



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



## ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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### 9th FEBRUARY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Jean Greenwood</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Tom Collis RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Rose &amp; Carmel</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Pro populo</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February St Scholastica

2.00pm St Bernadette Mass with School	6.30pm St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i>
5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Our Lady of Lourdes

9.00am St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i>	6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Holy Souls</i>
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#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Feria

11.30am St Michael *DEANERY VOCATIONS MASS FOR SCHOOLS*

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February Feria

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	4.30pm St Michael Vigil Reception <i>Gilly Wallace RIP</i>
12.00 pm St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i>	

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Saints Cyril and Methodius

9.30 am St Bernadette <i>Pat Poole RIP</i>	12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration
12.30 pm St Michael <i>Funeral Service for Gilly Wallace RIP</i>	12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Patrick Guiton RIP</i>
	<i>Followed by Confessions</i>

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February Feria

10.00am St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i>	11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	

### 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Brendan McLoughlin RIP</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Anne Palmer RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Ken McClure &amp; the Macarri Family RIP</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

**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.

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

**Catholic Education from 3-19:** [sfscmac.co.uk](http://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, 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](mailto:sg.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 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

## FEBRUARY MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

During this month we are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, Consecrated and Religious life. There are two special opportunities to pray for vocations with others from our deanery:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 am: Mass for Vocations with schools from the deanery at St Michael's Penn.**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**VISITATION OPEN MEETING:** Please could all those who addressed the Pastoral Council Open Meeting with the Archbishop on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, send in their notes (however brief, regardless of spellings etc) so that, as the Archbishop requested, a copy of the presentations can be sent on. There are minutes, but your own words will flesh these out. Please send to [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) and they will be forwarded to the Pastoral Council.

**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.

Only the parish priest can put up notices. Your phone number is only visible to him and people whom you have previously given your phone number to.

**All other members will not see your full phone number in this system.**

*(A few weeks ago, Fr Mark tried to set up a system but unfortunately, it was done in a way that everyone could see everyone else's phone numbers, so it was immediately turned off!)*

**In this system your personal data is completely safe.**



**SVP COFFEE/TEA AFTERNOON** Please come and join us in St. Michael's Church Hall at 1pm on Monday 10th February. A wonderful opportunity to make friends and have fun. All are welcome.

**JOINT CHOIR PRACTICE: CHANGE OF VENUE!** Please could all singers and musicians from all three churches come to a Joint Practice on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.00pm at St Michael's Church.** (Not SS Peter & Paul) We have some important events coming up: This year, as one parish, we are all celebrating Maundy Thursday and Good Friday together as well as the Easter Vigil. We then have the Canonisation Mass the Sunday after Easter, so we need to start planning as soon as possible. Many thanks, Fr Mark



**CARLO'S COFFEE CLUB** has been meeting since February 2021: It is a chance to catch up with others whilst sharing a coffee in the comfort of your own home. We have a guest speaker at each meeting. **It is open to** anyone 60+ in the parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

**We meet** online (but meet in person at the end of each season)

**On** Tuesday mornings **fortnightly** from 10.30am to 11.30am

If you would like to join but are uncertain of the technicalities of using the internet, practical help is available to guide you through the process. All you need is either a mobile phone, tablet, computer or laptop and we can help sort the rest.

**Interested?** Email Judith at [wolvesdy@gmail.com](mailto:wolvesdy@gmail.com) for more details on how to join in.

**FREE WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY EXHIBITION** Blessed Carlo Acutis parishioner and local artist **Roy Pope** presents highlights from his 35-year career as a sculptor in glass, ceramics and wood at the Wolverhampton Art Gallery on Lichfield Street The exhibition celebrates Roy's work for churches and schools across our region. The exhibition is located on the ground floor of the art gallery and is open until the end of March 2025. Entry is free.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY AT NEW CROSS** There is some confusion about the Chaplaincy cover at the hospital. There is sadly no priest working full time in the Chaplaincy team but there is a rota whereby if any Catholic is dying, a priest from the deanery will come in to administer the sacraments. Both Fr Alex and Fr Mark are on the rota.

**In an emergency**, speak to the Ward Staff or the switchboard and ask them to ring the on call Catholic Chaplain. For general Catholic support and Holy Communion, there is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, Bernadette Brady, who is a registered volunteer and goes in every week. Deacon Gerry has also applied to be a registered volunteer and will be able to start visiting and taking Holy Communion very soon.

**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

**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

## 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. This week's donations and Aldi Orange gift cards have been distributed by St Paul's C of E Primary. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**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.

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT.** Thank you for bringing in your plastic sweet tubs for recycling. They have been taken to be recycled via our local Greene King pub (the scheme ends on Sunday 16th February). All proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

## Finance

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



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		40.00	10.00			50.00
Non-Gift Aid	337.84	455.43	90.34	173.00	15.00	1071.61
Attendance	245	107, 186	75			613

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		40.00	5.00			45.00
Non-Gift Aid	197.24	470.87	82.52	129.00	30.00	909.63
Attendance	263	89, 201	80			633
Standing Order: January 2025 £4426.04						

**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 £50 and second prize £10. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish. **Members at St Michael's please collect your new cards from Sr Lydwin this weekend.**

## 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.

**CANONISATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS** This takes place on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This is the Sunday after Easter Sunday.** The parish Council have set up a working party and we are just beginning to put forward ideas for this very important moment in the life of our parish. There will only be **ONE MASS** in the parish that Sunday. That means there will be **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 on that morning.

**The Parish Mass for the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes** at St Michael's, but we are not sure what time it will be yet. The plan is that we might be able to get large screens to watch together the first part of the canonisation in Rome and then celebrate Mass possibly around 10.30 am but this time will be established soon and then advertised. We are then looking into setting up a large Marquee on the large lawn in front of the church for a Grand Reception. If you have any other ideas about these celebrations, please contact the Parish Working Party by emailing [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:** 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, Margaret Gay, 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, 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:** Alan Nicholls, Gilly Wallace, Terence Warr, Pat Poole, Annie Davies, Anne Palmer, Ronald Barnett. **May they rest in peace.**

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