



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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Timetable of Online Masses and Services 20th February 2022

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk

SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Rosie Williams*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Margaret Mary Jordan RIP*
 11.30 am St Michael *Phillip Martyn RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Monday 21st February Feria

1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Funeral Service *Maria Allport RIP*
 6.30 pm St Michael *Hubert Kelly*

Tuesday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of St Peter

9.30am SS Peter & Paul online *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 23rd February Feria Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

Thursday 24th February Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 12.00noon St Michael *Terence Cosgrove*

Friday 25th February Feria

9.30am St Bernadette Mass & Confessions *Holy Souls*
 12.00noon SS Peter & Paul & Confessions *Sallie Bayliss*

Saturday 26th February Feria

St Michael's is not available during the morning
 11.00am St Bernadette *Confessions*

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Fr. Bob Douglas*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Margaret Mary Jordan*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Marjorie Moore RIP*
 11.30 am St Michael *Eunice Cosgrove*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Parish News and Activities

MONTHLY MASS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS The First of our Blessed Carlo Intercession Masses will take place at St Michael's on February 28th at 6.30pm. The second will be at SS Peter & Paul's on April 1st at noon and the third will be at St Bernadette's on May 11th at noon. ***Please place your prayer intentions into the special box next to the image of Blessed Carlo in each church.*** Both in St Michael's and in SS Peter & Paul, you will find the image of Blessed Carlo in the Lady Chapel. These boxes will be emptied each month and the intentions from all three churches will be placed on the altar at this special Mass with the relic of Blessed Carlo.

CONFESSIONS On Saturday 26th February St Michael's Church will not be available for Confessions but there will be Confessions at St Bernadette's Church that week. Please remember that there are also Confessions at SS Peter & Paul after the Midday Mass on Fridays.

LENT begins the week after next with **Ash Wednesday on March 2nd**. Now that coronavirus restrictions have been relaxed, we will be having Stations of the Cross again in each Church. The times will be confirmed next week. There are also copies of Walk with Me booklets available in each church.

LENTEN YOUTH MASSED AND WITNESS – On Thursday 17th and 31st March there will be a Mass for young people (family members welcome too) of secondary school age at St Michael's Church. Afterwards we will go to the hall for a takeaway and then create a life-sized model crucifix which will be used on Good Friday at 2pm as part of an act of witness led by our young parishioners in the city centre. Please reserve this time on Good Friday in your diaries.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 4TH MARCH: This year's international service has been prepared by the women of the UK. We invite you all to join us and men and women all around the world at one of our local services 2pm at St Bernadette's Church Wombourne or 7pm Springdale Methodist Church, Warstones Rd Penn. For more details contact (Penn) Sarah Andrews 07948963325 or (Wombourne) Marese O'Dwyer 07903 496810. We look forward to welcoming you to one of our services.

RITE OF ELECTION at St MICHAEL'S 3.00pm March 6th On the First Sunday in Lent all the adults in the diocese who are preparing for Baptism or to be received into the Church normally gather in the Cathedral in Birmingham for a special service of reception with the Archbishop and Auxiliary bishops. This special service is called the RITE OF ELECTION. This has not happened for the last couple of years because of Covid restrictions. Although the situation is improving this year, the Archbishop has decided that instead of all gathering in the Cathedral, the auxiliary bishops should celebrate a Rite of Election in their own areas. This means that all the candidates from the west of the diocese will be coming to St Michael's to meet with bishop Stephen Wright.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS 12.00 NOON at ST PATRICKS On Thursday **March 17th**, the Archbishop is celebrating Mass in St Patricks Church as the church is 50 years old. There will be no Midday Mass at St Michael's that day to allow you to join with the Archbishop for this special celebration. Parishioners from Saint Bernadette's who would like to travel on a minibus, please see Brian Thomas this Sunday.

WALKING TOGETHER – THE SYNODAL PATH Many thanks to all of you who have contributed either to the meetings, or by zoom or through the forms on the website. Many thanks to Teresa Scragg and her team for facilitating the meetings. Teresa is now compiling all the comments into a report that has to be sent to the diocese. Remember the idea is that this synodal process is to continue in the life of the parish well beyond this particular feedback to the diocese. The normal structure for feedback in the parish is through the **Parish Pastoral Council**. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on **Saturday 12th March**. If you have any issues that you wish to be discussed, please talk to one of the council members or email bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP (0-5 YEARS) **Friday** mornings 09.15-11.00am in St Michael's Church Hall. Just £1.50. Free tea & coffee for grown-ups and refreshments for your little ones. **Helpers needed, please.** If you love babies (we have several) and seeing kids having fun, do volunteer with us. Info from Sarah & Jim: 07948963325/24. sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

ACCESS TO SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH Although there are many roadworks leading up to the church, do not be put off by the signs, you can still access the church! In September when it is all finished, the church, which has been on a cul-de-sac for the last 50 years, will once again be on a main road! It will be very important for us to hold events in the church in October and November to let people know that we are present in the city centre. Ideas so far include concerts, special prayer services and restarting the rota of volunteers to open the church for prayer in the middle of the day. There is no point in doing any of this until the roads opens, but we can use the next few months to dream and plan for the relaunch in the autumn. *If you think of an initiative that you would be prepared to organise, please let Fr Mark know.*

WOLVERHAMPTON CHAMBER CHOIR presents ***THE BAROQUE ROAD TO BACH***. Sacred Choral Music by Buxtehude, Hassler, Scheidt, Schutz and Bach. Directed by Geoffrey Weaver. **Saturday 12th March 2022 7.30 pm** SS Peter and Paul's Church Tickets £12, free for under 18s. Available from choir members or at the door.

