



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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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*

Monday 19th February Lent Feria

5.45 pm St Michael Adoration

6.30 pm St Michael Bernadette Donahue & Family

Tuesday 20th February Lent Feria

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul Augusta Benedict
1.00pm SM Funeral Service Betty McGinn RIP

Wednesday 21st February Lent Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette Joe Eades
10.00am St Bernadette Stations of the Cross

Thursday 22nd February 2024 Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *12.00 pm St Michael Margaret Ambler RIP*

Friday 23rd February 2024 Lent Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette Tom Flanagan
12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross
12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul Henry & Judith Soronnadi

1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions
6.30pm St Michael Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th February 2024 Lent Feria

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

Intercultural Mass with the Archbishop at St Mary the Mount Walsall at 12.00 noon.

SUNDAY 25th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Nora Devine*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Canon Mark Crisp*

11.30 am St Michael *Margaret Ambler 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.

Lent 2024

AT EACH MASS IN LENT WE WILL USE THE SHORT PENITENTIAL RITE AS FOLLOWS:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*Have mercy on us, O Lord. **For we have sinned against you.***

*Show us, O Lord, your mercy. **And grant us your salvation.***

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.***

*Kyrie, eléison. **Kyrie, eléison.** Christe, eléison. **Christe, eléison.** Kyrie, eléison. **Kyrie, eléison.***

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."

ADORATION AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY IN LENT Every Sunday afternoon, from 2.00pm until after 5.00 pm Vespers. All are welcome!

ONLINE PRAYER RESOURCES FOR LENT On our diocesan website there are many new resources available:

[Lent and Easter 2024 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

You can also follow monthly prayer sessions with our own Fr Toby Duckworth on:

['Pause for Prayer' monthly reflections - Episode 2 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

There is also a great resource if you would like to set up a faith sharing group to look at the Lords Prayer.

<https://shorturl.at/bixzA>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are at St Bernadette's on Wednesday at 10.00 am. At SS Peter & Paul on Friday at 12.00 pm and at St Michael on Friday at 6.30pm

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> where you can download the booking form.

If you do not use the internet, booking forms are available from Fr Mark.

For any other enquiries contact our Travel Agent JCTours on 01886 812 862

News and Activities.

DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS As you already know, this month the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery are hosting a series of vocation events, "**Listening to God's Call**"

The first of these will be this Tuesday evening 20th Feb at 7pm on **Consecrated Life**, Next week 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=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxemTzmzdH7lJSld.1>

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

MUSIC AT 11.30AM MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S Is anyone available to go on a rota to either play the organ or form a music group that might play on a Sunday Morning, say once a month? If so, please let Fr Mark know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

SVP TEA/COFFEE MORNING on Thursday 22nd February 11.00am in St. Bernadette's Church Hall, Wombourne. All are very welcome. Please come along, we look forward to seeing you.

ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS CELEBRATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP This 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 this **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. If you would like your child to attend this club, you must fill in a **PARENTAL CONSENT FORM** and it is **your responsibility** for their travel to and from the Club. The Consent Forms are available in the porch of each church this weekend. They must be filled in and brought to the meeting next Friday.

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.

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.

WOLVERHAMPTON CHAMBER CHOIR IN ASSOCIATION WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS A 50th Anniversary Gala Concert. Joseph Haydn – The Creation. The Salomon Ensemble, directed by Geoffrey Weaver. 7.30pm, Saturday 9th March at St. John's in the Square, St. John's Square, Wolverhampton, WV2 4BZ. Tickets £15 available to buy (cash, cheque or contactless) on the door, online by scanning the code, or at <https://wolverhamptonchamberchoir.eventbrite.com>

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

Mission and Outreach

FOOD BANK: This week's donations have been given to local Penn families. 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. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Your donations are a lifeline for so many struggling families.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH Many thanks for recent donations of goods for our charity shop. If you have goods to donate and can't take them to the shop at 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG please leave them in the boxes provided at St Michael's or St Bernadette's. We're also grateful for the baby clothes and equipment given; we hand them on to needy local families who ask for our help. If you know anyone who needs such help, please advise them to email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk

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>

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!

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.

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY CATHOLIC ACADEMY & NURSERY - SPONSORED MILE RUN/WALK FOR CAFOD In the week commencing Monday 19th February, our lovely pupils will be taking part in a sponsored mile run/walk. This is to support CAFOD's Lenten appeal 'Help Fight Global Poverty'. This can help families by providing them with water, emergency food and healthcare. During Lent, we aim to help change the lives of those people less fortunate than ourselves. If you would like to contribute to our Lenten appeal, please click on our JustGiving page: [St Michael's Sponsored Mile Run Walk for CAFOD is fundraising for CAFOD](#)



Finance

Blessed Carlo Acutis 200 Club Winners of January 2024 Draw:
 No 93 Lycia Olsorg: £50.00 No. 34B - Vik Moriarty: £10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 11th February 2024						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	267.08	347.01	66.78	98.00		778.87
Gift Aid		46.00	17.00	8.00		71.00
Mass Attendance	306	104, 126	85			621
Standing Order: January 2024: £4311.25						
Second Collection: 25 th February: CAFOD Lent Fast 3 rd March: Cathedral Maintenance						

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 5.00pm 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 5.00pm to 6.00pm during Lent. We look forward to many families joining us.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: John Chell, 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, Johny 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, May they rest in peace.