of lap blankets, slippers, hot water bottles, dressing gowns, onesies etc.. No child, parent or parishioner should go cold this winter. To confidentially request this support or to refer someone else, please email warm@sspeterandpaul.co.uk or call the school on 01902 556447 and ask for Mrs Byrne. If this cause resonates with you and you would like to support our outreach, you can make a donation to the cause at the school office.

Life Charity Shop 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (Tel 01902 420656). More donations are always welcome. For more information ring Rosalie (01902 330553) **Life Caring Outreach** continues to welcome donations of cots, pushchairs and other baby items. We are frequently asked to help needy families and your generosity makes a real difference to the care of babies and toddlers. Any one in need of such practical help can contact us via the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. This Helpline also offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is worried about a pregnancy related issue, or who has experienced loss of a pregnancy.

Crisp-packet recycling. This scheme suggested by our young people at St Michael's has returned: notices will remind you to sanitise if you touch the bin with your hands, as you do with other items at church. Most people bring packets which have had a few days' "rest" at home to help mitigate any risk attached to them of spreading disease: thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The Food continues at our three churches after all Masses and outside St Michael's Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. Donations of food and toiletries; unwrapped toys and selection boxes; hot water bottles and blankets are gratefully accepted. Thank you! This week's donations have been distributed via a free pop up shop at St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. **The £500 grant from four local Rotary Clubs and The James Beattie Charitable Trust has been converted into supermarket vouchers and given to five city primary schools, in good time for Christmas. Again a huge thank you to them!**

Crib Collection 2021 Donations that you place in the crib this year will go to Fr Hudson's Society. This is the Social Care Agency of the diocese. For more information about what they do, look up <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk>

Finances

It's now no longer necessary to bring cash to Church! We now have card machines in each church so that you can swipe your credit or debit card to make your weekly donation. They are very easy to use but ask a steward if you need more help.

New Button on Website for Direct Donations If you go on our website, you will find a new "Donate" button on the home page. This is useful information to pass on to anyone who wants to make a one-off donation. For regular parishioners, however, Standing Orders are still best. The new "Donate" button is linked to the new system of Card Readers.

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for November 2021: Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis £2982.37

Offertory Collection for Sunday 5th December 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	173.24	250.56	109.85	38.00		533.65
Gift Aid	75.00	167.50	19.00	70.00	250.00	581.50
Second Collection	Poor Parishes Fund £238.69			58.00		296.69

SS Peter & Paul 200 Club Winner for November 118 Valerie Walsh

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Antony Thompson, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Michael Egan, Philomena Labdy, Teresa Taylor, Steve Kavanagh, Christine McHale, 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: Frank Sowinski, Fr Bob Douglas, Sharon Stephenson, Ros Ward, Peggy O'Dowd, Javid Wright, Kathleen O'Malley, Ray Johnson, Margaret Ann Holder, E. Kondayya, **May they rest in peace.**

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