



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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23rd FEBRUARY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Gilly Wallace RIP*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Gigliola & Nicola Iafigliola*
11.30 am St Michael *Pro populo*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 24th February Feria

5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm St Michael *Robert Robbins RIP*

Tuesday 25th February Feria

6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 26th February Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

Thursday 27th February Feria

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 pm St Michael Service of Word and Holy Communion

Friday 28th February Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*
12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration 12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Dominic Obakpolor Efosa*
Followed by Confessions

Saturday 1st March

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

2nd MARCH EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Rose Quinn RIP*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Robert & May Beare*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Paucic Folan RIP*
11.30 am St Michael *Pro populo*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant:** Rev Fr. Alex Taylor,

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney, Rev. Mr Gerry Bowen.

Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Lydwin, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Office: 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND, 01902 341343 **Parish House,** 51 North Street, 01902 423005

St Michael's Hall Bookings: bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk **St. Bernadette's Hall:** Alison Banyard, 07581 340921

Hospital Chaplaincy New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352

Catholic Education from 3-19: sfscmac.co.uk

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk **Parish Facebook page:** @carloacutisparish

Mass at Carmelite Monastery, every day at 9.00am.

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 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.

News and Activities

YOUTH VIGIL FOR VOCATIONS

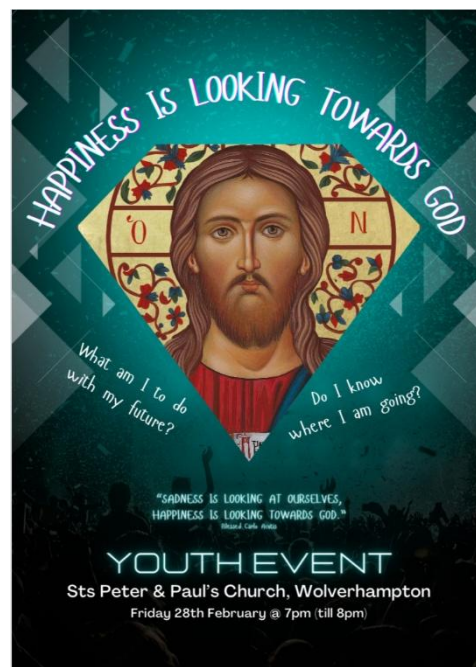
During this month we are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, Consecrated and Religious life. Our final Deanery Event will be this **Friday 28th February 7.00pm – 8.00pm: Youth Prayer Vigil at Ss Peter and Paul. All Welcome!**

DUDLEY AND WOLVERHAMPTON DEANERY VOCATIONS PRAYER

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love,
impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel
to our young people,

that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God.
Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will.

O Mary, Mother of all vocations, **PRAY FOR US.**



CANONISATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS This takes place on **Sunday 27th April 2025. This is the Sunday after Easter Sunday.** Remember, there will only be **ONE MASS** in the parish that Weekend. That means there will be

NO 5.30pm Saturday Mass at St Michael's,

NO 9.00 am Mass at St Bernadette's and

NO 10.15 am Mass at SS Peter & Paul.

Please put this in your diaries now and tell everyone you know, so **that no one turns up for Mass at those churches that weekend.**

CARLO'S COFFEE CLUB Our Speaker this Tuesday 25th at 10.30am will be **Fr Mamdouh Abusada.** He will be speaking to us **live from his parish in Bethlehem.** This is a very special opportunity for us to hear how our brothers and sisters are living in the midst of such difficulties caused by the present conflict in the Holy Land. Fr Mamdouh set up a special school for local children with learning difficulties. You can find out more by following the link <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/school-of-joy>



Anyone who wants to listen to his talk is very welcome to join us. Email Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com for more details on how to join in. The session lasts for an hour.

ARE ANY PARISHIONERS INTERESTED IN CREATIVE WRITING AND SPOKEN WORD? Janet Chand is looking to set up a small group to focus on Christ's Passion. If successful, an anthology will be produced. Eventually other religions will be approached to encourage community cohesion. Janet Chand 07494391961 or janet.chand@hotmail.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE The Safeguarding procedures of the Bishops of England and Wales now require that EVERYONE who volunteers in anyway in the life of the parish needs to be registered. This is for your own safeguarding as much as for anyone else. For example, it is important that we have a next of kin contact for you if you became ill or had an accident at church. So, we need to register **EVERYONE**, whether you are a Cleaner, Minister of the Eucharist, Reader, Musician, Steward, Flower Arranger, and so on. To gather this information, you can either register yourself immediately by using this QR code, or next week there will be someone in the porch at every Mass with a laptop and they will take your details. It is a very simple exercise and will only take about a minute.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for all. Friday 7th March 2pm Wombourne United Reform Church, High Street. WV5 9DN
7pm Springdale Methodist Church, Warstones Road, Penn. WV4 4LF Theme **'I made you wonderful'** Psalm 139:14
REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER 11.30AM MASS. Join your fellow parishioners for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits and lots of friendly chat after every Sunday Mass in St Michael's Church Hall. All donations made go to charity. If you would like to help set up/serve then speak to or message Sarah: 07948 963325 Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

JOINT CHOIR PRACTICES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM The three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, are the most important services in the Church's year. We would like as many people as possible to join the choir so that we can celebrate these days with great dignity. Please consider coming along to our practices on the following **Friday evenings at 7.00pm at St Michael's Church**: March 14th, March 28th, April 4th, April 11th. Many thanks.

