



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 19th December 2021

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

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

Monday 20th December Advent Feria

5.30 pm St Michael *Monica Blee*

Tuesday 21st December Advent Feria

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Thanking God for His Mercy*

6.30 pm St Michael **Adoration & Confessions**

Wednesday 22nd December Advent Feria

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Mary Abbiss RIP*

Thursday 23rd December Advent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00 noon St Michael *Joan Bottrill RIP*

Friday 24th December Advent Feria

2.30pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy

4.00pm St Bernadette Family Mass *Mary Kirby*

5.30pm St Michael's Family Mass *Philip & Joan Dunne & Walter Meehan*

9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass *Vincent Keane RIP*

12.00 am MIDNIGHT SS Peter & Paul & Online Midnight Mass *Pro populo*

Saturday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.00am St Bernadette *Desiree Malloy RIP*

10.15am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Holy Souls*

11.30am St Michael *Ray Johnson RIP*

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR C

SUNDAY

9.00 am St Bernadette *John & Sylvia Mann – Diamond Wedding Anniversary*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Nkengafac Henry Atabong*

11.30 am St Michael *Josephine Clancy*

5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

Parish News and Activities

WITH INFECTION RATES SO HIGH, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION WILL BE LIKE BY NEXT WEEKEND. PLEASE CHECK THE PARISH NEWS ON THE WEBSITE DAILY AND PHONE YOUR FRIENDS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE INTERNET TO KEEP THEM INFORMED. GOD BLESS AND STAY SAFE!

Midnight Mass from St Chad's Cathedral on BBC 1 Please spread the word among your friends who do not have the internet that they can watch Midnight Mass on the television this year. Coverage starts at 11.45pm on Christmas Eve.

Please note that the Carols before the Christmas vigils at St Michael's and SS Peter & Paul have been cancelled. This is to cut down on the time people will be in church while the infection rate is so high. So, Mass will begin at 9.00 pm at St Michael's and Midnight at SS Peter & Paul.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses If you need to social distance at any of the Christmas Masses, please book your place with the stewards this weekend. We will then know how much of the church can be allocated to non-social distanced seats at each Mass over Christmas and next Sunday. 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)

Stewarding on Christmas Day: If you could help steward at the 11.30 Christmas Day Mass at St Michael's could you please let one of the stewards know or phone Val on 340479.

Message from Fr Mark Over the last few weeks I have been doing Lateral Flow Tests every couple of days because of visiting people in their homes. I tested negative on Monday morning and Wednesday morning of this week and was negative both times, so the visits I did at the beginning of the week should be ok. Unfortunately, however, after feeling slightly ill on Thursday evening I took a test on Friday Morning which was positive. I then went for a PCR which confirmed this. I do not feel very ill but I have to self-isolate until December 27th and will not see any of you at Christmas. So, I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Zoom Blessing of cribs at home this Sunday 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/wrnvsnev>

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.

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.

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

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 **Mission**:

12. How does your experience of parish life allow you to reflect, develop, action, and speak about your faith?
13. In what ways is the call of Jesus to serve the poor a priority in the Church and especially in our parishes?
14. What more can we do in our parishes to address the needs of the poor (homeless, lonely, the bereaved, prisoner, the sick, people with addictions, refugees, people with disabilities, those suffer in developing countries)?

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.

CAFOD Afghanistan Appeal As we prepare for Christmas in the UK, Afghanistan's harsh winter is setting in. 23 million people are now unable to feed themselves daily. Whole regions of the country are on the brink of famine. Millions have fled their homes, the overwhelming majority women and children. Temperatures usually reach -12°C in Afghan winters. The DEC of which we're a member are this week launching an Afghanistan crisis appeal which you'll see in UK broadcast media. Cafod is asking us firstly to join them in praying for Afghanistan. They know too that we are facing our own challenges, but if we are able, they would welcome donations for their Afghanistan appeal.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis>

Life Charity Shop Donations for Life Charity Shop during the Christmas holiday

To avoid the collecting box in church overflowing, we ask everyone to now please keep their donations of goods safe at home until after 3rd January. This is because many of the volunteers who collect and sort out donated goods in the shop have a well-deserved break at this time. We are very grateful for all your support. It makes a big contribution to the success of the shop, and we look forward to your continuing help in 2022.

Life Caring Outreach Many thanks for all the donations of cots, pushchairs and other baby items, which we hand on to needy local families. Anyone in need of such help can contact us via the free National Helpline 0808 802 5433. The Helpline also offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is worried about any pregnancy related issue, or who has experienced pregnancy loss.

The Food Collection continues at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesdays 1-2 and Saturdays 10-11 (maybe not on Christmas Day though!). Donations of food, toiletries, hot water bottles and blankets are gratefully received. This week's donations that have included toys and selection boxes have been given to local families. Thank you for your continued support.

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. You can also use your smart phone with the QR code on the right.

You can use this QR code
to donate to the parish
using your
smart phone.



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 Collection on Christmas Day will be your offering for the priests.

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 12th December 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	170.00	257.60	88.57	124.00	100.00	740.17
Gift Aid	325.00	195.00	35.50	220.00		775.50
Second Collection	No Second collection last week					

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Mary Hill, 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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