



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 9th January 2022

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

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Julia Toohey*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Vincent Keane RIP*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Pro populo*
 11.30 am St Michael *Lucy O'Rourke*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 10th January Feria

11.15am Funeral Service- Franciszek Sowinski
 6.30 pm St Michael *Vernon Henry Hedgecox RIP*

Tuesday 11th January Feria

9.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Nicolina & Maria Raynor*

Wednesday 12th January Feria

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Father Gary*

Thursday 13th January Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 12.00 noon St Michael *Holy Souls*

Friday 14th January Feria

12.00noon SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Saturday 15th January Feria

10.30 St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Jordon RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Parish News and Activities

50 YEARS OF SERVICE This year in Wolverhampton we celebrate 50 years since the foundation of the Good Shepherd Ministry. There will be a number of events to mark this during the year, but we begin with an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving for the 50 years of service by the Brothers. This will take place on Thursday 13th January at 11.00 am at 65 Waterloo Road. If you would like to attend, please contact them on 01902 399955 or office@gsmwolverhampton.org.uk by January 10th. Many thanks.

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.

USED FITTED KITCHEN UNITS - there are some units available in one of the garages at St Michael's Church. If anyone is interested, please contact David Spinks on 07544960402. We are going to dispose of these units in the week commencing January 10th if no one has taken them.

Result of the Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish Grand Christmas Raffle: Total number of prizes 30. Cash Prizes £ 175.00 All the prizes were donated by the parishioners. The amount raised for the parish £1200. Many thanks to all our donors and the parishioners who supported generously. There are a few prizes yet to be claimed. If you haven't collected your prize yet, could you please contact Bill Finnegan on Sunday after 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul.

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.

Mission and Outreach

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.

CAFOD AFGHANISTAN APPEAL 23 million people are now unable to feed themselves daily. Cafod is asking us firstly to join them in praying for Afghanistan. They know too that we are facing our own challenges, but if we are able, they would welcome donations for their Afghanistan appeal. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis>

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 given to local Penn families. Thank you as ever!

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

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.

Walking together – the Synodal Path

WALKING TOGETHER is a special time of prayer, listening, dialogue and recommendations. You can find out more online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023> We will all have the chance to respond to the request of the Pope to dream about the Church we are called to be. There will special meetings for us to listen to people's reflections on the three concepts that shape 'walking together'.

On Saturday **22nd January**, we will look at **Communion**,

on Saturday **5th February** we will look at **Participation**,

and on **Saturday 5th March** we will look at **Mission**.

The Listening Meetings will be at **3.00pm and last till 4.30pm**. On each Saturday there will three meetings running simultaneously. One at SS Peter & Paul in the Milner Room, one in St Michael's Hall and one in St Bernadette's Hall. Here are the areas of discussion for each meeting:

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?

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?

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

Further revisions to Covid-19 testing and self-isolation rules: Under the new guidance, anyone from next Tuesday (11th January) in England who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result to NHS Test and Trace and must self-isolate immediately, but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced.

Anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation seven days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive two negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, on days six and seven.

Finances

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

The offertory collection of St Bernadette will be entered next weekend.

Offertory Collection for Sunday 2nd January 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	122.79	265.30		33.00		421.09
Gift Aid	25.00	37.00		85.00	20.00	167.00
Second Collection						

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: 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, Ray Johnson, Margaret Ann Holder, E. Kondayya, May they rest in peace.

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