



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE



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21st DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Pro populo*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Mary Abbiss RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Percy & Bea – Wedding Anniversary
11.30 am St Michael *Frances Arthurs RIP*
4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar service

22nd December Monday Advent Feria

5.45pm St Michael *Adoration*

6.30pm St Michael Shirley Deffis Whittaker

23rd December Tuesday Advent Feria

12.30pm SSPP Requiem Mass *Wesam Hermiz RIP*

6.30pm SS Peter & Paul Master Dumebi Umensofor's Thanksgiving

24th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

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5.30pm St Michael Children's Mass *Joan & Philip Dunne*
8.30pm St Michael *Carol Service*
9.00pm St Michael Christmas Vigil Mass *Noel & Carol*

11.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Carol Service*
12.00 am SS Peter & Paul MIDNIGHT MASS *Pro populo*

25th DECEMBER SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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9.00am St Bernadette *Joan Murrey Cork RIP*
10.15am SS Peter & Paul *Marion Visentin RIP*

11.30am St Michael *Bob, Rose and Jim Cox*

26th December Friday Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Peter Tuohy RIP*

27th December Saturday Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

28th DECEMBER FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Mr & Mrs Ikenna Umensofor's Family Thanksgiving*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Jackie & Albert Hickman*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Thanksgiving – *Divine Light Prayer Group*
11.30 am St Michael *Bob Jones 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

Parish Office: 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND, 01902 341343 **Parish House,** 51 North Street, 01902 423005

St Michael's Hall Bookings: sca@rcaob.org.uk **St. Bernadette's Hall:** Alison Banyard, 07581 340921

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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: sq.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.



News and Activities

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

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.

STEWARDING FOR THE CHILDRENS MASS We need some stewards to direct the parking as we get such large numbers for this Mass. If you can help for 45 minutes before the Mass, please let Fr Mark know on sca@rcaob.org.uk

CAR PARKING FOR CHILDREN'S MASS Please consider parking at Warstones School Car Park in order to make space for our extra visitors who come to this Mass.

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.*

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Aaron, who has decided that he is not called to seminary formation for priesthood. We thank him for his generosity and wish him every blessing as he continues to discern his vocation in life.

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR WESAM HERMIZ RIP is this Tuesday at 12.30pm in SS Peter & Paul's Church.

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.

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

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:



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 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

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.

FOOD COLLECTION Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea/coffee etc), TOILETRIES (shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes/sanitary products/soap/deodorant) and HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/washing powder) are greatly appreciated. Last week's donations and Aldi Orange gift cards were distributed by St Edmund's Catholic Academy. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM SR ANGELINA FROM EL OBEID, SUDAN: Thank you on behalf of the children who benefit from your support and contributions every month. May God reward you for sacrificing your own money to help the little ones who are suffering in different ways. The money that you send provides; food for every child every day; medicine; books and copy books; stationery and water. Food, medicine and water are all very expensive to buy from the market. The money that you send means I can afford to buy what we need. Thank you so much. The situation is still very serious. Every morning when we wake up, we thank God for being alive, as we hear of the death of someone near us. There are so many refugees from the nearby villages. They are living in our courtyard as there is no other shelter for them. When we are in school if we hear any fighting or planes belonging to the rebels, we all run away. Fear is within us. I ask you to continue to pray for us. Much love, thanks and gratitude from Sr Angelina and the children.

Finance

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

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.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 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. There is a Draw every month: First Prize £75 and second prize £10. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

CRIB OFFERINGS This year the offering given at the crib will again be for the charity "*Friends of the Holy Land*". Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring community for Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Significantly this includes all the places we hear about in the readings over Christmas. For example, the parishes in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. The parishes there have suffered greatly over the last years and need our help.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 14 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				50.00	90.00	140.00	
Non-Gift Aid	121.23	395.70	106.70	64.00	2.50	690.13	
Attendance	234	104, 211	85			634	
Standing Order: November: £ 4681.75							

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 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, Johny 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: Wesam Hermiz, Fr David Keniry, Mary Carty, Mary Spratt, Sr Mary Stella of the Carmelite Monastery. **May they rest in peace.**

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas on Thursday!

