



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL

SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE



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22nd FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael

Monica Osborne RIP

9.00 am St Bernadette *Ed Benedict RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Eliana Ullah*

11.30 am St Michael *Robert Robbins*

4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

23rd February Monday Lent Feria

5.45pm St Michael *Adoration*

6.30pm St Michael *John Abbiss RIP*

24th February Tuesday Lent Feria

6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Lady Chapel Pro populo*

25th February Wednesday Lent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette *Service of Word & Communion followed by Stations of the Cross*

1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Requiem Mass Gianfranco Festa RIP*

26th February Thursday Lent Feria

10.00 am – 11.00am St Bernadette *Adoration*

12.00pm St Michael *Maureen Guest RIP*

27th February Friday Lent Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *John Abbiss RIP*

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Stations of the Cross followed by Service of Word and Communion*

12.30pm St Michael *Requiem Mass Roy Bayley RIP*

6.30pm St Michael *Stations of the Cross*

28th February Saturday Lent Feria

10.30am St Michael *Adoration*

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

1ST MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Roy Bayley RIP*

9.00 am St Bernadette *John & Mary Abbiss RIP*

10.15am SS Peter & Paul *Nicola & Gigiola Iafigliola RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Colette Wenko RIP*

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.

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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, Alison Banyard 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

LENT For all Masses in Lent we will use the Short Penitential Rite and sing the Mass Common (Holy Holy etc) in Latin. We will also use the Apostles' Creed after the Homily.

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.

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 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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE: Lent Reflections 2026: 12 till 12:30pm. 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 at 11:30am.

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 1.00pm, including time for discussion. The first talk on Monday 23rd February will be given by Fr Mark. All welcome.

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."

"I WILL SING TO THE LORD!" LENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION: Saturday 7th March at 10.00am at St Michael's Hall, Deacon Jonathan will be presenting on the role of music in Christian spirituality and worship, concluding with a 'Bring and Share' lunch at 1pm. All welcome.

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 this weekend.

CATHOLIC MEN'S MONTHLY GATHERING on Thursday 27th February at 7pm at St Peter and Pauls Church we will reflect on the second of the *12 Rules for Life*: "*Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping.*" The evening will include prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a short talk, and time for discussion and fellowship over a hot drink in the Milner Room. Will last around an hour. All Catholic men, married or single, are welcome.

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR ROY BAYLEY The funeral of Roy Bayley is at **St Michael's Church, at 12.30pm on Friday 27th February**, followed by the Committal at **Gornal Wood Crematorium, DY3 2RL, at 2.10pm**. The Wake is at The Hollybush, Penn Road WV4 4HU. Donations in memory of Roy will be gratefully received by the Life Charity, online at <https://roy-bayley-1947-2026.muchloved.com/> or via the donation box in church.

NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL. 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 I have received a couple of helpful emails already and if anyone else wishes to comment, please do so. 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!

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN CURSILLO is holding an Ultreya (Onward!) event on Saturday 28 February at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Stafford (Lynton Avenue, Weeping Cross. ST17 0EA). Arrivals from 9.15am to start at 9.45am. The event will end at 12.45pm. The morning will include Adoration, a reflection on Holy Scripture and our Faith, with a response from the spiritual director. There is time for faith sharing, prayer and fellowship. Our charism of hospitality will mean a brunch mid-morning. We look forward to seeing and any guests you wish to bring who would like to know more about Cursillo.

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

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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – BELMONT ABBEY Belmont Abbey, Ruckhall Lane, Hereford HR2 9RZ Saturday, 7th March 2026. Led by V. Rev Dom Alexander Kenyon, the Prior of Belmont. 10.30-3.30pm. For further information: andrewgrant2026@btinternet.com

KYT SUMMER CAMP (16TH-20TH AUGUST 2026). For young people aged 12-18. Deadline for Registration is **10th March 2026**. Please complete this registration form to sign up to go with St. Carlo Acutis Parish Youth Group. [St. Carlo Acutis Parish Youth Summer Camp Registration – Fill out form](#)



Looking ahead

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.

EVENING AT THE MUSICALS CONCERT Wolverhampton Community Brass Band present an "Evening at the Musicals" concert in the **St Michaels Church Hall** on **Saturday June 20th at 7.30 pm**. Doors open at 7.00. **Tickets are £10 adults. Under 16's £5. Under 5's free.** The programme will include music from your favourite musicals such as "Phantom of the Opera", "Mama Mia", "Chess" and many more.

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 needed by our FSM families. Last week's donations were shared between local Penn families. 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: Thank you to everyone who recycled their sweet tubs and raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The scheme has now closed until next Christmas. 60+ were recycled via the Bradmore Arms, Trysull Rd. Thanks.

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.

NATIONAL MEN'S PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility, learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

LOUDfence This is an opportunity where people are encouraged to tie brightly coloured ribbons, tokens and messages to fences in solidarity with all who have been harmed or abused in anyway or any context. LOUDfence will be at St Joseph's Catholic Church Stowheath lane WV1 2QN from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March. You can either visit LOUDfence yourself, or if you wish you can place your ribbons and messages in the box in the porch of each of our churches. These will then be taken to LOUDfence. If you would like to know more, contact the St Newman Parish Office 01902 452841 stnewmanparish.wmids@rcaob.org.uk

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 15 th February 2026						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid				50.00	20.00	70.00
Non-Gift Aid	140.17	487.14	92.20	128.00	4.00	851.51
Attendance	181	117,181	92			571
Standing Order: January 2026 £ 5319.50						

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



Regular Prayer

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.*

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

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, Johny 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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