



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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25th July 2021 17th Sunday of the Year (year B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services. *For Online Masses, go to* www.carloacutis.co.uk

Saturday Vigil Mass SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th July Booked seats only!	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Robert Robbins RIP</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Nancy Cuss RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Desmond Flanagan RIP</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Mike Churn RIP</i> 3.00pm Reception Vigil <i>George Brown RIP</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>pro populo</i>
Monday 26 th July SS Joachim & Anne	12.15 pm Requiem Mass <i>George Brown RIP</i> 6.30 pm St Michael <i>Sr Lydwin & Sr Rita</i>
Tuesday 27 th July <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and online <i>Kevin, Tony & Jim</i>
Wednesday 28 th July <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and online Mass 12.00 noon St Bernadette <i>Jimmy Molohan</i>
Thursday 29 th July St Mary, Martha and Lazarus	10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00 noon St Michael <i>John Lyddon</i>
Friday 30 th July <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am St Bernadette <i>Nancy Cuss RIP</i> 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online <i>Mary Teresa Hedgecox RIP</i> <i>Followed by Adoration and Confessions</i>
Saturday 31 st July St Ignatius of Loyola	10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st August	5.30 pm St Michael <i>David & Roz Spinks 50th Wedding Anniversary</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Mary Leighton</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Sr Genevieve RIP</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>O'Connor Family RIP</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>pro populo</i>

For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Monastery but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

Guidelines for attendance at Mass

As we move forward over the next few weeks, the guiding principle from the bishops, is to begin opening up as the government suggests, whilst at the same time ensuring that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to worship.

The survey at all the Masses last weekend revealed that the majority of parishioners would like to have a social distanced area available in each of the churches. From next Sunday, therefore, at the 5.30pm, 9.00am, 10.15am and 11.30am Masses, most of the church will be designated as an area of social distancing. There will be one sector left for non social distancing. The 6.00pm Mass will not have a social distancing area provided. As the architecture of each church is different, there will be an information sheet for each church available this weekend. Please be aware that the areas chosen for social distancing and non social distancing have been chosen carefully to ensure that the social distancing area is not compromised. This may mean that you may not be able to sit in an area of the church which you might have preferred. Please bear with us in this complicated time as we address these issues. Hopefully, it will not be too long now, before we can return to normal.

Here are the guidelines that we will be operating across all three churches from next weekend, 30th July/1st August.

- **YOU WILL NO LONGER BOOK TO COME TO MASS.** Each church has lists of names of those who have been attending and you will be ticked off the list when you arrive.
- If you are coming back to church for the first time, when you arrive, you will be asked to either register with the QR code or write your name and phone number on a slip of paper and place it in the box provided.
- When you arrive, you will be asked to wear a face mask in church (unless you are exempt), and you will be asked to sanitize your hands on entry.
- A steward will ask you if you wish to be socially distanced or not, and they will take you to the relevant area. In the socially distanced area, please fill from the front so that there are no gaps left in the pews that would mean someone would have to climb past you in the row.
- Members of the congregation are now permitted to sing if they are wearing a face mask.
- Readers no longer have to sanitise before they read but they can continue to do so if they wish.
- Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers will continue to wear face masks.
- Holy Communion is distributed differently in each church so please check the information sheet for your church. People in the non socially distanced areas will be able to process up to Holy communion in the normal way but please wait for a steward to call out your row so that there is no bunching together in the communion procession.
- Sanitiser will still be offered as you go up to Holy Communion, but this is totally voluntary, and is provided in case you sense that your hands may need cleaning after touching benches and handrails. Please ensure you have rubbed your hands together well, so that they are dry before you receive the Blessed Sacrament. Please also ensure that you stretch out your hand as flat as possible.
- At the end of Mass, you may stay behind to pray but please be conscious of others in your row who may want to leave. (Particularly if there is no other way out of the pew.)
- As you are leaving, please also ensure that you do not congregate within the church but go straight outside.

Let us keep on praying for one another and for those who are sick and those who care for them during this pandemic.

Parish News and Activities

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly This Monday is the feast of SS Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis has decreed that the nearest Sunday to this feast should from now on each year be dedicated to Grandparents and the Elderly. This day provides a moment to stop and thank God for our grandparents and for the treasure of our elderly relatives and parishioners. Our families and parish communities would be impoverished without their wealth of experience and wisdom. So, we thank God for them today and ask God's blessings upon them. As this feast becomes a tradition each year, let's think of ways we can celebrate this in future years.

FREE PRAYER CARD for Pope Francis' first World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Cards will be handed out *after masses this weekend* as an outward show of God's love, who says "I am with you always". Can be taken home, popped in your bag/wallet, given to anyone who is isolating or alone, to show Our Lord's love. "The whole Church is close to you - to us- and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" Pope Francis. With our warmest regards - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE of WOLVERHAMPTON

Feast of SS Joachim and Anne Monday's feast is also the patronal feast of our parish sisters, the Sisters of St Ann of Providence. On their feast day, let's pray for God's blessing upon them and their ministry here in the parish.

