



# 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

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael** *Martyn Leek RIP*

**9.00 am St Bernadette** *Barry Wignall RIP*

**11.30 am St Michael** *Michael Joe Needham*

**10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *McGee & Madigan Family*

**5.00 pm St Michael** *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Advent Feria

**5.45pm St Michael** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**6.30pm St Michael** *Jenner Martin RIP*

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

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

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Advent Feria

**9:30 St Bernadette** *Jane Wherton & Wherton Family*

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

**10.00am St Bernadette** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**12.00 noon St Michael** *Ian Duff-Cole*

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary

**9.30 am St Bernadette** *Pro populo*

**12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul** *Patsy McGuckin*

**12.00pm SS Peter & Paul** *Adoration*

**1.00pm SS Peter & Paul** *Confessions*

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Advent Feria

**10.30am St Michael** *Morning Prayer of the Church followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**11.00-11.30am St Michael** *Confessions*

#### 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael** *Rosalia Finazzo RIP*

**9.00 am St Bernadette** *Alan Willetts RIP*

**11.30 am St Michael** *Jim Corcoran RIP*

**10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Chris Walsh RIP*

**5.00 pm St Michael** *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

*Mass is livestreamed from SS Peter & Paul at 10.15am each Sunday* [www.carloacutis.co.uk/onlineservices.html](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk/onlineservices.html)

**CARMELITE MONASTERY:** Mass at 9.00am every day.

**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: [sq.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sq.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.**

# Advent

*This Advent we begin a year of preparation for the Holy Year in 2025. The Holy Father has asked us to make PRAYER the focus of our preparation. Advent often gets lost in the preparations for Christmas, this Advent let us try to give as much time as possible for prayer. Copies of 'Walk with Me' daily prayer booklets for Advent are available in each church.*

**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)

**THE RORATE MASS** will take place in the Lady Chapel at SS Peter & Paul on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30am. (The Rorate Mass is a special Mass of Our Lady celebrated in candlelight before dawn. As dawn breaks it focuses us on the dawn of our salvation in the birth of Jesus.) **ALL WELCOME but if you want bacon butties afterwards, please let us know by emailing [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) by Wednesday at the very latest!**

**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>

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

## 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.

**THANK YOU** to all who volunteered their time to put together our parish Christmas Fayre. We raised a total of £1863.15.

Two thirds of this will go to the parish and a third to 'Friends of the Holy Land' the Catholic Charity which supports the parishes in the West Bank, Israel, Gaza and Jordan. Our Crib appeal will also be for this Charity at Christmas.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** tickets are out on sale. A Book is £2.50 and a single ticket 50p. The Draw will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD** would like to invite you to a service of celebration held at St Peter's Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm all welcome, so please come and join us in our annual celebration, we would love to see you! **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES** will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December at St Michael's Church from 7.00-8.00pm. All are welcome especially we need some male voices please. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS** *If you would like your child* to be involved in the Mass at 5.30 pm on Christmas Eve, then 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](mailto:lizyeo@btinternet.com) or Teresa on

[teresascragg9@gmail.com](mailto:teresascragg9@gmail.com)

## **#FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON A City Centre Nativity and Lantern Parade Saturday 16th December 2023**

A family friendly walk with alpacas, beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3pm and ending at St Peter's Square about 4.30pm, stopping along the way to tell the story of Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus, and sing carols accompanied by The Band of the West Midlands Fire Service.

**We are looking for people to be stewards on the day from 2.30 to 5.30pm.**

The Stewards will walk with the participants, keeping everyone on the pavements and helping especially at road junctions. **We are looking for people to take part in reading the Christmas story.**

**We are also looking for a couple of people who would be willing to serve drinks at the end in St Peter's Square.**

Please contact Linda or Lesley if you can help or would like to know more.

Deacon Linda Gilson [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk) 07941 354958, Lesley Cook [lesleyvcook@btinternet.com](mailto:lesleyvcook@btinternet.com) 07840 128510

**CAROL CONCERT AT SS PETER & PAUL ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.00 PM.** Come along and sing all your favourite carols. Free Car park available beside the church.

