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5TH JANUARY SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Sidney & Hilda Pratt 9.00 am St Bernadette Pro populo	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Collins, Agwunobi Family Thanksgiving 11.30 am St Michael Eugene Nellany RIP 4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy
Monday 6th January Christmas Feria	
9.45am St Michael Funeral Service-Anthony Woods	5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm St Michael Neil Tighe RIP
Tuesday 7th January Christmas Feria	
12.00pm St Michael Tom Collis RIP	
Wednesday 8th January Christmas Feria	
9.30am St Bernadette Murphy Family	
Thursday 9th January Christmas Feria	
10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12.30pm St Michael Requiem Mass Janet Scoular RIP
Friday 10th January Christmas Feria	
9.30am St Bernadette Holy Souls 12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Vernon Henry Hedgecox RIP	12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions
Saturday 11th January Christmas Feria	
10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am St Michael Confessions
12TH JANUARY FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Mary Collis – 20 th Anniversary 9.00 am St Bernadette Pro populo	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Family Thanksgiving 11.30 am St Michael Marie Trickett RIP 4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy
Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, Assistant: Fr. Alex Taylor, Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Lydwin, Sister of St Ann of Providence. Parish Office: 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND, 01902 341343 Parish House, 51 North Street, 01902 423005 St Michael's Hall Bookings: bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk St. Bernadette's Hall: Alison Banyard, 07581 340921 Hospital Chaplaincy New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352 Catholic Education from 3-19: sfscmac.co.uk For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk Parish Facebook page: @carloacutisparish	

Mass at Carmelite Monastery, until the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday. 12th January: Mass at 10.00am.

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 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.

News and Activities

ARCHBISHOP'S VISITATION 18-19 JANUARY 2025 This is the opportunity to show to the Archbishop all that is going on in our parish and to talk about our hopes for the future.

Saturday 18th January	
3.00pm	A Reception with the Parish Council and Representatives from each parish group. It will just be important for one representative for each parish organisation to be present and to speak for two minutes maximum about their role in the parish. For example: Children's liturgy, Servers, Safeguarding, Musicians, Legion of Mary and all the Prayer Groups, Stewards, Cleaners, CWL, Knights, SVP, Youth Group, Cathsoc, Events Management team, Children's Catechesis and Schools. Please let Sr Lydwin know who your representative is by emailing bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk
5.30 pm St Michael	The Archbishop will preside and preach at this Mass and will have a short time to meet people after Mass.
Sunday 19th January	
9.00 am St Bernadette.	The Archbishop will preside and preach at this Mass and will have a short time to meet people after Mass
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul.	The Archbishop will preach at this Mass and again have a short time to speak to people after Mass
11.30 am St Michael.	The Archbishop will preach at this Mass and then stay behind for the Parish Reception.
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	PARISH BRING AND SHARE meal with time for everyone to speak with the Archbishop. This will begin with the Presentation of St Stephen's Medals by the Archbishop.

JUBILEE SHRINE FOR BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS *For the Jubilee Year, the Lady Chapel at St Michael's has been allocated by the diocese as a Shrine for Blessed Carlo Acutis (Saint, after 27th April!)*

Please read the Bulletin Insert for more information on this.

This will mean that pilgrims from around the diocese and beyond will come to venerate his relic there, go to confession and obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The Working Party has begun preparations to accommodate this. We will ask large groups to book, so that we can cater for them. Individuals will be encouraged to come on Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment. When we have larger groups, we will need volunteers to steward and provide refreshments etc. If you would be happy to put your name on a list to be called on if you are available, please let the Working Party know by emailing bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

DOUGHNUTS AND DRINKS will be on sale again after the 11.30am Mass this Sunday at St Michael's to raise money to send one of our young people to Lourdes next year.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS On **Sunday 19th January** at 1.00pm in St Michael's Hall, the Archbishop will be presenting the St Stephen's medals to those of you who have been serving for a year. It will be a great opportunity for all of you to meet and speak with the Archbishop.

SVP COFFEE/TEA SESSIONS on Monday 20th January 2025 at St Michael's Church Hall at 1.00pm. and St Bernadette's Church Hall on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 11.00am. It's a wonderful opportunity to make friends and have fun. All are welcome.

EVENTS MANAGEMENT TEAM

To prepare for the events leading up to Blessed Carlo's Canonisation we are re-launching the Parish Social Committee as an **Events Management Team**.

Our **Bring and Share** events have been very successful in the past thanks to a number of committed parishioners but we really need some more volunteers to share the workload.

The proposal is to have 4 sub teams with volunteers from each church on each one.

1 **Launch team** – gathering names and food items

2 **Set up team** – putting out chairs and tables in the hall and away at the end

3 **Food Team** – receiving and serving the food

4 **Washing up team** – clearing and washing up cutlery and crockery

Communication will be by WhatsApp but if you don't use WhatsApp and still want to help, we will find a way!

