



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

SUNDAY 11th February 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Sylvia Carroll RIP*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Charlie Beare Birthday*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Adrian Fisher*

11.30 am St Michael *Joe Hurley RIP*

5.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

Monday 12th Feria

5.45 pm St Michael *Adoration*

6.30 pm St Michael *Pro populo MC,*

Terence and Eunice Cosgrove AT

Tuesday 13th Feria

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Chris, Gavin & Family*

Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 am St Bernadette *May Goodenough RIP*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Salvatore Finazzo RIP*

7.00pm St Michael *Lewis & Ann Palmer*

Thursday 15th February 2024 Lent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.30 pm St Michael *Requiem Brendan McLoughlin RIP*

Friday 16th February 2024 Lent Feria

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Stations of the Cross*

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Collis, McElmeel & Delaney Family*

Deceased

1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Confessions*

6.30pm St Michael *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 17th February 2024 Lent Feria

10.00am St Michael *Michael Bailey RIP*

Followed by Retreat Morning including Adoration.

SUNDAY 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *John & Beryl Kelly*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Bernadette Davey RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Martin Kearney RIP*

5.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

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 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.

DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

In February, the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery will be hosting a series of vocation events,
“Listening to God’s Call”

There will be three online sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7pm:

20th Feb: **Consecrated Life**, 27th Feb: **Marriage and Single Life**. 5th March: **Priesthood and Diaconate**,

Everyone is welcome to join the sessions. The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxemTzmzdH7JJSld.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202, Passcode: 218505 *These meetings will be recorded and will be available on YouTube afterwards.*

THANK YOU to all who supported the first Deanery Schools Mass for Vocations last Wednesday.

The next Mass will on **Thursday 22nd February at 5pm at St Joseph’s, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton**

For more information, please contact: deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk

WHATSAPP PRAYER GROUP FOR VOCATIONS The Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery Vocations Group have set up a WhatsApp Prayer Group with the aim of forming a ‘prayer bank’ for Vocations month in February. We started with a target of 1000 Hail Marys collectively, which we have achieved.

If you are interested in joining the prayer bank to offer prayers for vocations, then please email:

deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk with your name and mobile number and ask to be added to the WhatsApp Prayer Group. **Please note that for safeguarding purposes, participants must be aged 18 years and over.**

News and Activities.

LENT begins this Wednesday **14th February!** There are three Masses in the parish for the distribution of Ashes.

St Bernadette at 10.00 am, SS Peter & Paul at 12.30 pm, and St Michael at 7.00 pm. *Our world is very much in need of our prayers and fasting this year, please consider carefully what you will take up for your Lenten observances.*

HALF-DAY RETREAT – SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY Mass 10am, 10.30am tea and coffee, 11am Adoration with Lent Talk (confessions available 11.00 to 11.30am), Ending with Midday Prayer and Benediction at 12.15pm. Please bring your own lunch and we will eat together to finish the retreat. Hot drinks provided.

RITE OF ELECTION AT ST CHAD’S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY AT 3.00PM Those being baptised and confirmed at Easter are invited to be welcomed by the Archbishop in his Cathedral at this special ceremony. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

CITY CENTRE ECUMENICAL LENT TALKS Following the Holy Father’s Call for us to focus on the Lord’s Prayer this year in preparing for the Holy Year in 2025, the City Centre Lent Talks will all focus on different phrases in the Lord’s Prayer. All the talks will be at St Peter’s Collegiate Church every Monday in Lent. Soup and rolls will be served from 12.00 noon and the talks will be from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. See the notice board in the porches for more information. The first talk on Monday 19th February will be given by Mgr Canon Mark Crisp and he will be talking on the first phrase: *“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”*

SVP TEA/COFFEE AFTERNOON Resumes on Monday 12th February, 1.00pm in St. Michael’s Hall. All are very welcome. Please come along, we look forward to seeing you.

ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS CELEBRATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP

Saturday 24th February at 12.00 Noon at St Mary the Mount, Walsall WS1 3NX

The Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Mission gather in collaboration with the local Deaneries, Parishes and Schools to celebrate our unity with the Chair of Peter. Mass will be followed by a social time in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to wear traditional dress and bring flags to display in Church and to bring food to share afterwards. For further information and to advise of numbers coming please contact either:-

Father Malcolm Glaze: fr.malcolm.glaze@rcaob.org.uk Monsignor Canon Mark Crisp: mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Priest of St Mary the Mount Father Jobin Kollappallil: fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk or

Monsignor Daniel McHugh, Co-ordinator at: co-ordinator. ethnic.chaplaincies@rcaob.org.uk 07812 110640

SYNOD 2024 A group of parishioners who attend SS Peter & Paul would like to continue their synodal discussions in preparation for the next global meeting of the Synod in October. If you would like to join them, they are meeting after the Sunday Mass at SS Peter & Paul **for the next three weeks starting next Sunday**. All are most welcome!

NEW PARISH YOUTH GROUP will begin on **Friday 23rd February** 7.00-8.30pm in the Guild Room at SS Peter & Paul. All young people of the parish from year 9 upwards are welcome. More details next week.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- 1ST MARCH The service this year has been written by the **women of Palestine**, You are invited to join congregations across the world for this powerful prayerful service at **St Benedict Biscop Church Wombourne at 2pm** or **St Michael's Church at 7pm** Refreshments will be available after each service.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI **Monday 4th November to Sunday 10th November**.