**PARISH FESTIVE SING-A-LONG with BRING & BUY** All welcome to join the Catholic Women's League for a Christmassy hour or so in St Michael's Church Hall at 1.30pm, Thursday 14th December. Christmas jumpers if you wish. Bring 'this and that' for the table sale with proceeds for church flowers. Details from Sarah: 07948 963325

**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.

**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](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI!** When the price came in for the October dates it was far too expensive, so we will now be travelling from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. By doing this we have reduced the cost by over £400. The price is now **£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. Prices for pilgrimages have shot up since Covid so hopefully if people can begin saving now, we have nearly a year before we travel. It will be a great blessing to be able to pray at the shrine of Blessed Carlo our patron.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH – PLEA FROM THE CLEANERS!** When you have finished with paper tissues in church, please DO NOT drop them on the floor but take them with you to a bin outside. The church is left in a very messy state after Sunday Mass and it is not fair on the cleaners, who are fellow parishioners working voluntarily, who have to pick them up!

## **NOTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2023**

- **Celebration of Feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis** Many thanks were expressed to all those who worked so hard to arrange the various activities making the event a joyous and successful one.
- **Christmas Fayre** It was decided that two thirds of the profit would go to the parish and one third to the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land'.
- **One Christmas Raffle** across the whole parish will be the norm from now on.
- **Parish Fayres** In order to make more time between the Wombourne Autumn Fayre and the Penn Christmas Fayre there will be a 5 week gap between them next year, and hopefully a greater gap in the following year.
- **Communion in both kinds** There have been requests that we return to offering the Chalice at Sunday Masses. There is some hesitation among parishioners that it is too early, with covid still being at large. It was decided that we look at reintroducing the Chalice at Easter, and in the meantime, ask parishioners to make comment in the new year.
- **Hand Rails** We are looking into the possibility of hand rails up to the Sanctuary in St Michaels; and also the possibility of enlarging the kitchen in St Michael's hall and some refurbishment in St Michael's Church.
- **Hymn Books** Another parish is kindly donating hymn books to St Michael's church, as many there are in a state of disrepair.
- **New Suggestion Forms** need to be reprinted for each of the Churches.
- **Support for Bereaved Families** It has been proposed that next year the November Mass for recently bereaved should be followed by refreshments.
- **Angelus** For this year's Advent, it was suggested that all the Masses will start with the Angelus.
- **Sunday Reflections** The reflections on the readings sheet at St Michael and St Bernadette will also be made available at SS Peter & Paul.
- **Youth Group** It is hoped that this may be able to start on Friday evenings in the New Year.

## Mission and Outreach

**COP28** The United Nations Climate Conference began on Thursday. Pope Francis has warned that the climate disasters we're experiencing show that the world is approaching 'breaking point'. Let us join him in praying that the political leaders at the COP28 talks will be moved to make serious commitments that will prevent the climate crisis from causing even greater tragedies, especially for communities that have contributed least to causing it.

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL:** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** This week's donations have been distributed by St Teresa's Catholic Primary 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 AND selection boxes for the Ukrainian refugee children please.

**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. You would be very welcome to help wrap them after the 11.30am Mass on December 10th in the hall at St Michael's. Many thanks.

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH** Thankfully our shop at 12 Lichfield Street is now able to open 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday. We will be grateful for donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac. If you're unable to take them to the shop, please place them in the box at St Bernadette's or St Michael's church.

Our **Outreach Service** continues to welcome donations of baby clothes and equipment, which help us support needy mums and babies. If you leave baby items at church, please label the bag clearly 'LIFE BABY ITEMS'. Alternatively, we can collect from you, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

## Finance

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	181.81	387.69	91.67	60.00		721.17
<b>Gift Aid</b>		67.00	15.00	90.00		172.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	180	105,198	75			558
<b>Standing Order: November 2023: £ 4265.25</b>						

Next Weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December Second Collection for Poor Parishes Fund

**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.

## 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 Bernadette'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** Next meeting will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm at St Bernadette's. Meetings will resume to 4<sup>th</sup> 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 meet in the Lady chapel at St Michael's every Tuesday at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are most welcome to join in for prayers.

**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 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:** Albert Smith, Jean Cooper, Tom Flanagan, Brenda Aston, Martin Kearney, Eileen Whittall, Margaret Ambler, Algis Jankauskas, Peter Alexsanrowicz, Mary Dolan. **May they rest in peace.**

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