



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL

SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE



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14TH DECEMBER GAUDETE SUNDAY (Bambinelli Blessings)

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Richard Hall RIP

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Chris Walsh RIP

9.00 am St Bernadette Joe Eades RIP

11.30 am St Michael Ann Palmer RIP

4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar service

15th December Monday Advent Feria

10.00am Carmelite Monastery Requiem Mass Sr Mary Stella

6.30pm St Michael Joe Bate – Birthday Anniversary

5.45pm St Michael Adoration

16th December Tuesday Advent Feria

12.00pm St Michael Shrine Mass Eugene Nellany

6.30pm SS Peter & Paul Deceased Hedgecox Family

17th December Wednesday Advent Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette Service of Word and Holy Communion

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Requiem Mary Carty RIP

18th December Thursday Advent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration

12.00 pm St Michael Kate Reynolds

6.30-8.00pm St Michael Adoration and Confessions

19th December Friday Advent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette Mass with SB School

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration

May Goodenough

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Julia Moroney RIP

Followed by confessions

20th December Saturday Advent Feria

10.30am St Michael Adoration

11.00am St Michael Confessions

21st DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Pro populo

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Percy & Bea – Wedding Anniversary

9.00 am St Bernadette Mary Abbiss RIP

11.30 am St Michael Frances Arthurs RIP

4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar service

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

Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Lydwin, Sr. Ancita and Sr. Sophia, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Administrator: Marie Yeo pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

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

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

Mass at Carmelite Monastery 9.00am every morning.

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 and Marie Yeo.

They can be contacted at: sg.stcarlo.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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN BY WHATSAPP please scan this QR code.



Advent Activities

GAUDETE SUNDAY BLESSING OF CRIBS (Bambinelli Blessings) Please remember to bring your cribs or models of the Infant Jesus to church this Sunday so that they can be blessed before you set them up in your home.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEK ACROSS THE DEANERY

Tuesday 16 th DECEMBER 6.30 – 8.00pm	THURSDAY 18 th DECEMBER 6.30 – 8.00pm
Our Lady & All Saints Stourbridge St Joseph's East Park St Patrick's Heath Town	St Michael's Church, Penn. St Anthony's, Fordhouses, St Mary's Brewood SS Mary & John Snow Hill Our Lady's Fallings Heath

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)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24 th December	CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY 25 th December
5.30 St Michael Children's Mass 9.00pm St Michael (8.30pm Carols) 12.00 Midnight SS Peter & Paul (11.30pm Carols)	9.00am St Bernadette 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul 11.30 am St Michael

News and Activities

FOR THE LATEST NEWS, ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE <https://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews>

THE NEXT ST CARLO SHRINE MASS IS THIS TUESDAY 16th December. Please remember to place your intentions in the box provided in each church and these will be collected and laid on the altar of the shrine at this Mass on Tuesday.

CHILDREN'S MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST MICHAEL'S If you would like your child to be involved in the Mass at 5.30 on Christmas Eve - we are looking for readers, for children to take up the Offertory, and for Reception age children to be Mary and Joseph to take the baby Jesus to the crib-then please contact Liz on lizyeo@btinternet.com or Teresa on teresascragg9@gmail.com or text Teresa on 07979697068

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR SR. MARY STELLA RIP will be at 10.00am, on Monday, 15th December, at the Carmelite Monastery. There will be light refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR MARY CARTY RIP is this Wednesday at 12.30pm at SS Peter & Paul

TWO CHOIRS ONE CHRISTMAS Featuring *Anthem Voices* and *The People's Show Choir*. Friday 19th December at St Michael's Church. Refreshments and Charity Raffle. Tickets £10 for adults, £6.00 for under 12s. For tickets email anthemvoices@hotmail.com

PARISH CHRISTMAS TAGS. We know that lots of people have decided not to send Christmas Cards at Christmas and support their chosen charity with a donation instead. If you want to support our Parish this year, Christmas Tags will be on sale before and after mass at all 3 Churches. Please consider purchasing a tag for £2, write your Christmas message to the congregation on one and place it on the tree in the foyer. All proceeds will go to the Parish Finances. Thank you for your support. *Due to a lack of space in the foyer at SS Peter & Paul it will not be possible to use a tree, but they will be pinned onto the noticeboard.*

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP meets on Friday mornings in St Michael's Church Hall. Still just £1.50. Bring your babes and pre-schoolers, enjoy a cuppa together and make new friends. Further details from Sarah, please email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

FIRE DRILLS 2025 – You will be pleased to know that all Fire Drills for 2025 have been successfully completed and will now occur annually. A massive thanks to all our wonderful stewards, greeters, fire marshals, clergy and of course all our parishioners. The main outcomes were as follows:

- One person (from stewards/greeters/fire marshals) must be positioned at each fire exit from the beginning of Mass to the end. In the event of an evacuation, they should ensure their areas is completely clear before moving to the muster point
- Gates should remain unlocked during Mass
- Parishioners should move to the muster point quickly and carefully
- At St Michael's and SS Peter and Paul where there is no fire alarm – a louder alarm is required – this is on the list to resource and provide.
- Any queries please contact Marie Yeo on pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR HOLIDAYS – Marie will be on holiday from Monday 15th December until Wednesday 31st December with no access to emails. If there is anything urgent you need to raise in her absence, please email sca@rcaob.org.uk If not urgent, Marie will respond on her return.

