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19TH JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Mary Rowley (RIP)</i> <i>Brendan McLoughlin RIP-1st anniversary</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Tuohy & Cotter Families Deceased</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Theresa Reid</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Pro populo</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

Monday 20th January Feria

5.45pm St Michael <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	6.30pm St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i>
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Tuesday 21st January Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

12.00pm St Michael <i>Tom Collis RIP</i>	6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Holy Souls</i>
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Wednesday 22nd January Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

Thursday 23rd January Feria

10.00am St Bernadette <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	12.00 pm St Michael <i>Anthony Thompson RIP</i>
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Friday 24th January Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Holy Souls</i>	12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	1.00pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Confessions</i>

Saturday 25th January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle

10.00am St Michael <i>Fr Brendan Carrick (RIP)</i>	11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
10.30am St Michael <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	

26TH JANUARY SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Pro populo</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Alex - Birthday</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Joe Eades RIP</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Bernadette Davey RIP</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant:** Fr. Alex Taylor, **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney, Rev. Mr Gerry Bowen.

Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Lydwin, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

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For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk **Parish Facebook page:** @carloacutisparish

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

WE WELCOME ARCHBISHOP BERNARD for our **Parish Visitation** this weekend. All are welcome to join us at the 'Bring and Share' on Sunday Afternoon from 1.00pm -3.00pm.

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY, and the **second collection will be for Pax Christi**, the Catholic movement for peace and non-violence. If you wish to gift aid your donation, just ask the person making the collection for a gift aid envelope. Leaflets about the work of Pax Christi and a special Pax Christi prayer are available at the back of the church. This weekend a fragile peace agreement has been declared in the Middle East. Let us pray that this agreement holds and that all peoples in the Holy Land may be given the opportunity to live their lives in justice and peace.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD This is now the sixth year that the Catholic Church has been celebrating the third Sunday of the year as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. Pope Francis has chosen as the theme the words of the Psalmist, **"I hope in your Word"** (Ps. 119:74). It is a cry of hope: when we are in moments of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, we cry out to God and put all our hope in him. The Sunday of the Word of God once again allows Christians to reinvigorate Jesus' tenacious invitation to listen to and cherish his Word to offer the world a witness of hope that allows one to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment.

NEXT SUNDAY, after the homily we will invite **all our readers** to come and stand before the altar to receive a special blessing to support them in their essential ministry of proclaiming God's Word. **Everyone is also invited to bring their bibles** from home (also, if applicable, their new Sunday Missals) to be blessed at the end of Mass.

ROAD CLOSURE From tomorrow, January 20th the bottom end of Darlington Street will be closed between Chapel Ash roundabout and Waterloo Road. It will remain closed for about 6 months. The only way to enter and exit SS Peter & Paul Church will be from Waterloo Road. This can be accessed at the next junction on the Ringroad.

WOMBOURNE CHURCHES TOGETHER - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025: January 20th - 26th Lunchtime 30-minute reflections all this week beginning at St Bernadette's this Monday, 20th January. Each reflection starts at 12 noon every day. Other places of worship hosting prayer: Tue 21st Kingsway, Wed 22nd Methodist Church, Thur 23rd URC, Fri 24th St Benedict Biscop and ending Sun 26th January URC Church at 7pm with an Evening Worship Service. All are welcome. For further resources: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

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.

EPIPHANY CONCERT for ACORNS CHILDREN'S HOSPICE. The Catholic Women's League are thrilled to announce that the choral concert on Saturday 4th January raised an incredible £558.54. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us and to Wulfruna Ladies Choir for another glorious programme.

JUBILEE PRAYER CARDS The Office for Mission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have produced Jubilee prayer cards for everyone to help us pray and keep our focus on the Jubilee year. They are available at the back of each church and a supply of 500 has been provided for visitors to our Jubilee Shrine.

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

FREE WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY EXHIBITION Blessed Carlo Acutis parishioner and local artist **Roy Pope** presents highlights from his 35-year career as a sculptor in glass, ceramics and wood at the Wolverhampton Art Gallery on Lichfield Street. The exhibition celebrates Roy's work for churches and schools across our region. The exhibition is located on the ground floor of the art gallery and is open until the end of March 2025. Entry is free.

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP (ages 0-5 years). We get together every Friday 9am-11am during term-time in St Michael's Church Hall. Bring your little ones along. Unlimited tea, coffee and squash plus fruit and toast. Further details from Sarah: 07948 963325

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. 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.

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 A huge thank you from the SVP for your great support for this project. Please continue to help us to help those need of warm clothing during the cold winter period. Just one request please only supply clothing that is clean and fit to be worn. Thanks again.

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.

The New Cards will be issued in the second week of February.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 12 th JANUARY 2025						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		70.00	10.00	26.00	10.00	116.00
Non-Gift Aid	260.38	405.57	88.40	41.00		795.35
Attendance	224	83, 179	77			563
Standing Order: December 2024: £4769.79						

You can donate through the



The Jubilee Shrine

HOW CAN OUR LADY CHAPEL AT ST MICHAEL'S 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

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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