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12th JANUARY FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Mary Collis – 20 th Anniversary 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Family Thanksgiving 11.30 am St Michael Marie Trickett (RIP) 4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy
Monday 13 th January	
5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6.30pm St Michael Sue Spiers
Tuesday 14 th January	
12.00pm St Michael Ann Palmer (RIP)	
Wednesday 15 th January	
9.30am St Bernadette Robert Bearer (RIP)	
Thursday 16 th January	
10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12.00 pm St Michael Martin & O'Malley Family
Friday 17 th January - Saint Antony, Abbot	
9.30am St Bernadette Holy Souls 12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul Collis Family	12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions
Saturday 18 th January	
10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am St Michael Confessions
18TH JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael Mary Rowley (RIP) 9.00 am St Bernadette Theresa Reid	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Tuohy & Cotter Families Deceased 11.30 am St Michael <i>Pro populo</i> 4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy
<p>Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, Assistant: Fr. Alex Taylor, Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Lydwin, Sisters 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</p>	

Mass at Carmelite Monastery, every day at 9.00am.

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 18 th 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 19 th 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 St Michael	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.

BRING AND SHARE FOR THE VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP JAN 19TH 1.00PM – 3.00PM AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL If you wish to come to the above event, please sign the list at the back of the church also giving an idea of numbers in your group. As it's a bring and share buffet please add a suggestion of your food contribution. There is a list of food suggestions but feel free to use your imagination. A member of the food team will be in the hall from 11.00am onwards to receive your donation. If you come into the hall before 1.00pm please take a seat but the event will start after the Archbishop has said grace. We also need paper plates, bowls and napkins. Many thanks.

JUBILEE SHRINE For the Jubilee Year, which begins on December 29th, the Lady Chapel at St Michael's has been allocated by the diocese as a **Shrine for Blessed Carlo Acutis (Saint, after 27th April!)**

HOW CAN OUR CHAPEL BE A JUBILEE SHRINE? During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Catholic Church offers ways for the faithful to receive the Jubilee indulgence outside of Rome, ensuring that those unable to travel to the Eternal City can still partake in the spiritual benefits. The Shrines in our diocese are as follows:

St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad

St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham

Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster

Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE? An **Indulgence** in Catholic theology is the remission of **temporal punishment** due to sin, whose guilt has already been forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It reflects the Church's belief in the communal nature of salvation and the abundance of God's mercy.

Temporal punishment refers to the purification required for the effects of sin, such as the damage to one's soul and relationships with others.

HOW IS AN INDULGENCE CAN BE OBTAINED? Visit *one of the shrines* or engage in *acts of charity or mercy* then go to confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the Pope's intentions.

If it is not possible to attend Mass on the day of the visit, "*Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children"* (Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025)

This means 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

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.

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

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.

Mission and Outreach

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH Many thanks to all for your support of our charity shop during the past year. PLEASE NOTE our volunteers are having a well-deserved break over Christmas. After 15th December, please delay further donations until after the New Year. Thank you also for all the gifts of baby clothes and equipment which we have passed on to needy local families. If you hear of anyone in urgent need, please ring Rosalie on 01902330553 or email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk

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 and Aldi Orange gift cards have been distributed by the St Martin's MAT (Field View, St Martin's CofE and Grove schools). Thank you for continued support.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT: Please bring your clean, empty PLASTIC sweet, biscuit or cracker tubs to your Food Collection point by Sunday 9th February (or any Greene King pub by 16th February) so they can be recycled. All proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. For more details:
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A MESSAGE FROM RAZOM (the association that helps the Ukrainian Refugees in Wolverhampton) Thank you for the outstanding generosity over the last three years, this ongoing support has enabled us to give help to the refugees in their time of need. The Selection Boxes donated to the children helped to bring a little normality to them in such traumatic times. A peaceful, happy and healthy New Year to you all.

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

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 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 5th JANUARY 2025						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		28.00	10.00	8.00		46.00
Non-Gift Aid	276.32	356.34	67.07	58.00		757.73
Attendance	200	84, 174	79			537
<i>Standing Order: December 2024: £4769.79</i>						

You can donate through the



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, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Freya Haynes.

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

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