FREE EPIPHANY CONCERT with Wulfruna Ladies Choir. Saturday 3rd January, 2pm, St Michael's Church, All most welcome. Raffle and refreshments for children's charities. Bring friends and loved ones. No need to book. See Sarah or a Catholic Women's League member, or email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Mission and Outreach

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims are able to make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage> or scan the QR code:



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS - Ethical and sustainable gift giving: World Gifts are CAFOD's range of life-changing virtual gifts *that bring us together*. The money you spend on your Christmas gift to your loved ones, will help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. This year, stand in solidarity with our global neighbours. Check out the gifts in our catalogue today and share love between you, your loved ones and the people whose lives are changed, to help build a better world for all of us. World Gifts catalogues are available in all three churches now.

LIFE DONATIONS Good news we now have a permanent driver to empty the Life Clothing Bank at St Michael's monthly. You can therefore now start reusing the Bank (which is located in the rear car park) for your donations of clothes, bric-a-brac etc. Please pack any breakable items carefully before posting them in the box. Thanks for your support and any queries please contact Marie @ pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

BETHLEHEM'S BAUBLES One way to support both the church and help families in Bethlehem is through the purchase of a bauble/peace light from [Bethlehem Baubles: Authentic Handmade Christmas Decorations](#). There are leaflets in each of the churches and there are items on sale for Easter as well as Christmas for those planning ahead! For every bauble/peace light purchased using the code C24 you will get a 5% discount, and the parish will get £3.50 in commission. If we order over 10 items as a parish then the postage will be free.

There will be a Parish Order and the last day to order and hopefully save on postage will be 15th December. You can order via sca@rcaob.org.uk. You are welcome to order individually and pay postage but please use the code C24 to get your discount and for the parish to get commission.

Any queries, please contact Marie Yeo on pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk or Catherine Arthurs at St Michaels Church.

FOOD COLLECTION Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea/coffee etc), TOILETRIES (shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes/sanitary products/soap/deodorant), HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/washing powder) AND Christmas Selection Boxes for our Ukrainian Refugee Children are greatly appreciated. The last two week's donations and Aldi Orange gift cards were distributed by St Michael's, St Mary's and SS Peter & Paul's Catholic Primary Academies. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

OPERATION ELF - GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS. We are so grateful for your donations and happy to report that 27 One4All vouchers for £15 are on their way to be distributed. God bless, your friends of Catholic Women's League CIO Wolverhampton.


MAKING CHRIST PRESENT IN CHRIST-MAS at the Parish Council it was discussed how important it is to bear witness to the birth of Jesus during the secular celebrations all around us. Please use all your social media tools to share photos of Cribs and other Religious Christmas images in order to make Christ known and loved this Christmas!

Finance

ST CARLO ACUTIS GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE tickets are out on sale. A strip is £2.00. **The Draw will take place on Sunday 21st December 2025 after the 11.30am Mass in St Michael's Hall (approximately 12.45pm).** There are number of exciting prizes for you to win! All proceeds for Church Heating.

300 CLUB The Annual Subscriptions are now due. Kindly pay Sr Sophia 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 SCA 300 Club November Draw No. 57A Raphael Gauden £75.00, No. 230 Dino Visentin £10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 7 th December 2025							You can donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection through the website by using this QR code
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total	
Gift Aid				15.00	15.00	30.00	
Non-Gift Aid	175.89	426.05	119.45	101.00	4.00	826.39	
Attendance	218	81, 203	85			587	
Standing Order: November: £ 4681.75							
Second Collection: Poor Parishes Fund £ 367.10							

Regular Prayer

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 Tuesday 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 at 10.00am in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's. All Welcome!

LAY ASSOCIATES OF SISTERS OF ST ANN KNOWN AS THE LASA PRAYER GROUP will break up for Christmas holidays on 16th December and will be back on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 5.00pm in the Lady Chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Patricia Hill, Sue Spears, Leanne Tolley, Liz Swinnerton, James Hunt, John Abbiss, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Sandra Clowes, Ann Bayley, Julie Lee, Yassir, Catherine Andrews, Roy Bayley, Carol Hyatt, Pat Grady, Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Dennis Oparaji, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Ray O'Gorman, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Andy Hyatt, Johnny Burke, Charles Halldron, Ben McKearney, Steve Kavanagh, Antony Cosgrove, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Patrick Quinn, Margaret Stokes, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Freya Haynes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Fr David Keniry, Mary Carty, Mary Spratt, Sr Mary Stella of the Carmelite Monastery. **May they rest in peace.**

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