



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE



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18th JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Brendan McLaughlin RIP* **10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Helena & Francisco Antonio Lopes*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro Populo* **11.30 am St Michael** *Collette Wenko*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

19th January Monday Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop

5.45pm St Michael Adoration 6.30pm St Michael *Gilly Wallace*

20th January Tuesday Feria of Ordinary Time

6.30pm SS Peter & Paul (at the Lady Altar) *God's Grace & Favour*

21st January Wednesday Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

9.30am St Bernadette *Jimmy Morgan*

22nd January Thursday Feria of Ordinary Time

12.00pm St Michael *Holy Souls*

23rd January Friday Feria of Ordinary Time

09.30am St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly* 12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration
12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Mary Carty*
Followed by Confessions

24th January Saturday Memorial of St Francis De Sales, Bishop

10.30am St Michael Adoration 11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

25th JANUARY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Ruth Derrick* **10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Marion Vicentin*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo* **11.30 am St Michael** *Sr Lydwin - Thanksgiving*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Gerry Bowen.

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney and Rev. Mr. Jonathan Henry.

Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Lydwin, Sr. Ancita and Sr. Sophia, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Administrator: Marie Yeo pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

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Catholic Education from 3-19: www.sfscmac.co.uk

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk **Parish Facebook page:** @carloacutisparish **Mass at Carmelite Monastery 9.00am every morning**

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 and Marie Yeo.

They can be contacted at: sg.stcarlo.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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN BY WHATSAPP please scan this QR code.



News and Activities

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SR LYDWIN Sister Lydwin has worked tirelessly in our parish for the last 10 years through some very difficult times alongside the many happy occasions but sadly at the end of the month she is leaving us to return to India.

To commemorate her time here, we are having a celebration on **January 25th at St Edmund's School starting at 1pm.** (this is where we had the Canonisation party in September) It will be a **"bring and share"** with a mix of hot and cold food, tea coffee and soft drinks available but please BYO if you want other beverages (including wine and beer). There will be parishioners over the next two weekends in the porch of each church with clip boards collecting names of attendees and food donations. The volunteers will have the usual list of suggestions for savouries and sweets. If you cannot attend but would like to support this celebration, please bring your food to St Michael's hall at 4pm on Saturday 24th January. Let's work together to make this a very memorable celebration for Sister Lydwin. Many thanks for your support. Any queries please contact pfc.stcarloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

FAREWELL MESSAGES FOR SR LYDWIN There will be notelets available in the porch of each church this weekend. If you would like to write a short message (no more than two sentences), put it on the notelet and return it to the box that will be in the porch by January 20th. Sr Ancita will then type up all the messages and make a presentation album.

WHY ARE THE CRIBS STILL UP IN CHURCH? The ancient celebration of Christmas was always a 40-day season ending with Candlemas on February 2nd. The readings on the Sundays in January continue to develop the Epiphany theme of revealing who God is. January often continues to be dark and cold, so it is good to keep the cribs up for the whole season reminding us that Jesus in the Light of the world.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS The Fire extinguishers at each of the buildings have recently been serviced and one of the comments made was that some of the extinguishers have items placed in front of them. As this would impede access when needed it is important that nothing is placed in the way of a fire extinguisher even if on a temporary basis. Any queries please contact Marie @ pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk Thanks for all your support.

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP meets on Friday mornings in St Michael's Church Hall. Still just £1.50. Bring your babes and pre-schoolers, enjoy a cuppa together and make new friends. Further details from Sarah, please email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

CATHOLIC MENS MONTHLY GATHERING – new for 2026 Thursday 27th January at 7pm. Fathers, husbands, and single men are warmly invited to a monthly formation evening rooted in prayer and Catholic teaching, drawing on themes from Dr Jordan Peterson's 12 Rules for Life. Each gathering will include time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a talk connecting one of the Rules to Scripture and the Church's vision of Christian manhood, and an opportunity for discussion and fellowship. This series is intended to support men in living their particular vocation with responsibility, virtue, and faithfulness, while fostering fraternity and mutual encouragement among Catholic men. 7pm start at St Peter & Paul's followed by social in The Milner Room.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE for "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" will take place on Sunday 25th January 2026 at 3.30pm at St Benedict's Church, in Wombourne.

ST MICHAEL'S ENTRANCE You will notice that scaffolding has been erected at the front of the church whilst some works are happening on the Hall. Please take extra care whilst the scaffolding is in place. The scaffolding should be removed on Monday 19th January. Any queries please contact Marie at pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

FOR THE LATEST NEWS, ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE <https://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews>

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation.