FUND RAISING FOR THE CANONISATION We are in a very privileged position having the first millennial saint as our patron. As you can imagine there many financial costs to such a wonderful event as a canonisation and there will be some opportunities for you to help cover some of those costs. The first of these is a raffle, and an Italian evening at which the raffle will be drawn. The raffle tickets are being ordered so if you have donations of bottles, chocolates, gift vouchers, toiletries etc please give them to one of the stewards. The Italian evening will take place on Friday May 9th in St Michael's Hall. Tickets will be on sale later. Thanking you all in anticipation.

PRISON VISITING/WELCOMING EX-OFFENDERS If you are interested in becoming a prison visitor and/or would like to become part of a welcome group in the parish for ex-offenders, please let Erik Pearse (erik.pearse@zen.co.uk) know by **next Sunday (February 23rd)** A visit to Oakwood prison is planned for early June.

SVP TEA/COFFEE SESSION: Monday 10th March at 1.00pm at St Michael's church hall. On Thursday 27th February at St Bernadette's church hall at 11.00am. All are welcome.

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP (ages 0-5 years). We get together every Friday 9am-11am during term-time in St Michael's Church Hall. Bring your little ones along. Unlimited tea, coffee and squash plus fruit and toast. Further details from Sarah: 07948 963325

THE ARCHDIOCESE IS RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR POSITIONS:

- **Operations Director**
- **IT Manager**
- **Finance Manager**
- **Gift Aid Officer**

Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. If you think you have the skills, please do apply. Thank you,

WHATSAPP PARISH NEWS UPDATES With this new system if you scan this QR code you will be able to receive the bulletin every week and any other important parish news.



Mission and Outreach

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH We look forward to your continued support for our shop during 2025. Please leave donations of clothes and bric-a-brac in our collecting boxes at St Michael's and St Bernadette's, or take them direct to the shop at 12 Lichfield Street in the city centre. We also welcome gifts of baby clothes and equipment, which we hand on to the local families who need our support. If you have baby items to donate and can't take them to church, please ring Rosalie on 01902330553 to arrange collection.

FOOD COLLECTION: Donations of food (tinned/dried/cereal/ biscuits etc), toiletries (shampoo/toothpaste and toothbrushes/ sanitary products/soap) AND essential household items (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/ washing powder) are greatly appreciated by our Free School Meal families. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES – Thank You! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to supporting our vulnerable families this half-term. Thanks to your generous food donations, Aldi Orange gift cards and support from Greggs (via EastWest Aid) we have been able to deliver essential supplies to families across St Martin's, Grove and Field View schools. More than 35 children (and their families) have benefitted. Your kindness makes a real difference, especially to those receiving additional support from social services or other agencies, ensuring they have what they need during the break. We are truly grateful for your generosity and community spirit. Thank you for being part of this effort to care for one another.

JUBILEE PLEDGE To mark the Year of Jubilee, you might like 'to recommit to our global family by pledging a transformative monthly gift.' You can do this online by going to <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025> CAFOD Jubilee Year to pledge £2, £10 or whatever sum you like, and you will receive weekly Gospel reflections.

Finance



You can donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection through the website by using this QR code.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		60.00	10.00	25.00		95.00
Non-Gift Aid	154.47	428.14	120.64	98.00	10.00	811.25
Attendance	227	109, 189	86			611
<i>Standing Order: January 2025 £4426.04</i>						
<i>Second Collection 2nd March Cathedral Maintenance</i>						

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 300 CLUB:

The Annual Subscriptions are now due. Kindly pay Sr Lydwin 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.

BCA 300 Club January Draw Winners: No. 127 Percy Nduka £75.00, No. 53A Bernadette Walton £10.00

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 Thursday 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 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 meet in the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's on Tuesdays at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARMEL MONASTERY: Every Sunday from 4.30pm until after vespers at 5.40pm. and every first Friday of the month from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. All are welcome.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Pat Grady, Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Zsofia Toth, Dennis Oparaji, Christine Ball, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Andy Hyatt, Johnny Burke, Charles Halldron, Ben McKearney, Steve Kavanagh, Antony Cosgrove, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, 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: James Collins, Margaret Gay, Dominic Efosa, Alan Nicholls, Gilly Wallace, **May they rest in peace.**

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