



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

17th December 2023 GAUDETE SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Carolina Dias Juliao*

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*

Monday 18th December 2023 Advent Feria

5.45pm St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

6.30pm St Michael *Kate Reynolds*

Tuesday 19th December 2023 Advent Feria

9.00am St Michael School Mass *Mary Turley RIP*

4.00pm St Michael Vigil *Reception Jean Cooper RIP*

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Mr M E Connelly*

Wednesday 20th December 2023 Advent Feria

9:30 am St Bernadette *Service of Word & Communion*

10.30am St Michael *Requiem Jean Cooper RIP*

Thursday 21st Dec 2023 Advent Feria

9.00am SS Peter & Paul School Mass *Private Intention*

6.30-8.00pm St Michael *Reconciliation with Adoration*

12.00 noon St Michael *Joe Leonard Bate RIP*

Friday 22nd Dec 2023 Advent Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette *Mary Abbiss RIP*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Jenner Martin RIP*

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Adoration*

1.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Confessions*

Saturday 23rd December 2023 Advent Feria

11.00am St Michael *Confession*

2.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

24th December 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Mary Dolan RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Legion of Mary*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Sue Spiers & Family*

11.30 am St Michael *Pat Grady – 92nd Birthday*

24th December VIGIL of Christmas

5.30pm St Michael Family Mass *Joan & Philip Dunne*

8.30pm St Michael Carols followed by 9.00 pm Mass *Margaret Flanagan*

11.30pm SS Peter & Paul Carols followed by Midnight Mass at 12.00 am *Pro populo*

Monday 25th December 2023 SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.00 am St Bernadette *Peggy O'Brien*

11.30 am St Michael *Frances Roberts RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Pat Clarke*

CARMELITE MONASTERY: Sunday 24th December Mass at 9.00am and Christmas Vigil at 8.30pm
From Christmas Morning to Epiphany Mass will be at 10.00am every morning.

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 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.

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.

RECONCILIATION WITH ADORATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS will be on Thursday 21st December from 6.30pm-8.00pm at St Michael's Church. There will be several priests who will be available for individual confessions. It is a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome the Lord into our hearts at this Christmas.

THIS SUNDAY IS BAMBINELLI SUNDAY Don't forget to bring in your cribs and images of the infant Jesus this Sunday for a special Blessing to prepare your homes for Christmas.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE The Draw will take place this Sunday 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.

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

PARKING FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS Warstones Primary School have kindly allowed us to use their car park for this Mass. Please consider parking there to make space in our own car park, as we get many visitors for this Mass. Many thanks, Fr Mark.

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, 20th December will be at St. Michael's Church from 7.00-8.00pm.

FREE EPIPHANY CONCERT - Saturday 6th January at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church. Back by popular demand: Wulfruna Ladies Choir. All welcome. Refreshments and raffle available. All proceeds to UNICEF and The Well food bank. Further details from Sarah - 07948 963325 Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI Monday 4th November to Sunday 10th November. The price is **£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. 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**

Mission and Outreach

THE FOOD COLLECTION This week's donations have been distributed by St Paul's C of E 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 over the Christmas season. Thank you.

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. Many thanks.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH- Christmas break: Many thanks for all the recent donations, with your help the shop is doing well since it re-opened. Volunteers now deserve a rest so please **DO NOT** leave any more donations at church before the New Year. Our Outreach will still be available to give emergency help in the form of baby clothes and equipment; email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk Many thanks

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

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

CRIB OFFERINGS This year the offering given at the crib will go to the Charity "Friends of the Holy Land". This charity directly supports the Christian Communities in Israel, Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 10th December 2023						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	263.11	344.62	55.99	95.00		758.72
Gift Aid	20.00	104.00	17.00	63.00		204.00
Mass Attendance	211	84, 172	65			532
Standing Order: November 2023: £ 4265.25						
The Second Collection: Poor Parishes' Fund £251.29						

Prayer

ADVENT INITIATIVES

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-aV6gIA18III

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION 2024 If your child has not made their First Holy Communion and are in year 3 or older, whether they are in a Catholic School or not, it is time for you to register them for preparation for these sacraments. The Enrolment Mass and First Parents' Meeting is on **Sunday 21st January in each of our Churches.**

To enrol you need to register online as soon as possible, either by scanning this QR code or by using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9W0j6r2wJA>



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

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: Michael Shaffery, Tom Kenny, Albert Smith, Jean Cooper, May they rest in peace.

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