



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

24th December 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael <i>Mary Dolan RIP</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Legion of Mary</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Sue Spiers & Family</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Pat Grady – 92nd Birthday</i>

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 <i>Peggy O'Brien</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Frances Roberts RIP</i>
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Pat Clarke</i>	

Tuesday 26th December 2023 Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Nellie & Harry Jones*

Wednesday 27th December 2023 Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist

12.00pm St Bernadette *Teressa Fisher - Birthday*

Thursday 28th December 2023 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12.00pm St Michael *Bob Jones RIP*

Friday 29th Dec 2023 Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

9.30am St Bernadette <i>Nicola & Gigliola Iafigliola</i>	11.00 am SS Peter & Paul Funeral Service <i>Gerry Knowles RIP</i>
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Saturday 30th Dec 2023 Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

No Confessions this morning. Please make an appointment if necessary.

Sunday 31st December 2023 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael <i>Monica Blee</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Sister Mary Evangelist</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Julie O'Hanlon</i>	5.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Service</i>
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Peter Tuohy & Betty Gleeson</i>	

1st January 2024 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

NEW YEAR VIGIL 31ST DECEMBER

11.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Prayer and Praise*
12.00 am SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

12.00 Noon St Michael *Sarah Holme*

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.

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.

News and Activities.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Many thanks to all who organised the raffle and all those who sold tickets. The prize-winning numbers are on display in each of the church porches. Please check if you have won anything!

ALTAR SERVERS As Christmas day immediately follows Sunday this year, we have decided not to give out the St Stephen's day medals on St Stephen's Day (Tuesday 26th December) but on the following Sunday (31st December) Please would all Altar Servers attend either the 9.00am, 10.15am or 11.30am Mass that day, in order to renew their membership of the Guild of St Stephen or to receive their medal, if they have been serving for over a year.

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 booking leaflets are now available in each Church. If you would like to go, please take one and book directly with our Travel Agent: JCTours Ltd Contact them on 01886 812 862 or enquiries@jcjourneys.com

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR JOHN LUNGLEY Reception and Mass at St Bernadete's on Wednesday 10th January and the Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady's on the Cannock Road on Thursday 11th January at 11.30am.

THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHAPTER It has been announced by the Archbishop that Mgr. Mark has been appointed member of the Cathedral Chapter. His installation will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 6th February at 12.15pm. Mgr. Mark is not leaving the parish but will now spend the first Tuesday of each month at the Chapter Meeting in Birmingham.

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>

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.

First Holy Communion and
Reconciliation Registration



MASS STIPENDS Far more Masses are being requested than Fr Alex and I can celebrate each week. We have just sent 131 Holy Souls Masses away to the Missionaries of Africa (Formally known as the White Fathers). So many Masses have already been requested this year, that even if no more Mass requests came in we would not have celebrated them all until the end of March. When you request a Mass, please consider mentioning on the envelope that the Mass may be celebrated in another parish. There are priests in other parishes who are not receiving any Mass intentions and would be very grateful if we could pass on some of our Masses that are requested here. Many thanks for your consideration, Fr Mark.

Mission and Outreach

THE FOOD COLLECTION This week's donations have been distributed by St Edmunds Catholic Academy. 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 period. THANK YOU to everyone who donated selection boxes. The 90+ boxes were divided between St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academy, St Martin's MAT and our Ukrainian refugee children living in the Wolverhampton area.

FARESHARE IS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL on Wednesday 27th December and 3rd January at 1.45 pm. FareShare is a UK charity that redistributes good quality, surplus food to community groups. If you, or your neighbour, could do with a little support during these difficult times, please bring a bag and take some food home.

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

FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS There has been some widespread misunderstanding of the document released from the Vatican on Monday and you might find this statement from the American Bishops' Conference helpful: *"The Declaration issued today by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) articulated a distinction between liturgical (sacramental) blessings, and pastoral blessings, which may be given to persons who desire God's loving grace in their lives. The Church's teaching on marriage has not changed, and this declaration affirms that, while also making an effort to accompany people through the imparting of pastoral blessings because each of us needs God's healing love and mercy in our lives."*

Finance

CHRISTMAS OFFERING The collection 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 17th December 2023						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	175.55	288.44	65.19	43.00		572.18
Gift Aid		59.00	21.00	10.00		90.00
Mass Attendance	211	87, 188	65			551
Standing Order: November 2023: £ 4265.25						

Prayer

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

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-aV6glA18III

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

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, 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, 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: Fr John Lungley, Richard Hall. Michael Shaffery, Tom Kenny, Albert Smith, Jean Cooper, **May they rest in peace.**

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