



# THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



**ST MICHAEL**

**SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE**



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## 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Bella Leen*  
9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Mary Carty RIP*  
11.30 am St Michael *Michael & Annie O'Donnell*  
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

## 5<sup>th</sup> January Monday Christmas Feria

5.45pm St Michael Adoration

6.30pm St Michael *Stephen Meehan RIP*

## 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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10.00am St Bernadette with school *Holy Souls*  
12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *William Barry RIP*

7.00pm St Michael *Murphy Family*

## 7<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday Christmas Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *Sister Lydwin*

## 8<sup>th</sup> January Thursday Christmas Feria

12.00pm St Michael *God's Grace & Favour*

## 9<sup>th</sup> January Friday Christmas Feria

9.30am St Bernadette *Sue Spiers*

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration  
12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

## 10<sup>th</sup> January Saturday Christmas Feria

10.30am St Michael Adoration

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

## 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Vernon Henry Hedgecox*  
9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Michael & Nora Cotter RIP*  
11.30 am St Michael *Chiduben Ony – Wedding ann.*  
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](mailto:pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

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**St Michael's Hall Bookings:** [sca@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sca@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:** [www.sfscmac.co.uk](http://www.sfscmac.co.uk)

**For Online Masses, go to** [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk) **Parish Facebook page:** @carloacutisparish

**Mass at Carmelite Monastery 10.00am every morning up to Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> inclusive.**

*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](mailto:sg.stcarlo.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 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

**A VERY WARM WELCOME** to Deacon Jonathan Henry who is arriving this weekend to start his diaconal placement here in the parish in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. He will be living in Giffard House with Fr Mark and Fr Gerry and is looking forward to getting involved in the life of the parish.

**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SR LYDWIN** This will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00pm. We are having a collection for her and there will be envelopes available this weekend. As a member of a religious order the collection would normally all go towards the missionary work of the order, but on this occasion, Sister Lydwin will be allowed to receive half of it. So, the collection goes towards the mission of the Sisters of St Ann and to Sister Lydwin.

**SVP TEA/COFFEE SESSION** will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 1.00pm at St Michael's church hall. It's wonderful 'get-together' to make friends, for a chat and socialising. Plenty of cups of tea/coffee with lovely food. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

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

# Mission and Outreach

**FOOD COLLECTION** Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea/coffee etc), 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 were distributed to local Ukrainian refugee families.

A huge thank you from the 15 schools that you have supported throughout 2025!

**LIFE DONATIONS** Good news we now have a permanent driver to empty the Life Clothing Bank at St Michael's monthly. You can therefore now start reusing the Bank (which is in the rear car park) 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](mailto:pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

**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!

**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 are able to 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:



**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.

# 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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




# 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.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** This year the offering given at the crib will again be for the charity *"Friends of the Holy Land"*. Their mission is to secure a resilient and enduring community for Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Significantly this includes all the places we hear about in the readings over Christmas. For example, the parishes in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. The parishes there have suffered greatly over the last years and need our help.

SCA 300 club Winners of December 2025 Draw: No.68A Vivienne Brown  
No.259

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2025							You can donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection through the website by using this QR code
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total	
Gift Aid				45.00	15.00	60.00	
Non-Gift Aid	157.17	425.57	105.75	124.00	3.00	815.49	
Attendance	196	106,149	82			533	
Standing Order: December 2025 £ 5798.75							

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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:** Wesam Hermiz, Fr David Keniry, Mary Carty,  
**May they rest in peace.**

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