



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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### Timetable of Masses and Services

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael** *Mary Maloney RIP*  
**9.00 am St Bernadette** *Eileen Whittall RIP*  
**10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Pat Clarke RIP*

**11.30 am St Michael** *William Connor*  
**5.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service**

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 St Agatha, Martyr

**5.45 pm St Michael Adoration**

**6.30 pm St Michael** *Pro populo*

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Saints Paul Miki and Companions

*Installation of Mgr Canon Mark Crisp at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham at 12.15pm*

**7.00pm SS Peter & Paul SOLEMN VESPERS** – Parish Celebration for the Installation of Mgr Canon Mark Crisp

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Feria

**2.00 pm St Michael MASS FOR VOCATIONS** with Local School representatives.

**4.00pm St Bernadette Vigil Reception** *Patricia Watkiss RIP*

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 St Josephine Bakhita

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

**1.00pm St Bernadette Funeral Service** *Patricia Watkiss RIP*

**12.00 pm St Michael** *Malcolm Aitkin*

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Feria

**9.30 am St Bernadette with school** *Sean O'Malley*

**12.30pm SS Peter & Paul** *Patsy McGuckin*

**12.00pm Ss Peter & Paul Adoration**

**1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions**

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 St Scholastica

**10.30am St Michael Adoration**

**11.00am St Michael Confessions**

#### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael** *Sylvia Carroll RIP*

**11.30 am St Michael** *Joe Hurley RIP*

**9.00 am St Bernadette** *Charlie Beare Birthday*

**5.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service**

**10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Adrian Fisher*

**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](mailto:sg.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.

## DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

In February, the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery will be hosting a series of vocation events, **“Listening to God’s Call”**

There will be three online sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7pm:

20th Feb: **Consecrated Life**, 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.*

**THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO SPECIAL MASSES FOR VOCATIONS**, after which there will be an opportunity to meet some of the speakers: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm at St Michael’s, Coalway Road, Wolverhampton,

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 5pm at St Joseph’s, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

For more information, please contact: [deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk)

**WHATSAPP PRAYER GROUP FOR VOCATIONS** The Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery Vocations Group have set up a WhatsApp Prayer Group with the aim of forming a ‘prayer bank’ for Vocations month in February.

We started with a target of 1000 Hail Marys collectively, which we have achieved.

If you are interested in joining the prayer bank to offer prayers for vocations, then please email:

[deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk) with your name and mobile number and ask to be added to the

WhatsApp Prayer Group. ***Please note that for safeguarding purposes, participants must be aged 18 years and over.***

## News and Activities.

**CELEBRATION OF SOLEMN VESPERS** in the parish at **SS Peter & Paul Church this Tuesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm** to celebrate the Installation of Fr Mark as a Canon of ST Chad’s Cathedral. This will be followed by a *“bring and share”* supper in Giffard House. All welcome!

*You may also attend the Installation itself at St Chad’s Cathedral at the 12.15pm Mass or watch it live on the Cathedral Live Stream which you can find on the Cathedral website [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)*

### **ROSARY on FEAST DAY of St JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (Patron saint of human trafficking)**

Thurs 8th February on ZOOM at 7.30pm.

Meeting ID 810 3729 6194 Passcode pvQK07

Continuation codes: Meeting ID 832 1469 4110 Passcode fkUJ7T

Details from Sarah (Catholic Women’s League) 07948 963325

**LENT** begins a week on Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> February!** There are three Masses in the parish for the distribution of Ashes.

St Bernadette at 10.00 am, SS Peter & Paul at 12.30 pm, and St Michael at 7.00 pm.

There is also **HALF DAY RETREAT** to begin Lent on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February** at ST Michael’s It will begin with Mass at 10.00am followed by a coffee break then a talk and a time of adoration finishing with Midday Prayer and a shared lunch at 1.00pm.

**RITE OF ELECTION AT ST CHAD’S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SVP TEA/COFFEE AFTERNOON** Resumes on Monday 12th February, 1.00pm in St. Michael’s Hall. All are very welcome. Please come along, we look forward to seeing you.

