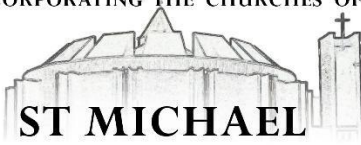




# THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



## ST MICHAEL SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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### 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Gerry Murtagh RIP*  
9.00 am St Bernadette *Alan Willetts RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Asking God's Mercy & Grace*  
11.30 am St Michael *Simon & Chris Starkey*  
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar service*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Monday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5.45pm St Michael *Adoration*

6.30pm St Michael *Sr Sophia - Thanksgiving*

### 9<sup>th</sup> December Tuesday Advent Feria

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Jeff Ambler*

7.00 pm St Michael's: *St Edmund's Candlelit Carol Service*

### 10<sup>th</sup> December Wednesday Advent Feria

12.15pm St Michael *Neil Howard RIP*

### 11<sup>th</sup> December Thursday Advent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette *Adoration*

12.00 pm St Michael *Carolina Dias Juilano*

### 12<sup>th</sup> December Friday Advent Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly*  
12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Adoration*

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Patrick Guiton RIP*  
*Followed by confessions*

### 13<sup>th</sup> December Saturday Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

10.30am St Michael *Adoration*  
11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

3.00pm **Christmas Walk of Witness** *Begining at St John's in the Square, Wolverhampton.*

### 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER GAUDETE SUNDAY (Bambinelli Blessings)

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Richard Hall RIP*  
9.00 am St Bernadette *Joe Eades RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Chris Walsh RIP*  
11.30 am St Michael *Ann Palmer 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](mailto:pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

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**St Michael's Hall Bookings:** [sca@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.sfscmac.co.uk)

**For Online Masses, go to** [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sg.stcarlo.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 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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<https://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews>

# Advent Activities

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH OF EACH CHURCH.** Please make use of them to help us pray each day and make Advent a real time of spiritual renewal.

**FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON** Saturday 13th December Join Mary, Joseph and friends for a joyful City Centre Nativity Parade, beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3.00pm and concluding in St Peter's Square for refreshments around 4.30pm. Enjoy storytelling and carol singing as the journey unfolds

**WANTED: STEWARDS** to walk with the participants and help especially at road junctions. Stewards' Briefing at 2.30 at St John's in the Square Church. High Vis waistcoats will be provided. **READERS** to tell the story.

**KNITTED OR CROCHETED STARS** to give out along the route.

Please let Fr Mark Know if you can help in any way by emailing [sca@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sca@rcaob.org.uk)

**COPIES OF THE BOOKLET FOR THE ADVENT SUPPER** are available on our parish website. This is a simple resource for a family meal at home which celebrates the spiritual meaning of Advent. [Advent Feast \(carloacutis.co.uk\)](http://carloacutis.co.uk)

**GAUDETE SUNDAY BLESSING OF CRIBS (Bambinelli Blessings)** Please remember to bring your cribs or models of the Infant Jesus to church next Sunday so that they can be blessed before you set them up in your home.

**ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6.30 – 8.00pm at St Michael's Church, Coalway Road.** There are several churches in the city available on this evening for you to be able to go to confession.

# News and Activities

**A MESSAGE FROM FR MARK** I have some sad news for the parish as Sr Lydwin will be leaving us at the end of January to return home to India. She has spent 22 years on the mission here in England of which 10 years have been here in our parish. Sr Lydwin's presence at St Michael's has provided a spiritual anchor at the church. Her dedication and welcome have been the foundation of all that we have been able to achieve as we have hosted so many parish events bringing our three communities together. Her visits to the housebound have kept so many in touch with parish life and by setting up the Lay Associates of St Ann she has provided a new family of prayer within the parish. She will be greatly missed but we pray for her new mission back at home in India and wish her every blessing for the future.

***There will be a special farewell reception on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm in St Michael's Hall.***

**A NEW DEACON** will be joining us in the parish from January until the summer. Jonathan Henry has been training for the priesthood in Rome and is being ordained Deacon at Oscott College on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December. He will then stay with us as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood. Please keep Jonathan in your prayers as he prepares for ordination.