There is now a dedicated Website for our trip <https://www.icjourneys.com/carlosacutis>

If you are thinking of going, please do book as soon as possible. At present there are only 8 people booked and we might have to consider cancelling the pilgrimage if no one else books.

Please book directly with our Travel Agent: JCTours Ltd Contact them on 01886 812 862 or enquiries@icjourneys.com

RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES many thanks from the SVP for recycling your used cartridges with us. Over the past two years we have raised over £300 for charity from this effort. Please continue to support us in 2024.

MEETING FOR WOMEN OF THE PARISH & BEYOND. All ladies welcome to this month's Catholic Women's League shared lunch and meeting. Thurs 15th February from 12.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall.

Bring food for our shared buffet table, hot drinks provided. Make new friends, pray together, help create opportunities to make a difference to those in need locally, nationally and internationally.

Contact Sarah for details: 07948 963325 Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

ST EDMUNDS ACADEMY 2024 CALENDARS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND from Fr Alex (9am SB and 11.30am SM) and Deacon Mick (5.30pm SM and SSPP 10.15am) this weekend. Suggested donation £5.00. All proceeds go towards fundraising for our students to go on the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage in May. Please support as you can.

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP for 5 years and under held in St Michael's Church Hall each Friday during term time from 9-11. All welcome. Only £1.50 with biscuits and fruit plus unlimited tea and coffee. Further details: Sarah 07948963325 or Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

JOB ADVERTISEMENT Safeguarding Advisor Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) Salary range: £33,000 to £40,000 p.a. plus benefits The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced safeguarding professional, with a social work, police, LADO, probation, or other relevant background, with multiagency safeguarding experience, to join its Safeguarding Team [Jobs & Volunteering Opportunities | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs-volunteering)

CRAFT FAYRE at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Road, Penn. WV4 5PY Sunday 11th February, 12pm-3pm. Free entry. Unique gifts for all occasions, including Mothering Sunday in March. Stalls available. Contact Sarah: 07948 963325

Mission and Outreach

FOOD BANK: This week's donations have been distributed by SS Mary & John Catholic Primary Academy. Would you consider donating some essential household items such as washing powder/washing up liquid/toilet or kitchen roll OR dried/tins/jars of food OR toiletries such as shampoo/soap/toothbrushes/toothpaste/sanitary products please? Thank you so much for your continued support. Your donations are a lifeline to so many struggling families.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH

Our shop at 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG is doing well thanks to your continuing donations of clothes and other goods. It would welcome more volunteer helpers. If you want to find what is involved please pop in and see Darren, our new manager. For our outreach care work we still need donations of baby clothes and equipment. If you can help please call Rosalie on 01902 330553. At present we're particularly short of clothes for babies up to 3 months old, and pushchairs for all age groups.

APPEAL FOR SUDAN Diane Welch is running in the Brighton Half Marathon (13.1 miles!) on Sunday February 25th in order to raise much needed money for Sr Angelina and the children in Sudan.

Sponsor forms will be available in the porch at St Michael's if you would like to support the children AND encourage Diane to the finishing line!

FARESHARE is at St Michael's Church Hall on Wednesday February 14th at 1.45pm. FareShare is the UK's biggest charity fighting hunger and tackling food waste.

HANDS ON Madhupur If you would like to become more closely involved with CAFOD's work, you could sign up for Hands On. At present, the *Hands On* project is in Bangladesh, working with the Garo people in the Madhupur rainforest. If you go to cafod.org.uk/hands or ring 0303 303 3030 and create a regular donation to go towards the project, you will get regular updates, where you will be able to read more about the area and the people with whom CAFOD is working. If you like, you can specify that you would like the updates by post.

CAFOD Family Fast Day (FFD) appeal – Lent Collection at Masses: Parishioners are invited to join in FFD on 23rd February 2024. This Lent, your donations will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools, and training to feed their families for good. Please join us in praying with James, that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. You can donate in church by using the FFD envelope or donate online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS LENT: This Lent, to challenge yourself you can also take on CAFOD's Big Lent Walk! That's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, mambo or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down England and Wales conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter. Sign up here! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

THE BIG LENT WALK - CAFOD 2024: Petula will be taking on the Big Lent Walk! 200km in 40 days throughout Lent, to raise funds to help fight and overcome global poverty. If you wish to sponsor Petula, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Petula: Big Lent Walk' and leave at your church or you can donate via the following online link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/the-big-lent-walk-20242024> Every step we take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on! Thank you.

Finance

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 28th January and 4th February 2024							
		SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Reader	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	28-1-2024	293.01	315.46	57.70	76.00		742.17
	4-2-2024	280.51	332.12	62.81	73.00		748.44
Gift Aid	28-1-2024	10.00	79.00	14.50	43.00		146.50
	4-2-2024	10.00	106.00	22.00	38.00		176.00
Standing Order: January 2024: £4311.25							

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. 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 Meetings will resume to 4th 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 5pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

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. We look forward to many families joining us.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Jan Taylor, Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, 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, Johnny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, 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: Mary McKensie, Riccardo Massacano, Brendan McLaughlin, Madaleine Stride, Fr John Lungley, Richard Hall, Gerry Knowles, Michael Shaffery, Tom Kenny, Albert Smith, Jean Cooper.
May they rest in peace.