



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 27th February 2022

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

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*

Monday 28th February Feria

6.30 pm St Michael *Blessed Carlo Acutis Mass*

Tuesday 1st March Feast of St David, Patron of Wales

9.30am SS Peter & Paul online *Thanksgiving*

Wednesday 2nd March ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am St Michael Requiem Mass *Ena Newington RIP*
 12.00 noon St Bernadette with school in church *Holy Souls*
 12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Florence and Jean Kelly RIP*
 7.00pm St Michael *Henry Cosgrove*

Thursday 3rd March Feast of St Chad

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 12.00noon St Michael *Daniel O'Hara RIP*

Friday 4th March Votive Masses for Preservation for Justice and Peace

9.30am St Bernadette Mass & Confessions *Holy Souls*
 11.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Stations of the Cross*
 12.00noon SS Peter & Paul & Confessions *Marjorie Moore RIP*
 12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Divine Mercy Devotion*
 6.00pm St Michael *Stations of the Cross followed by Mass*

Saturday 5th March Feria

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

SUNDAY 6th MARCH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Florence and Jean Kelly RIP*
 SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Thanksgiving*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Thanking God & Praying for His Mercy*
 11.30 am St Michael *Simon Starkey RIP*
 3.00pm St Michael *Rite of Election with Bishop Wright*
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Parish News and Activities

FAKE EMAILS There has been a problem with fraudsters pretending online to be member of the parish clergy. This time an email with a photograph of Fr Mark on its cover has been in circulation. Please remember that any official notification from the parish will either come from the official parish database:

Wolverhampton, Blessed Carlo Acutis <noreply@parishaccounts.org.uk> or a diocesan email address that ends with rcaob.org.uk Any email ending in any other way, is a fraud.

MONTHLY MASS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS The First of our Blessed Carlo Intercession Masses will take place at St Michael's this Monday February 28th at 6.30pm. There will be half an hour of prayer with the relic of Blessed Carlo beforehand in the Lady Chapel starting at 6.00pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND. The Holy Father has asked that we make this Wednesday also a day of ***Prayer and Fasting for the people of Ukraine***. There will be half an hour of Adoration in each of our churches so that we can pray together. At St Bernadette's it will be from 11.15 am to 11.45 am before the children arrive for Mass at Midday. At SS Peter & Paul it will be for half an hour after the 12.30 pm Mass, and at St Michael's it will be for half an hour after the 7 pm Mass.

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 *Is anyone able to come along and help lead the singing of the hymns on this special occasion?* All the adults in the west of the diocese who are preparing for Baptism or to be received into the Church will gather to Meet Bishop Stephen at St Michael's for the RITE OF ELECTION. An organist has been organised with the diocese but if there are any singers who could come along to lead the singing of the hymns, they would be most welcome! It is also an opportunity to be involved in this special event.

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 has now compiled an excellent report 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. This will be published in full to the parish next week. As we move forward, please remember 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

ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH - MINISTERS OF WELCOME You will have read in the bulletin some weeks back that our Stewards have now become Ministers of Welcome. We are aware that some parishioners were carrying out this role pre-Covid. If you, or any other parishioners, would like to be added to the rota, please could you contact Judith Pitt by ringing 01902 620764 or by email: judithpitt64@gmail.com Thank you.

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.

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 for parishioners from Saint Bernadette's who would like to attend.

LEGION OF MARY One of our new parishioners, Chidi Oliseowe, is very keen to start a Legion of Mary group within the parish. If you would be interested in joining, please contact him on gabbychidi@gmail.com

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

The Governing Body of St Francis' Catholic Primary School, Handsworth, Birmingham are currently seeking to recruit a new headteacher. For more information go to www.stfrancrc.bham.sch.uk

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.**

Mission and Outreach

CATHOLIC LEADERS RESPOND TO INVASION OF UKRAINE Following President Putin's decision to recognise the independence of the self-declared Luhansk and Donetsk People's Republics, Russian troops launched a large-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February. Church leaders and organisations have issued various statements in response to the crisis throughout the week. The Catholic Union has produced a compilation of these, alongside a selection of relevant news articles, which can be found here. <https://catholicunion.org.uk/2022/02/ukraine-invasion>

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINE CRISIS There will be a special second collection this weekend. This will help affected people with food & water, accommodation, hygiene kits & transportation to reach loved ones and safe areas. Please share! You can watch the YouTube video of the appeal here <https://t.co/9vRDWNKLN9>. If you wish to donate from home, you can donate to Caritas: <https://t.co/Qbg2exisWC>.

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.'*

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>

Fairtrade 'Fairtrade Fortnight' began on Monday. Fairly-traded goods will be on sale in the Milner Room in Giffard House after the morning Mass at SS Peter and Paul's on Sunday 27 February and on Sunday 6 March.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (tel 01902 420656) continues to flourish, thanks to your donations of clothes and bric-a-brac. Books can now be accepted as well. For more information, contact the shop or ring Rosalie (330553).

LIFE CARING OUTREACH If you can help by giving a cot, any kind of pushchair including especially a travel system, or other baby items including stairgates, please ring Rosalie. We are often asked to support needy families with babies and toddlers, and your generosity makes a big difference. Anyone who needs such help can contact us via Life's free National Helpline, 0800 802 5433. The Helpline also offers a listening ear to anyone who is worried about any pregnancy related issue, or who is troubled after experiencing loss of a pregnancy.

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.

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 e.g. washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners; TOILETRIES e.g. soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants and EASTER EGGS! 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 given to local Penn families. Thank you so much.

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: www.bit.ly/3BFazLB

Offertory Collection for Sunday 20th February 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	109.47	229.00	80.10	71.00		489.57
Gift Aid	20.00	27.00	20.00	33.00		100.00
Second Collection						

The Second Collection this week is for Caritas Ukraine

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Richard Rogers, Shirley Deffis Whitaker, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, , Johny 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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