



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



## ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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### Timetable of Masses and Services

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael	11.30 am St Michael Terence & Eunice Cosgrove
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	5.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Michael & Nora Cotter RIP	

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 Feria

5.45 pm St Michael Adoration	6.30 pm St Michael Algis Jankouskas
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#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 Feria

9.00 am SS Peter & Paul *Private Intention*

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9.30 am St Bernadette *Mary Dolan RIP*

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12.00 pm St Michael Graham Fishwater
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#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Memorial of SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops

9.30 am St Bernadette Sean O'Malley RIP	12.30pm SS Peter & Paul Jacqueline Murray RIP
12.00pm Ss Peter & Paul Adoration	1.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Confessions

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feria

10.30am St Michael Adoration	11.00am St Michael Confessions
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#### SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael Violet Byrne	11.30 am St Michael Henry Clayton
9.00 am St Bernadette Sarah Hulme	5.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul Henry & Judith Soronnadi	

**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](mailto:sg.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**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.

## Today is Sunday of the Word of God

All those who have brought their Bibles this Sunday will be able to have them blessed at the end of Mass.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN INCREASING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE** there is a great new app available on the apple App Store or Google play. It is called **Ascension** The Ascension app is the only app in the world to combine Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins, the Great Adventure Catholic Bible, Catechism in a Year, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the same place.

## Christian Unity Week

The theme chosen this year is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27).

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024**

Lunchtime reflections at 12.00 noon:

Monday 22nd Jan: St. Bernadette's

Tuesday 23rd Jan: Kingsway

Wednesday 24th Jan: Methodists

Thursday 25th Jan: URC

Friday 26th Jan: St. Benedict's

**Evening Worship at 7:00 pm Sunday 28th Jan at The Kingsway.** Guest Preacher: Mgr Mark Crisp

**Rosary during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Zoom.** The Catholic Women's League invite you to join them on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm as we pray for our brothers and sisters here and around the world.

**Meeting ID: 810 5947 5881 Passcode: 0BkGA0** (these are both zero's) Follow on codes to continue after 40 minutes

**Meeting ID: 863 3610 6032 Passcode: H7paiT**

### **PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

God of life,

You have created us to have life, and life in all its fullness.

May we recognise in our brothers and sisters their desire for eternal life.

As we follow Jesus' way with determination, may we lead others to you.

We pray in his name. Amen.

## News and Activities.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** This Sunday Morning Masses will all be enrolment Masses for those preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This will be followed by a brief meeting for parents. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare for these great Sacraments.

**DEANERY MONTH FOR PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS** In February, the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery will be hosting a series of vocation events, "**Listening to God's Call**"

There will be three online sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7pm:

20th Feb: **Consecrated Life**, 27th Feb: **Marriage and Single Life**. 5th March: **Priesthood and Diaconate**,

Everyone is welcome to join the sessions. The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxmTzmzdH7lJSld.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202, Passcode: 218505 *These meetings will be recorded and will be available on YouTube afterwards.*

**THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO SPECIAL MASSES FOR VOCATIONS**, after which there will be an opportunity to meet some of the speakers: Wednesday 7th February at 2pm at St Michael's, Coalway Road, Wolverhampton, Thursday 22nd February at 5pm at St Joseph's, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

For more information, please contact: [deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk)

**WHATSAPP PRAYER GROUP FOR VOCATIONS** The Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery Vocations Group have set up a WhatsApp Prayer Group with the aim of forming a 'prayer bank' for Vocations month in February. We started with a target of 1000 Hail Marys collectively, which we have achieved.

If you are interested in joining the prayer bank to offer prayers for vocations, then please email:

[deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk) with your name and mobile number and ask to be added to the WhatsApp Prayer Group.

**Please note that for safeguarding purposes, participants must be aged 18 years and over.**

**LIVING CREATURES QUIZ** This will be available today as you leave the church for a small donation to CAFOD (£1, or more if you like). Each answer includes a member of the animal kingdom. Please take it away, work on it at your leisure and let us have it back in a couple of weeks

**SVP COFFEE/TEA MORNING** at St Bernadette's will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 11.00am. All are welcome.

**MADELEINE STRIDE RIP** Madeleine's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 11am in St. Thomas' of Canterbury Church, Tettenhall.

**INSTILLATION OF FR MARK AS A CANON OF ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL** This will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the Cathedral in Birmingham at the 12.15 Mass. *All are most welcome to attend.* If you cannot attend, you may also watch on the Cathedral Live Stream which you can find on the Cathedral website [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

As many will not be free at lunchtime, there will also be a

**CELEBRATION OF SOLEMN VESPERS** in the parish at **SS Peter & Paul Church 7.00 pm** followed by a "bring and share" supper in Giffard House. All welcome!