Funeral arrangements for George Brown RIP George will be received into St Michael's Church this Sunday afternoon 25th July at 3.00pm and his Requiem Mass takes place on Monday 26th July at 12.15 pm. All are welcome. Rather than flowers, the family have requested donations to the Charity LIFE. There will be a collection box available at the Requiem Mass. Many thanks.

Appeal for cleaners: As restrictions are now easing and parishioners have more freedom to see loved ones, attend appointments etc we find ourselves needing more help with the regular cleaning of the church. This takes place every Monday at 11.am and if the full team are present it takes about an hour. We have two teams so the commitment is every other Monday. During the pandemic we have all seen how important it was to clean the church. Going forward it may not be necessary to carry out the extraordinary amount of cleaning but it will still be necessary to clean the church once a week. If you feel you can help out, please see Sr Lydwin or call me on 07763768375. Many thanks. Diane Welch.

Youth 2000: Are you aged 18-35? Youth 2000 are organising a summer festival of faith at Ampleforth College, "REJOICE," from Friday Aug 27th until Monday Aug 30th. If you are interested in going as part of a parish group, contact Fr Sean, who will be going too (fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk).

Crisp Packet Recycling at St Michael's: This initiative from Youth Group is restarting with the holidays: empty packets can be left in the dedicated box in St Michael's Hall.

March for Life: 'March for life,' The annual fun-filled march to witness to the sanctity of human life, will be held on Saturday 4th September in London. Further details can be found @ marchforlife.co.uk We are hoping to organise a coach from Wolverhampton. Please register your interest in this incredibly important act of Christian witness by emailing Fr Sean (fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk).

Lateral Flow Test Kits Using one of these kits is very easy and it is a reasonably reliable way of knowing whether you have contracted Covid 19. So, regular use of such kits gives the person using them reasonable confidence to know whether it is safe to mix socially. Fr Mark has a supply of these kits. If you would like to register to have some, please email the parish to register and then you can collect your kit.

Catholic Women's League (Wolverhampton) GLORIOUS MYSTERIES ROSARY. 7.30pm Thur 29th July Join us in St Michael's church or via Zoom for our monthly prayers and dedications. ALL WELCOME, all parishes, creeds, ages. Contact Sarah (07948 963325 / sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk). Zoom codes: Meeting ID: 360 136 0930 Passcode: 6ZrDsT <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3601360930?pwd=cThTL0JEdWp2WWprTzdIMStDaytaZz09>

Praying the Rosary Following on from the success of the online Rosary led by the Knights of St Columba during May, the Rosary will now be led by different groups of the parish on the First Thursday of Every Month at 8.00pm. At first this will still be online, but once restrictions are relaxed, it will also be public.

Mission and Outreach

Good Shepherd Ministry Next year, 2022, is the 50th year since the Good Shepherd Brothers started their work in Wolverhampton. During the coming year they hope to mark the anniversary by various special events and will keep you informed. ***Their first 'event' is a fundraising campaign taking place this June and July.*** Members of their staff, volunteers and friends are undertaking various 'sponsored' activities. One of these activities is a 50-mile bike ride which Br Charles hopes to complete with some members of their staff. Sponsorship forms are available on the parish website and in the porch of each Church.

Life Charity Shop and Caring Outreach more donations of goods are still welcome at our shop at 12 Lichfield Street. We need a whole range of clothes, books and bric-a-brac, so please give us any items that you no longer need. Small amounts can be handed in at the shop during normal opening hours. If you have a lot of goods to donate, please ring the shop on 01902 420656 to book a delivery slot. If you can't take items to the shop yourself, then ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 and arrange to drop items at her house or have them collected from you.

Life's local outreach to needy mums continues; if you know anyone in need of baby clothes or a cot, pushchair etc advise them to ring the free Life Helpline 0808 802 5433 and we will do our best to support them.

Life's Caring Outreach Thank you also to those who have given clothes and other items for babies; with your help we continue to support needy local mums and their families.

The Food Collection: As the summer holidays approach we hope to give as much food and as many supermarket vouchers as possible to our 'Free School Meals' families. Food and cash donations will be particularly welcome before the schools break up later this month. July's donations will be distributed to families via 'pop up shops' at Warstones Primary School, St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy and SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary Academy. Without your support none of this would be possible. Thank you!

Addressing Local Need Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

Finances

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for June 2021: St Michael's £1486.75 St. Bernadette's £950.18 and SS Peter & Paul £ 266.00

Offertory Collection for Sunday 18th July 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	96.50	269.49	40.00	
Gift Aid	85.00	120.50	23.00	

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: 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: Kathleen Raby, Sr Genevieve Rosario (Sisters of Joseph of Tarbes), Mary Doherty, George Brown, Rita Kendall, Luke Evans, Hilary Clitheroe, Margaret (Peggy) Kenny. May they rest in peace.

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