Our parish schools begin preparation of year 3 children for these sacraments this term. If your child is not in St Bernadette's, SS Peter & Paul's or St Michael's, your child can prepare for the sacraments at our special Saturday morning classes. **All children** who wish to receive these sacraments need to be registered before January 25th. **Please register your child immediately** by either scanning this QR code or using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9W0j6r2wJA>

The Programme of Preparation is as follows:

PARENTS' INDUCTION MEETING TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 6.00PM in St Michael's Hall, 173 Coalway Road

ENROLMENT MASS SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY at either St Bernadette's, SS Peter & Paul or St Michael's Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Confession)

SS Peter & Paul 23rd March 5pm in Church

St Michael 24th March 1.30pm in School

St Bernadette after 10.00am Mass in Church on 27th March

SECOND PARENTS' MEETING TUESDAY 21ST APRIL in St Michael's Hall, 173 Coalway Road

RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

SSPP School 1st June 1.30pm

SM School 2nd June 1.30 pm

SB after Mass Friday 5th June

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS CORPUS CHRISTI WEEKEND

SSPP Saturday 6th June 3pm

SB 7th June 9.00am

SM 7th June 11.30am



Mission and Outreach

FOOD COLLECTION Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea/coffee), TOILETRIES (shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes/sanitary products/soap/deodorant) and ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/washing powder) are greatly appreciated. Last week's donations and Aldi Orange Gift Cards were distributed by St Paul's C of E Primary School in Pendeford. Thank you for your continued support.

DONATIONS FOR LIFE CHARITY SHOP - Please use the Bank (which is in the rear car park at St Michael's) for your donations of clothes, bric-a-brac etc. Please pack any breakable items carefully before posting them in the box. Thanks for your support and any queries please contact Marie @ pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

TUB2PUB IS BACK! TUB2PUB IS BACK! Please recycle your empty sweet/biscuit tubs by leaving them at the Food Collection point at St Michael's OR any Hungry Horse pub between 1 January and 15 February 2026. Many recycling collections will not accept tubs made from polypropylene and they could end up in landfill. Last year this project recycled 240,000 tubs and to date £34,000+ has been donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF EL OBEID CIO (What we used to call the Sudan breakfast Club) Sr Angelina, who does such extraordinary work on the mission in Sudan, also has an uncle who is a bishop there. He has given a wonderful message for Christmas which you can read on our parish website. Go to the Parish News page


DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Could you be a Healthcare Volunteer in Lourdes? Are you a doctor, nurse or carer? Would you consider donating your time and expertise on next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage? Every year sick pilgrims can make the journey to Lourdes thanks to the support of a dedicated Healthcare Team. Without their expertise many pilgrims would not be able to go. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to try something new, please consider joining us. You will make a real difference. For more information, and to access the Volunteer Pilgrimage Pack and an application form, please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage> or scan the QR code:



Finance

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 300 CLUB *The Annual Subscriptions are now due.* Kindly pay Sr Sophia 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 £75 and second prize £10. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish. SCA 300 club Winners of December 2025 Draw: No.68A Vivienne Brown £75.00

No.259 Patricia Webb £10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 11 th January 2026							<i>You can donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection through the website by using this QR code</i> 
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total	
Gift Aid				25.00	13.00	38.00	
Non-Gift Aid	221.56	294.07	18.05	61.00	3.00	597.68	
Attendance	138	76, 204	52			470	
<i>Standing Order: December 2025 £ 5798.75 Second collection 17th /18th January Pax Christi</i>							

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 Tuesday 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 at 10.00am in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's. All Welcome!

LAY ASSOCIATES OF SISTERS OF ST ANN KNOWN AS THE LASA PRAYER GROUP will break up for Christmas holidays and will be back on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 5.00pm in the Lady Chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Margaret Baratt, Chloe Wilson, Kate Duffy, Teresa Fisher, Donald Firth, Patricia Hill, Sue Spears, Leanne Tolley, Liz Swinnerton, James Hunt, John Abbiss, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Sandra Clowes, Ann Bayley, Julie Lee, Yassir, Catherine Andrews, Roy Bayley, Carol Hyatt, Pat Grady, Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Dennis Oparaji, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Ray O'Gorman, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, 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, 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: Desmond Hales, Sharon Bates, Molly Mason, Fr Simon Bishop SJ, Ed Benedict, Wesam Hermiz, Fr David Keniry, Mary Carty. **May they rest in peace.**

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