### **ANNUAL INTERCULTURAL MASS CELEBRATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP**

***Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00 Noon at St Mary the Mount, Walsall WS1 3NX***

The Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Mission gather in collaboration with the local Deaneries, Parishes and Schools to celebrate our unity with the Chair of Peter. Mass will be followed by a social time in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to wear traditional dress and bring flags to display in Church and to bring food to share afterwards. For further information and to advise of numbers coming please contact either:-

Father Malcolm Glaze: [fr.malcolm.glaze@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.malcolm.glaze@rcaob.org.uk)

Monsignor Mark Crisp: [mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk)

Parish Priest of St Mary the Mount Father Jobin Kollappallil: [fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.jobin.kollappallil@rcaob.org.uk) or

Monsignor Daniel McHugh, Co-ordinator at: co-ordinator. [ethnic.chaplaincies@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ethnic.chaplaincies@rcaob.org.uk) 07812 110640

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

Come and join with fellow parishioners to pray at the tombs of the Apostles in Rome and then in Assisi at the tombs of St Francis and St Clare and, of course the tomb of our very own patron Blessed Carlo. Fr Mark was at the tomb praying for you after Christmas and Blessed Carlo awaits you!

The booking leaflets are now available in each Church. If you would like to go, please take one and book directly with our Travel Agent: JCTours Ltd Contact them on 01886 812 862 or [enquiries@jctourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jctourneys.com)

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** The Birmingham and Wolverhampton Walsingham Association is organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham this year from **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of April**. The cost is £299pp for En-suite and £261pp for budget accommodation. This includes coach travel from various pick-up points across Birmingham and Wolverhampton. For more details and bookings please contact Charles Keily before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January on 07710 189036. Please see poster in porch for more details.

**LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP** for 5 years and under held in St Michael's Church Hall each Friday during term time from 9-11. All welcome. Only £1.50 with biscuits and fruit plus unlimited tea and coffee. Further details: Sarah 07948963325 or Email [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

## *Mission and Outreach*

**FOOD BANK**: This week's donations have been given to local Penn families. Would you consider donating some essential household items such as washing powder/washing up liquid/toilet or kitchen roll OR dried/tins/jars of food OR toiletries such as shampoo/soap/toothbrushes/toothpaste/sanitary products please? Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Your donations are a lifeline for so many struggling families.

**THE NEXT FARESHARE AT ST MICHAEL'S** will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 from 1.00 to 4.00pm.

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH - HELP NEEDED!** Could you spare a few hours to help us deliver baby clothes and equipment to needy families? Requests for help keep coming and we find it hard to keep up with them. Extra help in taking items to our Charity shop in Lichfield Street would also be welcome. If you might be able to assist, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 or email [wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk) to find out more about what is involved. Many thanks to all who donate goods for the shop and/or baby clothes and equipment, we look forward to your further support during 2024.

## Finance

**CRIB OFFERINGS** This year the offering given at the crib will go to the Charity "Friends of the Holy Land". This charity directly supports the Christian Communities in Israel, Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 200 CLUB Annual Subscriptions are now due.** From January there will be ONE 200 club draw across the whole parish. Kindly pay Sr Lydwin at St Michael Church, Mr Bill Finnegan at SS Peter & Paul and Mr Charles Beare at St Bernadette. We encourage new members to join the 200 Club. The Annual Subscription is £12.00 which entitles the members to one chance in the Monthly Draw. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2024						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	219.47	334.40	73.90	30.00		657.77
Gift Aid	20.00	73.00	16.30	38.00		147.30
Mass Attendance	228	95, 202	63			588
<b>Standing Order: December 2023: £ 4233.75</b>						
<b>Second Collection: Pax Christi £ 322.46</b>						

## Prayer

### **SILENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Monday 5.45 pm – 6.20 pm** in Lady Chapel at St Michael's.

**Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am** at St Bernadete's.

**Friday at 12.00 noon- 12.30pm** at SS Peter & Paul.

**Saturday 10.30am- 11.30am** in Lady Chapel at St Michael's

**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 will resume to 4th Thursday of the month from January 2024. 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 resume on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 in the Lady chapel at St Michael's church.

**SHEKINAH PRAYER GROUP** will meet in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's every Friday for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. We look forward to many families joining us.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:** Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, , Anne Pearce, Rosa Tse, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Pat Noad, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Anna McGrath, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Mary Ware

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Brendan McLoughlin, Madaleine Stride, Fr John Lungley, Richard Hall, Gerry Knowles, Michael Shaffery, Tom Kenny, Albert Smith, Jean Cooper. **May they rest in peace.**

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