**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](mailto:lizyeo@btinternet.com) or Teresa on [teresascragg9@gmail.com](mailto:teresascragg9@gmail.com) or text Teresa on 07979697068

**DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR** At 12.15pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at St Chad's Cathedral, His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year. He would like to invite representatives from around the Archdiocese of Birmingham to join him, and particularly those who have made Pilgrimages during this Holy Year, especially to Rome.

If you would like to attend, you must please let Paul Northam (Diocesan Co-ordinator for the Jubilee Year) know via the following details so that the Cathedral can make sure everyone can be accommodated: [paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 321 5148.

**CAROLS, QUIZ AND FESTIVE SHARED LUNCH FOR ALL.** Thursday 11th December, St Michael's Church Hall, from 12.30pm for 1.00pm lunch, then entertainment. Christmas clothing optional but encouraged.

Bring something tasty for the buffet table (labelled). No need to book.

by Catholic Women's League. Details from Sarah: [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**RECEPTION FOR OUR CHURCH CLEANERS, STEWARDS AND FLOWER ARRANGERS** Will take place in Giffard House on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm-8.00pm.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE** invite you to the Wombourne Civic Carol Concert, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm, Wombourne Civic Centre.

**THE REQUIEM MASS FOR SR. MARY STELLA** will be at 10.00am, on Monday, 15th December, at the Carmelite Monastery. There will be light refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

**TWO CHOIRS ONE CHRISTMAS** Featuring *Anthem Voices* and *The People's Show Choir*. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Michael's Church. Refreshments and Charity Raffle. Tickets £10 for adults, £6.00 for under 12s. For tickets email [anthemvoices@hotmail.com](mailto:anthemvoices@hotmail.com)

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

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

## Mission and Outreach

**MAKING CHRIST PRESENT IN CHRIST-MAS** at the Parish Council it was discussed how important it is to bear witness to the birth of Jesus during the secular celebrations all around us. Please use all your social media tools to share photos of Cribs and other Religious Christmas images in order to make Christ known and loved this Christmas!

**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:



**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.

**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 located 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](mailto:pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

**BETHLEHEM'S BAUBLES** One way to support both the church and help families in Bethlehem is through the purchase of a bauble/peace light from [Bethlehem Baubles: Authentic Handmade Christmas Decorations](#). There are leaflets in each of the churches and there are items on sale for Easter as well as Christmas for those planning ahead! For every bauble/peace light purchased using the code C24 you will get a 5% discount, and the parish will get £3.50 in commission. If we order over 10 items as a parish then the postage will be free.

There will be a Parish Order and the last day to order and hopefully save on postage will be 15th December. You can order via [sca@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sca@rcaob.org.uk). You are welcome to order individually and pay postage but please use the code C24 to get your discount and for the parish to get commission.

Any queries, please contact Marie Yeo on [pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or Catherine Arthurs at St Michaels Church.

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

**OPERATION ELF - GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS.** We are so grateful for your donations and happy to report that 27 One4All vouchers for £15 are on their way to be distributed. God bless, your friends of Catholic Women's League CIO Wolverhampton.


## Finance

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:** 7<sup>th</sup> December Poor Parishes Fund

**ST CARLO ACUTIS GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** tickets are out on sale. A strip is £2.00. **The Draw will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 which entitles the members to one chance in the Monthly Draw. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

**Winners of SCA 300 Club November Draw** No. 57A Raphael Gauden £75.00, No. 230 Marion Visentin £10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> November 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				43.00	25.00	68.00	
Non-Gift Aid	193.56	530.10	139.62	359.00	8.00	1230.28	
Attendance	233	79,209	90			611	
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 on 16<sup>th</sup> December and will be back on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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, Rosa Tse, 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:** Mary Carty, Mary Pratt, Sr Mary Stella of the Carmelite Monastery, Michael Foley, Sr Teresa Joseph of the Carmelite Monastery. **May they rest in peace.**

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