## **ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS CELEBRATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fr.malcolm.glaze@rcaob.org.uk)

Monsignor Mark Crisp: [mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk)

Parish Priest of St Mary the Mount Father Jobin Kollappallil: [fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk) or

Monsignor Daniel McHugh, Co-ordinator at: co-ordinator. [ethnic.chaplaincies@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ethnic.chaplaincies@rcaob.org.uk) 07812 110640

**WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2024** written by Christian women of Palestine.

All welcome to St Michael's Church at 7pm, Friday 1st March. Join congregations across the world for this powerful prayerful service. *Refreshments follow in the hall.*

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

There is now a dedicated Website for our trip <https://www.icjourneys.com/carlosacutis>

***If you are thinking of going, please do book as soon as possible. At present there are only 8 people booked and we might have to consider cancelling the pilgrimage if no one else books.***

Please book directly with our Travel Agent: JCTours Ltd Contact them on 01886 812 862 or [enquiries@icjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@icjourneys.com)

**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.

**MEETING FOR WOMEN OF THE PARISH & BEYOND.** All ladies welcome to this months' Catholic Women's League shared lunch and meeting. Thurs 15th February from 12.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall.

Bring food for our shared buffet table, hot drinks provided. Make new friends, pray together, help create opportunities to make a difference to those in need locally, nationally and internationally.

Contact Sarah for details: 07948 963325 Email: [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**WEEKDAY MASS AT SS PETER & PAUL** Would anyone be interested in an early morning Workers Mass one day a week, say at 7.00am or 7.30am to pray before going to work? If you are interested, please let one of the priests know and we could trial it in Lent. ***Only one person has shown interest. We will not go ahead with this idea if no one else contacts us.***

**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)

**JOB ADVERTISEMENT** Safeguarding Advisor Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) Salary range: £33,000 to £40,000 p.a. plus benefits The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced safeguarding professional, with a social work, police, LADO, probation, or other relevant background, with multiagency safeguarding experience, to join its Safeguarding Team [Jobs & Volunteering Opportunities | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs-volunteering)

**CRAFT FAYRE** at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Road, Penn. WV4 5PY Sunday 11th February, 12pm-3pm. Free entry. Unique gifts for all occasions, including Mothering Sunday in March. Stalls available. Contact Sarah: 07948 963325

## *Mission and Outreach*

**FOOD BANK:** This week's donations have been distributed by St Patrick's Catholic Primary 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 please?

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**

Our shop at 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG is doing well thanks to your continuing donations of clothes and other goods. It would welcome more volunteer helpers. If you want to find what is involved please pop in and see Darren, our new manager. For our outreach care work we still need donations of baby clothes and equipment. If you can help please call Rosalie on 01902 330553. At present we're particularly short of clothes for babies up to 3 months old, and pushchairs for all age groups.

**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!

**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](http://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.

**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.

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS LENT:** This Lent, to challenge yourself you can also take on CAFOD's Big Lent Walk! That's 5km a day, and you're in good time to get in plenty of training. You can walk, run, skip, mambo or stroll your 200km, when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. You'll be among thousands of people up and down England and Wales conquering your 200km targets in time for Easter. Sign up here! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

## Finance

*Whilst Sr Lydwin is in India, there will be no weekly finance reports until she returns in February.*

## Prayer

**BARBARA AND WALTER HALL** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass offerings and cards on the death of our lovely son Richard and for the great support and prayers we received during his illness.

### **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 Bernadete's.

**Friday at 12.00 noon- 12.30pm** at SS Peter & Paul.

**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 5pm 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 5.30pm to 7.00pm. We look forward to many families joining us.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:** 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, Johnny 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:** Riccardo Massacano, Brendan McLaughlin, Madaleine Stride, Fr John Lungley, Richard Hall, Gerry Knowles, Michael Shaffery, Tom Kenny, Albert Smith, Jean Cooper. **May they rest in peace.**