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY - 1 day per week - at St Michael's Catholic Primary Academy & Nursery. Please contact the academy office or visit our school website (www.stmichaels-academy.co.uk) for more information. The closing date for applications is **3rd March, 12pm**.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF ST FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Handsworth, Birmingham is currently seeking to recruit a new headteacher. For more information go to www.stfrancrc.bham.sch.uk

Mission and Outreach

HELP SAVE A LIFE THIS LENT WITH 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Lent involves prayer, fasting and almsgiving and you can combine all three and help to save lives too by supporting 40 Days for Life. It is an international 40 day long vigil of fasting and prayer outside of abortion centres, along with the offer of support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our local vigil is in Birmingham. To find out how you can get involved contact the local organiser Isobel on 07773501721, or speak to Fr Sean, Clive Molloy or Paul Sharp. *'Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me.'*

'ABORTION EXPOSED' - An insightful talk into the abortion industry from former 'Marie Stopes International' (one of the world's biggest abortion providers) director, Kevin Duffy. Also, one mom tells her story of reversing her abortion. Sunday 27th Feb at 2pm at St Joseph and St Helen's Hall, 84 Northfield Rd, Kings Norton B'ham, B30 1JG.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

Walk Against Hunger: CAFOD 2022 Petula is challenging herself to walk 200Km during Lent - 5Km a day, in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. She would like to appeal for sponsorship to raise funds to help stamp out hunger one step at a time and help transform someone else's life this Lent. If you would like to sponsor Petula, you can place your donation in an envelope for 'Petula: Walk against Hunger' and leave at church or via the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petulas-lent-walk-against-hunger>

LIFE CHARITY SHOP 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (Tel 01902 420656) continues to welcome donations of clothes and bric-a-brac; **NO BOOKS** until further notice though, as at the moment we have large stocks of them. For more information contact the shop, or ring Rosalie (330553).

Life Caring Outreach continues to welcome donations of cots, pushchairs, and other baby items. We are often asked to help needy families and your generosity makes a real difference to the care of babies and toddlers. Anyone who needs such help can contact us via the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. This Helpline also offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is worried about any pregnancy related issue, or who has experienced loss of a pregnancy.

THE FOOD COLLECTION continues after Masses at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. As demand for help is increasing, we would welcome any donations of the following:

FOOD e.g. UHT milk/cereal/ tins of meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding/ pasta and sauce/ rice/ tea/biscuits; ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS eg washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners and TOILETRIES eg soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants. Any cash donations are used to buy supermarket vouchers that are given to our FSM families via their primary school. This week's donations have been distributed by SS Mary & John Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you for your continued support.

PUMP BAG MAKERS Many thanks to everyone who has been sewing pretty pump bags for our year 6 girls to store items in, supplied by the charity Periods Matter. Please return them to the basket in the porch at St Michael's and take another wallet to complete! If you wish to make your own (minimum width 25cm and length 30cm) that would wonderful too.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH? (ONLINE EVENT)

Divine Renovation and Alpha invite you to a live online event with Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel where they'll discuss: what is God saying to the Church? This is a FREE event for parish leaders – clergy and laypeople alike – on the topic of mission, evangelization, and parish renewal, happening on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6pm. To learn more about this event and to register, visit: bit.ly/3BFazLB

Finance

CAFOD donations During 2021 the Parish collected a total of £2798.59 for CAFOD's work. This is in addition to £1071 raised by Petula's Walk for Water. In January this year, Mary Faherty's birthday party brought in a further £818. Many thanks to Mary, to Petula and to everybody who donated.

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. Standing Order for the Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis for the month of **January 2022 is £3653.85**

Offertory Collection for Sunday 13th February 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	167.03	196.28	36.88	73.00		473.19
Gift Aid	85.00	127.00	85.00	40.00		337.00
Second Collection						

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Richard Rogers, Shirley Deffis Whitaker, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, , Johnny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Teresa Taylor, Steve Kavanagh, Christine McHale, Fr John Lungley, Maura Andrews, Teresa Rickards, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Fr Gabriel Maguire, Mgr John Heslin, Fr David Lloyd, Maria Allport, Ena Newington, Marjorie Moore, Anthony Thompson, Michael Egan, Margaret Jordan, May they rest in peace.

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