



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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15th FEBRUARY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Sr. Lydwin
9.00 am St Bernadette Siobhan

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Bro. Dominic Efosa Obakpolor
11.30 am St Michael John Murphy RIP
4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service

16th February Monday Feria in Ordinary Time

5.45pm St Michael Adoration

6.30pm St Michael John O'Sullivan RIP

17th February Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time

6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul Lady Chapel Holy Souls

18th February Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting and Abstinence

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10.00am St Bernadette John Abbiss RIP
12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Pro populo

7.00pm St Michael John Murphy RIP

19th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12.00pm St Michael James Collins

20th February Friday after Ash Wednesday

11.00am St Michael Requiem Mass John Murphy RIP
12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Guiseppa Filosa RIP
Followed by Confessions

21st February Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10.30am St Michael Adoration

11.00am St Michael Confessions

22nd FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Monica Osborne RIP
9.00 am St Bernadette Ed Benedict RIP

10.15am SS Peter & Paul Eliana Ullah
11.30 am St Michael Robert Robbins
4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Gerry Bowen.

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney and Rev. Mr. Jonathan Henry.

Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Sophia and Sr. Ancita, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Administrator: Marie Yeo pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

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

For Online Masses, go to 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 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.

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News and Activities

FEBRUARY MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS This month we are asked to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, Consecrated and Religious life.

LENT

LENT begins this Wednesday February 18th. 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. We then begin our Lenten journey with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. *Please consider carefully what you will take up for your Lenten observances.*

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS with daily prayer reflections for Lent are available this weekend in the porch of each Church.

RITE OF ELECTION AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL NEXT SUNDAY 22nd 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SS Peter & Paul every Friday at 12.00 noon. St Michael Every Friday at 6.30pm and St Bernadette every Wednesday at 10.00am. (starting the week after Ash Wednesday)

THE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS LENT COURSE each week we will follow the **"WE DARE TO ASK"** course from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. This comprises of five sessions which reflect on the Baptismal promises we make or renew at Easter. We meet every Tuesday at Giffard House from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. (Entrance through the church side door). For more information contact mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk

SPONSORED RUN FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP: On Saturday 28th March, Deacon Jonathan will be running a half marathon from Saints Peter and Paul Church to Saint Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, raising funds to subsidise our Youth Group's trip to the KYT Summer Camp at Alton Castle. Over the course of Lent, he is hoping to raise £2,200, covering the cost of ten spaces for our young people on this faith-forming experience. Donations will be gratefully received from next weekend.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE: Lent Reflections 2026 Lunch time reflections: 12 till 12:30 pm Lunch served afterwards, along with drinks **Theme: 'Matthew's Gospel'**

Tues 24th February, Kingsway; Wed 4th March, URC; Tues 10th March, St. Bernadette's; Tues 17th March, Methodist; Tues 24th March, Venerable Bede.

Walk of Witness Friday 3rd April, starting from Methodist Church @ 11:30 am

CITY CENTRE ECUMENICAL LENT TALKS The theme this year is **"FAITH THROUGH ART"**. Each Monday of Lent, five different speakers will reflect on a piece of art that speaks to them of faith in God. All talks will take place in St Peter's Coffee Shop, 4, Exchange Street WV1 1TS. Soup and rolls will be available from 12.00 noon, the talk will begin at 12.30 pm promptly and finish by 1.00 pm, including time for discussion. The first talk on Monday 23rd February will be given by Fr Mark. All welcome.

MORNING RETREAT FOR LENT Save the date! Saturday 7th March. From 10.00 am to a 'bring and share' lunch at 1.00pm at St Michael's Hall.

NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL In line with the Archbishops request in his pastoral letter in 2024 we have now drawn up a new draft constitution using the guidelines from the diocese. It shifts the focus of the council more onto gathering all the active parish groups together so that we can work for a common purpose. To read this new draft, please go to the [Parish News Page of our Website](#). If you have any comments, please send them to mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk We will be having a parish meeting for all parishioners on Saturday 21st March at 3.00pm in St Michael's Hall where we can address this new way forward. All Welcome!

A NEW GENERATION TO DEFEND LIFE *Young proliferators share their reasons for being part of '40 days for Life'*. Sunday 15th Feb at 2pm in St Joseph and St Helen's Church Hall, 84 Northfield Rd, King's Norton B30 1JG. This event kicks off the '40 days for life' campaign for lent this year. This invitation is for all ages. No booking required. For more info or to get involved in the upcoming campaign please contact Isabel at izzyvs@gmail.com

DUDLEY AND WOLVERHAMPTON PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*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.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6th March This year the local services will be at 2pm St Bart's Church Penn or 2pm at St Benedict Biscop Church Wombourne. The service has been prepared by the women of Nigeria. We would appreciate any help from parishioners from Nigeria. Please contact Margaret Pennington (St Michael's) 01902 620909 / 07531227761. or Marese O'Dwyer (St Bernadette's) 01384833548 / 07903496810. We look forward to seeing you at one of the services.

