



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 16th January 2022

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

SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael Mary Rowley RIP

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette Monica Hoggins RIP

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online The Family of Henry Soronnadi

11.30 am St Michael Margaret Jordan RIP

5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

Monday 17th January Memorial of St Antony, Abbot

6.30 pm St Michael Josephine Clancy RIP

Tuesday 18th January Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop, Octave of Christian Unity

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul Agnes Jucyte

Wednesday 19th January Feria Octave of Christian Unity

12.00 noon St Bernadette Holy Souls

Thursday 20th January Feria Octave of Christian Unity

10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12.00 noon St Michael Family of David & Monica Blee

Friday 21st January Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Octave of Christian Unity

9.30am SB Mass & Confessions Holy Souls

12.00noon SS Peter & Paul Arthur Griffiths

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul-Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday 22nd January Feria Octave of Christian Unity

10.30 St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am St Michael Confessions

SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Octave of Christian Unity

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael Patricia Bamford

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette Holy Souls

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

11.30 am St Michael Vincent Keane RIP

5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy

6.00pm SS Peter & Paul Pro populo

Parish News and Activities

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK BEGINS THIS TUESDAY Each year in the octave leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (January 25th) the Church invites us to pray for unity among all Christians. The theme this year is 'We Saw His Star in the East' and the materials have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East. With Covid restrictions it is still difficult to arrange joint services this year, but we can still pray in each of our churches for unity and we can pray at home and at other parish activities that happen during the week. For prayer resources you can download the booklet from <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022>

Prayer for Christian Unity:

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us.

May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us.

Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines.

We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him.

Amen.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE CHURCHES Now that the decorations have come down, it is an opportunity to thank all who decorated each of our churches for our Christmas celebrations. Special thanks to Pam, Katie, Maureen, Steve and John at St Bernadette's, Maria, Ann, Jincy, Steve, Roy, Paul, Walter, Winner, Margaret, Peter and Jim at St Michael's, and Judith, Gerard, Aaron, James and Derek at SS Peter & Paul. During these difficult times, when many are struggling, it is so important that our churches are full of life and beauty. This was achieved admirably in all of our churches for the Christmas Season. Many thanks!

SUNDAY EVENING STUDENT MASS AT 6.00 pm This restarts next Sunday 23rd January at SS Peter & Paul Church.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Congratulations to all who worked to make this such a successful venture across the three churches. Special thanks to Bill and the three teams: Rita and Gloria at SS Peter & Paul, Connie and Carmel at St Michael, and Gloria at St Bernadette. £1200 was raised for the maintenance of the church buildings. Many thanks to you all.

KSC YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS Our Order is running two new photography competitions for young people. Details can be found on the *Online Mass and Activities* page of the [Parish website](#). If you have any questions, please contact David Spinks on 07544960402.

200 CLUB: The 200 Club is running for several years at SS Peter & Paul's for the maintenance of the parish. Now we wish to run it at St Michael's too in order to support the maintenance of the parish. The Annual subscription £12.00. If you would like to become a member, please contact Sr Lydwin. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

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

CARMELITE CALENDARS are on sale at St Michael's this weekend (15/16 January) priced at £3. Thank you for continuing to support the work of our Carmelite Sisters.

A JEWEL OF THE PARISH On Thursday Archbishop Bernard came to an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving to begin the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the work of the Good Shepherd Ministry in Wolverhampton which began back in 1972. The service was held in their new premises opposite the Molineux Stadium on Waterloo Road. It was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God and thank all the volunteers who have worked with the brothers over the years. Hopefully next week there will be some photos available to put on our website to mark the occasion.

Walking together – the Synodal Path

WALKING TOGETHER After each Mass this Sunday, there will be an invitation to come along to our Parish Listening Meetings which will be held in each church over the next few weeks.

On Saturday **22nd January**, we will look at **Communion**, 3.00pm - 4.30pm at all three churches.

on Saturday **5th February** we will look at **Participation**, 3.00pm - 4.30pm at all three churches.

and on **Saturday 5th March** we will look at **Mission**. 3.00pm - 4.30pm at all three churches.

Here are the areas of discussion for each meeting:

Saturday 22nd January *Communion*,

1. In what ways does the Catholic Church enhance your life?
2. Which of your concerns does the Church fail or struggle to respond to?
3. How is the Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?
4. How might the Church improve its decision-making processes?
5. The last two years has been challenging. In your experience, how has your faith been supported? How would you like your faith to be supported in the future?

Saturday 5th February *Participation*

6. How do you believe your presence at Mass makes a difference?
7. Explain what difference does it make in your life to receive the sacraments?
8. What part does prayer play in your life and your relationship with God/The church?
9. How do you currently participate, personally, in the life of the Church? How do families and young people participate in the life of the Church? How much responsibility do you have as an individual?
10. How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels?
11. If you could describe your local parish fulfilling your dreams and concerns for the whole world and the local community, what would it be like?

Saturday 5th March *Mission*

12. How does your experience of parish life allow you to reflect, develop, action, and speak about your faith?
13. In what ways is the call of Jesus to serve the poor a priority in the Church and especially in our parishes?
14. What more can we do in our parishes to address the needs of the poor (homeless, lonely, the bereaved, prisoner, the sick, people with addictions, refugees, people with disabilities, those suffer in developing countries)?

Prayer for the Synodal Path

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

If you have Netflix There is a great mini-series called ***“Stories of a Generation – with Pope Francis”***. If you can watch this, it gives you an insight into what Pope Francis is asking of us in the Synodal Path.

Mission and Outreach

This weekend is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in **Pax Christi**, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022> Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884

LIFE CHARITY SHOP 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (Tel 01902 420656) continues to welcome donations of clothes and bric-a-brac; **NO BOOKS** until further notice though, as at the moment we have large stocks of them. For more information contact the shop, or ring Rosalie (330553).

Life Caring Outreach continues to welcome donations of cots, pushchairs, and other baby items. We are often asked to help needy families and your generosity makes a real difference to the care of babies and toddlers. Anyone who needs such help can contact us via the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. This Helpline also offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is worried about any pregnancy related issue, or who has experienced loss of a pregnancy.

THE FOOD COLLECTION continues at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesdays 1-2 and Saturdays 10-11. Donations of food, toiletries, hot water bottles and blankets are gratefully received. This week's donations have been distributed via a free 'pop up' shop at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you so much!

CRISP-PACKET RECYCLING. This scheme suggested by our young people at St Michael's has returned: notices will remind you to sanitise if you touch the bin with your hands, as you do with other items at church. Most people bring packets which have had a few days' "rest" at home to help mitigate any risk attached to them of spreading disease: thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for December 2021: Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis £ 3313.37

SS Peter & Paul 200 Club December Draw Winner: No 43 Nora McDonagh

Offertory Collection for Sunday 9th January 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	104.27	243.83	35.00	48.00		431.10
Gift Aid	180.00	95.20	105.00	25.00		405.20
Second Collection						

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, Antony Thompson, 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 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: Michael Egan, Margaret Jordan, Frank Sowinski, Fr Bob Douglas, Sharon Stephenson, Ros Ward, Peggy O'Dowd, Javid Wright, Kathleen O'Malley, May they rest in peace.

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