



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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*  
**4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service**

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Lent Feria

**5.45 pm St Michael Adoration**

**6.30 pm St Michael** *Vernon Henry Hedgecox*

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Lent Feria

**9.30 am SS Peter & Paul** *Sylvia Carroll RIP*

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Lent Feria

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

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Lent Feria

**10.00am St Bernadette** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**12.00 pm St Michael** *Pat Clarke RIP*

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

**12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul** *Stations of the Cross*  
**12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul** *James Gallagher*  
**1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul** *Confessions*

**1.45pm St Michael** *Requiem Madeleine Forrest RIP*  
**6.30pm St Michael** *Stations of the Cross*

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 Feast of St Chad, Bishop

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

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael** *Michael Hawley & Family Deceased*  
**9.00 am St Bernadette** *Pro populo*

**10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Henry & Judith Soronnadi*  
**11.30 am St Michael** *Anne Smith RIP*  
**4.00pm 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: [sq.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sq.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.

## 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.***

## *News and Activities.*

### DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS "Listening to God's Call"

The second of these Vocation Promotion Zoom Meetings will be this Tuesday 27th Feb: **Marriage and Single Life.**

5<sup>th</sup> 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 meetings will be recorded and will be available on YouTube afterwards.* For more information, please contact: [deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk)

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

There is now a dedicated Website for our trip <https://www.jcjourneys.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

**MUSIC AT 11.30 AM 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!

**SYNOD 2024** A group of parishioners who attend SS Peter & Paul have continued their synodal discussions in preparation for the next global meeting of the Synod in October. They meet after the Sunday Mass at SS Peter & Paul again this week and next week. Obviously meeting at such a time makes it impossible for anyone attending the 11.30 am Mass at St Michael's. If anyone would like to arrange a series of three meetings either at St Bernadette's or St Michael's, please let Fr Mark know and he will get the SSPP group to forward you the questions they have been looking at. **The notes from all discussions will be fed into the next Parish Council Meeting in March.**

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP** every Friday 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 before you attend.*



**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](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to EVESHAM.** Site of first Marian Shrine in England 706AD. All welcome. Tuesday 7th May. Coach from St Michael's at 9.30am. Free time, Rosary, and Mass at 2.00pm then shared Afternoon Tea. Depart 5.00pm. £25. (£10 deposit) Sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Sarah 07948963325 Email [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**THE NEXT CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE** Lent Reflection will be on Wednesday 28th February at 12 pm at the URC. (Please note the change of day this week).

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH** There will be a very short (5 minute) meeting at the back of church this Sunday for women of all nationalities to prepare for the celebrations on Mothering Sunday. The idea is that it will be very quick, so that people then go on to the Prayer Meeting, or the Synod Meeting, or the Legion of Mary.

## Mission and Outreach

**FOOD BANK:** This week's donations have been distributed by St Edmunds Catholic 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. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Your donations are a lifeline for so many struggling families.

**APPEAL FOR SUDAN:** Good luck to Diane who is running in the Brighton Half Marathon this Sunday (February 25th) on behalf of our parish Sudan Breakfast Club. Sr Angelina will use this extra sponsorship money to restore the electricity supply into the school where, when it is safe, the children will be able to resume having their breakfast before starting lessons.

**'LIVING CREATURES' QUIZ** Many thanks to all who took part. **£250** was raised for **CAFOD**. Congratulations to all those who gave every answer correctly. Their names are listed on the notice board. A name was taken 'out of a hat'. The prize winner was Gloria Dyce.

**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](mailto:wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk)

**LIFE CHARITY MOTHERING SUNDAY CAKE AND PLANT SALE:** We will be holding our annual cake and plant sale in St Michael's hall after 11.30am Mass on Mothering Sunday, March 10th. We will be extremely grateful for any cake donations and would be delighted to see you on the day, where you can enjoy a cake and cup of tea after Mass or take a treat home for tea. All proceeds will go to helping local families and their children. For any queries, please contact Sue on 07484 875043.

**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. **CAFOD in the North of the Birmingham Archdiocese has just heard that any donations made online to the CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal before Sunday evening, using the link below, will be matched up to the value of £40,000 (i.e. doubled!)** Here's the link: [Your Lenten donation doubled this Fast Day weekend!](#)

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** At the last meeting in January the following actions were decided:

- We now need a new volunteer to stand on the council from each of the churches to make up the numbers on the council. If you are willing to stand on the council, please let Fr Mark know as soon as possible.
- The Council will be electing a new Chair and Secretary at the next meeting on March 15th.
- During Lent, there will be a survey of opinions about receiving Holy Communion under both kinds at Mass.
- It was decided to publish the events parish events already booked for the year. Other events have since been arranged but please put the following in your diaries:

**March** 1st World Day of Prayer, March 29 Walks of Witness in Wombourne and Wolverhampton and Cafod Soup lunch at St Michael's, March 31st Easter Sunday

**April** 12th Friday evening for four weeks at St Michael's - a course on Prayer by the Manresa Prayer link,

April 21st - June 2nd Life in the Spirit Seminar at SS Peter & Paul

**May** Rosary Devotions May 5th May Procession in St Bernadette's, May 18th First Holy Communion SSPP, May 19th First Holy Communion SM

**June** 2nd Corpus Christi, SB June 16th First Holy Communion SB, June 30th Parish Barbeque

**October** Rosary Devotions, October 12th Mass of Anointing of the Sick, October 13th Blessed Carlo Celebrations, October 19th SS Peter & Paul Heritage Day.

**November** 2nd BCA Autumn Fayre in Wombourne, November 4-10th Parish Pilgrimage, November 10th Remembrance Day Concert

**December** 7th BCA Christmas Fayre in St Michael's Hall

## Finance

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>						
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>St Bernadette</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	201.87	333.58	97.66	20.00		653.11
<b>Gift Aid</b>	20.00	56.00	22.00	48.00		146.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	225	98, 205	85			613
<b>Standing Order: January 2024: £4311.25</b>						
Second Collection Today CAFOD Lent Fast: on-line donations will be doubled by the government this weekend. 3 <sup>rd</sup> March: Cathedral Maintenance						

## Prayer

**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.

**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 \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

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

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

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>

**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:** Trevor Stockton, Mary McKensie, Riccardo Massacano, Brendan McLaughlin, **May they rest in peace.**

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