



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL

SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE



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

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Mr & Mrs Ikenna Umensofor's Family Thanksgiving	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Thanksgiving – Divine Light Prayer Group
9.00 am St Bernadette Jackie & Albert Hickman	11.30 am St Michael Bob Jones RIP 4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar service

29th December Monday Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

6.30pm St Michael Pat Grady – 95th Birthday

30th December Tuesday Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

6.30pm SS Peter & Paul Thanksgiving – Bill Finnegan

31st DECEMBER Wednesday Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas

11.00pm NEW YEAR VIGIL SS Peter & Paul Henry & Judith Soronadi

1st JANUARY THURSDAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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12.00pm St Michael Asking God's Grace & Favour

2nd January Friday Memorial of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

9.30am St Bernadette Sr M Teresa

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Kathleen Farrell – 90th Birthday

3rd January Saturday Christmas Feria

10.30am St Michael Adoration

11.00am St Michael Confessions

4th JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Bella Leen

9.00 am St Bernadette Pro populo

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Mary Carty

11.30 am St Michael Michael & Annie O'Donnell

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

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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.

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News and Activities

MESSAGE FROM FR MARK AND FR GERRY Many thanks for your overwhelming generosity with Christmas gifts! May God bless you all over this Christmas season and the coming year!

A VERY WARM WELCOME to Deacon Jonathan Henry who is arriving this Friday to start his diaconal placement here in the parish in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. He will be living in Giffard House with Fr Mark and Fr Gerry and is looking forward to getting involved in the life of the parish.

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

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SR LYDWIN This will take place on Sunday 25th January at 1.00pm. More details to follow next week.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR HOLIDAYS – Marie will be on holiday 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.

MESSAGE FROM FR PATRICK DALY (previous parish priest of SS Peter & Paul) My new book has been published and is available at the Cathedral Bookshop in Birmingham or on the St. Paul's Publications website: <https://stpauls.org.uk/> The Prophetic Charism of the Catholic Bishop: Munus Docendi - the Bishop as Teacher (£19.50) Thanking you and wishing you all a Happy Christmas!

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

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



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 were distributed to local Penn families. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Finance

SAINT 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 21 st 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				30.00	10.00	40.00	
Non-Gift Aid	151.31	447.16	136.88	61.00	10.50	806.85	
Attendance	223	99,208	93			623	
Standing Order: November: £ 4681.75							

Manger Square in Bethlehem 2025



Once again, the Christmas Lights are on again in Bethlehem.
The Light of the world cannot be stopped!

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: Donald Firth, 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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