



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

<b>Saturday Vigil 5.30pm</b> St Michael <i>Margaret Flannagan RIP &amp; Private Intention</i>	<b>11.30 am</b> St Michael <i>Collis, McElmeel &amp; Delaney Families Deceased</i>
<b>9.00 am</b> St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	<b>5.00pm</b> St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Service</i>
<b>10.15 am</b> SS Peter & Paul <i>Birthday Thanksgiving</i>	

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

<b>5.45 pm</b> St Michael <i>Adoration</i>	<b>6.30 pm</b> St Michael <i>Sidney &amp; Hilda Pratt</i>
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#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feria

**9.30am** SS Peter & Paul *Rose Milton & Michael Richards*

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January Feria

**6.30 pm** St Bernadette *Vigil Reception and Mass Fr John Lungley RIP*

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feria

**6.30 pm** St Michael *Private Intention*

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feria

<b>12.00pm</b> Ss Peter & Paul <i>Adoration</i>	<b>1.00 pm</b> SS Peter & Paul <i>Confessions</i>
<b>12.30pm</b> SS Peter & Paul <i>Sr Marie-Therese</i>	

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Feria

<b>10.30am</b> St Michael <i>Adoration</i>	<b>11.00am</b> St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
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#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday Vigil 5.30pm</b> St Michael <i>Fr Sean Gough</i>	<b>11.30 am</b> St Michael <i>Paul McCarthy</i>
<b>9.00 am</b> St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	<b>5.00pm</b> St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Service</i>
<b>10.15 am</b> SS Peter & Paul <i>Henry &amp; Judith Soronnadi</i>	

**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.

## *News and Activities.*

**MESSAGE FROM FR ALEX AND FR MARK** *MANY THANKS* for all your kind gifts and Christmas Offerings over the Christmas Masses. We wish you every blessing for the new year ahead!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** Many thanks to all who organised the raffle and all those who sold tickets. The prize-winning numbers are on display in each of the church porches. Please check if you have won anything!

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** The Birmingham and Wolverhampton Walsingham Association is organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham this year from **Saturday 6th April to Monday 8th 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 19th January on 07710 189036. Please see poster in porch for more details.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. 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@jcjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com)

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR JOHN LUNGLEY** Reception and Mass at 6.30 pm at St Bernadette's on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and the Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady's on the Cannock Road on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** The third Sunday of the year is now always celebrated as the Sunday the Word of God. As part of the celebrations, all of those on our Readers' Rota are invited to a reception at Giffard House on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Please email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) to let us know if you can join us.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION 2024** If your child has not made their First Holy Communion and are in year 3 or older, whether they are in a Catholic School or not, it is time for you to register them for preparation for these sacraments. The Enrolment Mass and First Parents' Meeting is on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January in each of our Churches**. To enrol you need to register online as soon as possible, either by scanning this QR code or by using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9W0j6r2wJA>

### *Mission and Outreach*

**After Mass Tea/Coffee and biscuits** will be available in the hall this Sunday after the 11.30am Mass. All are welcome.

**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. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Your donations are a lifeline for so many struggling families.

**FARESHARE IS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL** on Wednesday 3rd January at 1.45 pm. FareShare is the UK's biggest charity fighting hunger and reducing food waste. It redistributes surplus food to both charities and community groups who turn it into food parcels and vital meals. In the last financial year just under 128 million meals were produced from FareShare supplies.

**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

**The Grand Christmas Raffle** raised £2073.15 including donations towards Prizes. Thank you to all those who helped to sell the tickets, sponsored the prizes, and bought the tickets. The proceeds will be towards the heating of all our three churches.

**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.

**200 Club December 2023 Draw Winners: SS Peter & Paul: No.114 Philomena Grey £50.00  
St Michael: No. 22 Nuala Palmer £50.00**

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 31st December 2023</b>						
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>St Bernadette</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	546.14	302.82	61.18	65.00		975.14
<b>Gift Aid</b>		29.00	12.00	30.00		71.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	185	78, 173	65			501
<b>Standing Order: December 2023: £ 4233.75</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 break up for Christmas vacation and 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 many families to join in.

**PRAYING ONLINE Livestream Adoration** at <https://www.youtube.com/live/Dd7YbWyPcQo?si=4DtPJ9yktiaXFDz4>

**Livestream Rosary** at <https://www.youtube.com/live/ijrncZ180II?si=wQngOaNgoP5PFFh8>

**Livestream Chaplet of Divine Mercy** [https://www.youtube.com/live/YT\\_zjA-2Col?si=DqjW-aV6glA18III](https://www.youtube.com/live/YT_zjA-2Col?si=DqjW-aV6glA18III)

*The parishioner who recommended these appreciates them because she knows she is praying with others in real time.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES** go to <https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>

**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:** 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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## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Also known as 'chalking the door' is a traditional custom where you can bless your own home and family for the coming year. All you need is a piece of chalk and a simple prayer of blessing. Over the main door (inside or outside) write '**20 + C + M + B + 24**'. Note: please take care when doing this!

Explanation of the Blessing: The numbers correspond to the current year, with the initials of the traditional names given to the three magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar). These initials are abbreviated as *May Christ bless this house*. The + signs represent the cross, a reminder that through Christ's Passion, death and Resurrection all grace comes into our life. Through the sign of the Cross, we pray that our homes will be places of holiness for all who abide in and enter our homes and be a rich source of blessing for our community.

### THE BLESSING OF YOUR HOME

Gathered by the door to be blessed. The Leader invites people to make the *Sign of the Cross* +

**LEADER:** *Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.* **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. **READER:** *The word of the Lord.* **ALL: Thanks be to God**

Taking the chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the main entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 24**

As you inscribe say the words: **LEADER:** *May Christ bless this house.*

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

**SAID LEADER OR BY ALL:** Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.