



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 5th December 2021

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

Sunday 5th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Teresa & Andrew Scragg – 40th Wedding Anniversary*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Barry Wignall*
 9.45am SS Peter & Paul-Confessions
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Nicola & Gigliola Iafigliola*
 11.30 am St Michael *Dennis Moore RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Monday 6th December Advent FERIA

6.30 pm St Michael *Monica Blee*

Tuesday 7th December Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Rosalina Finazzo RIP*
 12.00 noon St Bernadette *Holy Souls*
 6.30 pm St Michael *Charlie Galyas*

Thursday 9th December Advent FERIA

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 12.00 noon St Michael *Peggy O'Dowd*

Friday 10th December Advent FERIA

9.30 am St Bernadette *Maureen O'Hara RIP*
 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online *Sandra Treanor RIP*
 12.30 pm Adoration and Divine Mercy Devotions

Saturday 11th December Advent FERIA

10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

Sunday 12th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Ray Johnson RIP*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Chris Walsh RIP*
 11.30 am St Michael *Jeff Amber RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Parish News and Activities

Confessions in Advent A great way to make a new start in life during Advent is to go to confession. Remember Confessions are available at St Bernadette's after Mass on Fridays, at St Michael's on Saturday mornings at 11.00 am and for Advent we are putting on **extra Confessions at SS Peter & Paul** on Sunday mornings before Mass from 9.45 am.

Baptism Class Tuesday December 7th at 7.00pm in St Michael's Sacristy Meeting Room This is for any parents who are seeking baptism for their children in the next couple of months.

Bambinelli Blessing on Gaudete Sunday This year we can once again return to the tradition started by Pope Francis a few years ago for children (and adults) to bring their infant Jesus figures from their cribs to be blessed at the end of Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent 12th December.

Advent Youth Mass (for 11–16-year-olds) at St Michael's on Friday 17th December at 6.00pm followed by refreshments. All Welcome!

Zoom Blessing of cribs at home 4th Sunday of Advent 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>

Advent Preparations at Home An ideal way to prepare for the true spirit of Christmas is to gather at home and celebrate the Advent Feast. Some of you experienced this in the hall at St Michael's a couple of years ago but it is intended that this is something you can do yourself at home. All the instructions for how to celebrate the Advent Feast can be found by downloading the booklet of our website on the [Online Mass and Activities page](#).

Sign up for CAFOD Advent reflections: These reflections have been very popular and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit our Interactive online <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar> There are also free Advent children's liturgy resources that parish catechists may find useful. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

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

SVP monthly Coffee/tea get together CANCELLED: Due to the current Covid situation we have been told that the children will not be coming from the school to the meeting this week. Our members have agreed that in the light of this change and concerns about the new variant that we will cancel the coffee morning scheduled for this week.

For Attendees at 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Michael's Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. There will be NO Saturday Vigil Mass (for Sunday Dec 26th) on December 25th. This week you will be asked if you are intending to go instead to one of our Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish Masses on Sunday December 26th. Please let us know which Mass you hope to attend, and how many of your family will be with you, so that we can try to accommodate you safely.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB SS Peter & Paul annual subscriptions of £12 are now due. Many thanks for your continued support. All proceeds to church upkeep.

Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets are on sale. All Proceeds in aid of church maintenance. First Prize £50.00, Second Prize £25.00, Third Prize £15.00, Fourth Prize £10.00, Fifth Prize A Bottle of Brandy, Sixth Prize A Bottle of Whiskey, Seventh Prize A Bottle of Vodka, Eighth Prize A Bottle of Gin and Ninth Prize A Bottle of Wine. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Carmelite Christmas Cards will be available at £2.50 for a pack of 5 of the same design and 60p for a single large card. Please have plenty of change with you! Thank you for supporting the work of the Carmelite Sisters.

Ex Cathedra Christmas Music by Candlelight at St Peter's Saturday 11th December at 7.30 pm. For more details and to book tickets <https://tinyurl.com/2emexhrr>

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.

Live More Simply this Advent and Christmas: All are welcome to join the next online meeting of the Diocesan Climate Group on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm via Zoom. Inspired by COP26 even more parishes and schools across the Archdiocese have signed up to CAFOD's *livesimply* award, as we look to reduce our carbon footprints. In this webinar we will ask what decarbonisation actually means and how parishes can support a carbon reduction. Please register here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/living-more-simply-this-advent-and-christmas

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE Sat 11th December 2pm-4.30pm St Michael's church hall. Raffle and refreshments. Free entry. All Proceeds to Catholic Women's League Charities Info: Sarah 07948 963325

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

Walking together – the Synodal Path

Walking Together is a special time of prayer, listening, dialogue and recommendations. We will all have the chance to respond to the request of the Pope to dream about the Church we are called to be. In the new year there will be opportunities to come together in various ways to discuss a number of questions around the three key concepts that shape 'walking together': ***Communion, Participation and Mission***. You can find out more online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023> By reflecting and engaging in dialogue with each other on these and other questions, which we will share in full over the next few weeks, and by asking the Holy Spirit to grant us his wisdom and grace to help us to weigh up what is important to God, we will discern the path we are called to walk together. As a parish, we will submit our responses to these questions to Archbishop Bernard by the end of March 2022, who will, in turn, submit a 10-page document to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales in June next year. Submissions from around the world will then ultimately feed into the Synod in Rome planned for Oct 2023.

How do I prepare myself for the parish meetings that happen after Christmas? During Advent the diocese have provided questions to help you reflect on the three areas: Communion, Participation and Mission This week we look at ***Communion***:

1. In what ways does the Catholic Church enhance your life?
2. Which of your concerns does the Church fail or struggle to respond to?
3. How is the Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?
4. How might the Church improve its decision-making processes?
5. The last two years has been challenging. In your experience, how has your faith been supported? How would you like your faith to be supported in the future?

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.

Life Charity Shop 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (Tel 01902 420656). More donations are always welcome. For more information ring Rosalie (01902 330553)

Life Caring Outreach continues to welcome donations of cots, pushchairs and other baby items. We are frequently asked to help needy families and your generosity makes a real difference to the care of babies and toddlers. Any one in need of such practical help can contact us via the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. This Helpline also offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is worried about a pregnancy related issue, or who has experienced loss of a pregnancy.

Crisp-packet recycling. This scheme suggested by our young people at St Michael's has returned: notices will remind you to sanitise if you touch the bin with your hands, as you do with other items at church. Most people bring packets which have had a few days' "rest" at home to help mitigate any risk attached to them of spreading disease: thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The Food Collection continues after all Masses at our 3 churches and in the car park (weather permitting!) at St Michael's on Tues 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. All donations (particularly those of UNWRAPPED toys, selection boxes and hot water bottles) are greatly appreciated. This week's donations have been distributed by a free 'pop up' shop at Warstones Primary School. A huge thank you to 'The Homeless Period Wolverhampton' Charity for their donation of feminine hygiene products which have been shared between 4 city primary schools.

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

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 for anyone who wants to make a one-off donation. If someone is giving regularly, however, Standing Orders are still best. The new "Donate" button is linked to the new system of Card Readers which we hope to install shortly. These will enable people to use their card or mobile phone for their offertory giving as they enter the church.

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 28th November 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	135.68	211.03	59.00	
Gift Aid	65.00	72.00	46.00	

Second collection this weekend 5th December 2021: Poor Parishes Fund

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: 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: 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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