We are hoping to get this in place in time for the Archbishop's visit on 18th / 19th January so please don't take too long to think about it. There will be someone at the back of Church with sign-up sheets at the end of each Parish Mass for the next two weekends. **We really need your support.** If you want more information call Diane on 07763768376.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS CYRIL COOPER RIP Cyril was Headteacher at Our Lady & St Chad from 1982-1998. He was a faithful Catholic leader who will have touched many and helped them grow in faith. His funeral is in Warwickshire where he has family. He died after a short illness. Many Old Boys, former pupils and staff will be scattered across the city. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION 2025 If your child has not made their First Holy Communion and are in year 3 or older, *whether they are in a Catholic School or not*, it is time for you to register them for preparation for these sacraments. **The Enrolment Mass and First Parents' Meeting** is on **Sunday 26th January** either at **SS Peter & Paul or St Michael's Church**. To enrol you need to register online as soon as possible, either by scanning this QR code or by using this link:



<https://forms.office.com/e/9VW0j6r2wJA>

CANONISATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS This takes place on **Sunday 27th April 2025**. This is the **Sunday after Easter Sunday**. The parish Council have set up a working party and we are just beginning to put forward ideas for this very important moment in the life of our parish. There will only be **ONE MASS** in the parish that Sunday. That means there will be **NO 9.00 am** Mass at St Bernadette's and **NO 10.15 am** Mass at SS Peter & Paul. Please put this in your diaries now and tell everyone you know, so that no one turns up for Mass at those churches on that morning.

The Parish Mass for the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes at St Michael's, but we are not sure what time it will be yet. The plan is that we might be able to get large screens to watch together the first part of the canonisation in Rome and then celebrate Mass possibly around 10.30 am but this time will be established soon and then advertised. We are then looking into setting up a large Marquee on the large lawn in front of the church for a Grand Reception. If you have any other ideas about these celebrations, please contact the Parish Working Party by emailing bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

Mission and Outreach

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH We look forward to your continued support for our shop during 2025. Please leave donations of clothes and bric-a-brac in our collecting boxes at St Michael's and St Bernadette's, or take them direct to the shop at 12 Lichfield Street in the city centre. We also welcome gifts of baby clothes and equipment, which we hand on to the local families who need our support. If you have baby items to donate and can't take them to church please ring Rosalie on 01902330553 to arrange collection.

FOOD COLLECTION: Donations of food (tinned/dried/cereal/ biscuits etc), toiletries (shampoo/toothpaste and toothbrushes/ sanitary products/soap) AND essential household items (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/ washing powder) are greatly appreciated by our Free School Meal families. This week's donations have been distributed by St Edmund's Catholic Academy. The 80 donated Selection Boxes were shared between our Ukrainian refugee children and the younger siblings of our FSM children who attend Grove Primary School, many of whom are refugee children and those escaping from domestic violence. Both communities send their thanks as do staff from Highfields and St Edmund's Schools for the Aldi Orange vouchers that your cash donations provided.

SVP WINTER CLOTHING APPEAL: We are entering into a new Jubilee Year where we are being called to be Pilgrims of Hope. This advent, and Christmastide, the St Vincent de Paul Society are asking for your help to bring hope in your city. The SVP in Wolverhampton are supporting families seeking asylum and who have no clothing for the Winter. Do you have spare winter clothing you could donate? Coats and Jumpers, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, etc for adults and children. If you can donate these items, please place them in the SVP collection points if your church has one. Alternatively, contact the SVP District President via email secretaryF021402@svp.org.uk to make other arrangements. Thank you

TAKE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATION! The Climate and Nature Bill is a proposed new UK law that would address the full extent of the climate and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science. If passed, the Bill would require the United Kingdom to set and achieve climate and nature targets and give the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero a duty to implement a strategy to achieve those targets. It has widespread support from MP's from most political parties in the Westminster Parliament and is being introduced by Dr Roz Savage MP for its second reading on January 24th.

Please consider writing to your MP to ask them to attend the House of Commons on January 24th to support the Bill. You can find more information about the bill at <https://www.zerohour.uk/climate-and-nature-bill/> where there is also a guide to writing to your MP (under the "Take Action" tab). Thank you for your help! Peter Stott

Finance

CRIB OFFERINGS This year the offering given at the crib will again be for the charity "Friends of the Holy Land". Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring community for Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Significantly this includes all the places we hear about in the readings over Christmas. For example, the parishes in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. The parishes there have suffered greatly over the last year and need our help.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 300 CLUB: As the BCA Parish 200 club will have more than 200 members next year, it is now renamed as BCA Parish 300 Club. This means now that any ticket only has a 1 in 300 chance of winning each month.

The Annual Subscriptions are now due. Kindly pay Sr Lydwin 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 £50 and second prize £10. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

**Winners of 200 Club December 2024 Draw: No.85A Jan Taylor £50.00
No.120 Elane Hesson £10.00**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 29th December 2024						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		17.00	15.00		10.00	42.00
Non-Gift Aid	244.63	405.68	77.45	43.00		770.76
Attendance	220	86, 188	85			579
<i>Standing Order: December 2024: £4769.79</i>						

You can donate through the website by using this QR code.



Regular Prayer

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 Thursday 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 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 break up for Christmas vacations from 10th December 2024 and will meet in the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARMEL MONASTERY: Every Sunday from 4.30pm until after vespers at 5.40pm. and every first Friday of the month from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. All are welcome.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Zsofia Toth, Dennis Oparaji, Christine Ball, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, 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, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Margaret Stokes, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Freya Haynes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Anne Palmer, Janet Scoular, Ronald Barnett, Anthony Woods. **May they rest in peace.**

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