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 28th February at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 welcome, £1 adults, under 18 free. BYO supper and drinks. Tea, coffee and squash available plus Raffle. All proceeds to charity A Child of Mine, for bereaved parents. No need to book. Details from Sarah, Catholic Women's League. Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

ALL LADIES WELCOME TO MEETING OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE in St Michael's Church Hall at 12.30pm on Thursday 19th February. BYO packed lunch, drinks provided. Make new friends, help organise charity fundraisers and support local charities, plus those further afield. Chance to make a real difference with no pressure to participate beyond your own resources. Further information from Sarah. Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

ANNUAL EVESHAM PILGRIMAGE to site of first Marian apparition in England. All welcome. Tuesday 5th May. Coach from St Michael's Church at 9.30am. Free time until Rosary at 2pm followed by Holy Mass then Bring & Share afternoon tea. Celebrant: Fr Alex Taylor (Branch Chaplain of Catholic Women's League CIO Birmingham). Cost £25. Further details from Sarah. Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk. Book early to avoid disappointment. £10 nonrefundable deposit by bank transfer, cash or cheque.

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHS DURING MASS. Following guidance from the Diocese filming and photographs are not permitted during Mass. You are welcome to take photographs/film after the mass has finished as long as the persons included have given their permission.

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

FOR THE LATEST NEWS, ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE <https://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews>

Mission and Outreach

FOOD COLLECTION Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea/coffee), TOILETRIES (shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes/sanitary products/soap/deodorant) and ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/washing powder) are greatly appreciated by our families. Last week's donations and Aldi Orange Gift Cards were distributed by St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you for your continued support

DONATIONS FOR LIFE CHARITY SHOP - Please use the Bank (which is in the rear car park at St Michael's) 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

TUB2PUB IS BACK: Sunday 15th February is your last opportunity to recycle sweet tubs made from polypropylene and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We have taken 45+ to the Bradmore Arms, Trysull Rd to date. Thank you!

CAFOD Family Fast Day (Friday 27th February) This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. Text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10. Thank You.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026: Petula has signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026! This Lent, I'm walking 200km over 40 days in solidarity with those who walk miles each day just to access safe water. Your sponsorship will help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. This Lenten challenge is really important to me, and your support would mean so much. Will you support my walk? You can leave your donation at your church in an envelope with my name on (Petula Nurse: CAFOD Lent walk) or donate online on my JustGiving page using this link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petulas-fundraising-page2026> . Thank you.

LIFE CARING OUTREACH welcomes your donations of baby clothes and of items such as cots, pushchairs, etc We hand these on to local needy mothers and babies. If you can help please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 or email rosalie.watkins@blueyonder.co.uk to arrange collection.

PAX CHRISTI is inviting you to a meeting on Saturday 14 March 2026 to explore the potential of Nonviolence – a radically different response to our violent world. The guest speaker is **Professor Nicolas Paz**, Director of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, and Associate Professor and Mediator at the Pontifical University of Salamanca. Professor Paz will be in the UK, speaking about the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, and the growing evidence from empirical research that nonviolence strategies work – and often work better than armed responses. Neither passive nor impractical, there are numerous examples of this happening worldwide. *Where and when?* Saturday 14 March, 10.30 for 11am start, at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. The day will finish by 4pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. If you'd like to come to this event, please reserve your place here: <https://tinyurl.com/paxnonviolence> or email: info@paxchristi.org.uk

Finance


SAINT CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 300 CLUB *The Annual Subscriptions are now due.* Kindly pay Sr Sophia at St Michael's 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.

SCA 300 club Winners of January 2026 Draw: No. 293 – Mary Faherty - £ 75.00

No. 43 – Norah McDonagh - £ 10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 8 th February 2026						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid				40.00	5.00	45.00
Non-Gift Aid	177.45	589.77	112.53	104.00	63.00	1046.75
Attendance	218	103,257	91			669
Standing Order: January 2026 £ 5319.50						

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



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 gather every Tuesday 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: Andrew Fallon, Mary Brennan, Margaret Baratt, Chloe Wilson, Kate Duffy, Teresa Fisher, Donald Firth, Patricia Hill, Sue Spears, Leanne Tolley, Liz Swinnerton, James Hunt, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Sandra Clowes, Ann Bayley, Julie Lee, Yassir, Catherine Andrews, 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, Johnny 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: Roy Bayley, John Abbiss, Desmond Hales, Sharon Bates, Molly Mason, Fr Simon Bishop SJ, Ed Benedict, Wesam Hermiz, Fr David Keniry, Mary Carty. **May they rest in peace.**

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