



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

Website: [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk) E-mail: [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) Parish Facebook page: [@carloacutisparish](https://www.facebook.com/carloacutisparish)

Parish Office: 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND. Telephone: 01902 341343

Parish Priest: Mgr. Mark Crisp, Giffard House, 51, North Street, Wolverhampton. WV1 1RJ.

Assistant Priests: Fr. Gary Mantle OH (01902 276190) and Fr. Sean Gough

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney [dcn.michael.mckearney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.michael.mckearney@rcaob.org.uk)

Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Lydwin & Sr. Rita, Sisters of St Ann of Providence,

## Timetable of Online Masses and Services 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

For Online Masses, go to [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk)

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael *Special Intention*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *The Marson Family*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Gayathrie Jenny Thachi*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Sean Shalvey RIP*  
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy  
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

5.45pm St Michael-Adoration in the Lady Chapel  
 6.30 pm St Michael *John Gay RIP*

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

9.30am SS Peter & Paul online *Private Intention*

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

11.30am St Bernadette Stations of Cross  
 12.00 noon St Bernadette *Mary Kirby RIP*

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March Feast of St Patrick

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
**12.00 noon Mass at St Patrick's, Heathtown, with Archbishop Bernard**  
 6.00 pm St Michael Youth Mass *Vincent Macari RIP*

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

10.00am St Bernadette School Mass in the church *John Crake RIP*  
 11.30 am SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross  
 12.00 noon SS Peter & Paul & Confessions *Patrick Guiton RIP*  
 12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul Divine Mercy Devotion  
 6.30 pm St Michael Stations of the Cross  
 7.00 pm St Michael's Mass *Priest's Intention*

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30 am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 11.00 am St Michael Confessions  
 11.00 am SS Peter and Paul and online *Priest's Intention*

### SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael *Jennifer Bressers RIP*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *Celia Norton*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Pro populo*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Vincent Gay RIP*  
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy  
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Priest's Intention*

## Parish News and Activities

**LENT** We now begin our 6 week preparation to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter. It is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. To help us in these activities, there are various resources available in this bulletin. We are increasing the time of **Adoration** available in the parish. At present there is Adoration in St Bernadette's on Thursday mornings, SS Peter and Paul after Mass on Fridays, and St Michael's on Saturday mornings. From now on there will also be Adoration on Monday evenings at St Michael's in the Lady Chapel from 5.45pm until Mass at 6.30pm.

**Stations of the Cross** take place at St Bernadette's on Wednesdays at 11.30am, SS Peter & Paul on Fridays at 11.30am and St Michael's on Fridays at 6.30pm. There is also an extra weekday Mass at St Michael's on Fridays at 7.00pm. If you come to Adoration in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's, **please bring a cushion to kneel on**, as we haven't sorted out kneelers yet!

**'THE VENTURE' YOUTH EVENINGS.** 11-16 year old? Have an amazing Lent this year by coming to 'The Venture', two fun and faith-filled evenings on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March at St Michael's church. Both evenings will include Mass at 6.00pm (families welcome for Mass!) followed by pizza and then..... we will build an enormous crucifix from scratch! We will use this on Good Friday for an act of witness in the City Centre at 1pm (all are welcome to this). **Parental permission is essential**, email [fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk) for a form.

**GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS** On Good Friday the young people of the parish will lead an act of witness to the Death of Jesus in the town centre. It will last about half an hour, leaving time to get to the 3pm liturgy. Please make every effort to support our young people and to take this opportunity to witness in gratitude to Jesus on the day he died for us. More details will follow but please put it in your diary for 1pm.

**GREAT FIGURES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** Every Monday Lunchtime why not come and join us in an Ecumenical Lenten journey looking at significant followers of Christ through the centuries. We meet in St Peter's Collegiate Church for Soup and rolls at 12.00 noon and then there is a short talk at 12.30pm followed by Q&A and it's all finished by 1.00pm. It's a chance to see the beauty of Wolverhampton's oldest Church and meet with fellow Christians from across the city. Both Fr Mark and Fr Sean will be giving talks in the series. For more details see the poster in the porch or look online

<http://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews/prayer-05032022>

**FREE LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM FR HUDSON'S CARE.** The reflections are thoughts and ideas that aid some of the friends of Father Hudson's during Lent, including, Parish Priests, Staff and Volunteers as well as supporters. You can sign up to this free service through this [link](#) or by emailing [libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**LEGION OF MARY** One of our new parishioners, Chidi Oliseowe, is very keen to start a Legion of Mary group within the parish. If you would be interested in joining, please contact him on [gabbychidi@gmail.com](mailto:gabbychidi@gmail.com)

**CHOIR FOR THE EASTER VIGIL** The Easter Vigil will be at St Michael's church at 8.30pm on Saturday 16 April. There will be practices for the choir at 7.30pm on Friday 25 March and Friday 2 April at 7.30pm at St Michael's. All are welcome.

**SVP COFFEE/TEA MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS** in St Michael's Hall have now resumed. Afternoons take place at 2pm on 2nd Wednesday of each month and mornings at 11am on 4th Wednesday of each month. It is an opportunity for all to come and socialise and have a friendly chat over tea/coffee. All are welcome.

**ST BERNADETTE'S TEA/COFFEE refreshments:** We are delighted to inform all our parishioners that we are resuming our Tea/Coffee and refreshments in the church hall at St Bernadette's on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March after the 9am Mass. All are encouraged to come to the hall for this beautiful opportunity for socialising.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS 12.00 NOON at ST PATRICKS** On Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Archbishop is celebrating Mass in St Patrick's Church as the church is 50 years old. There will be no Midday Mass at St Michael's that day to allow you to join with the Archbishop for this special celebration.

**LENT GATHERING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm - 9.00pm St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton. WV1 2QN Led by Rev. Deacon Michael McKearney. The programme is as follows: 7.00pm - Adoration & Benediction. 7.45pm - Refreshments.

8.00pm - Reflection. 8.30pm - Blessed Carlo Acutis Devotions. If you would like to attend, let Fr Mark know and he will register you with Fr Craig at the St Newman Cluster.

**RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY** Whether you help distribute Holy Communion during Mass, or whether you take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, you will need to be recommissioned at the Maundy Thursday Mass this year. This will be a particularly important moment as many of you have not been able to exercise this ministry during the pandemic and this will be an opportunity for a new beginning. If you are away from Wolverhampton on the night of Maundy Thursday, please let Fr Mark know so that you can be recommissioned at another Mass during Eastertide.

**MASS INTENTIONS** it is an ancient tradition in the church to give a donation to the priest to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular intention. This may be for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. or for healing for someone, or in thanksgiving or for any good intention. There are special envelopes available in the porch of each church for you to write your intention and place your donation. The intention is then shown on the bulletin next to the Mass in the schedule.

## Mission and Outreach

**Walk Against Hunger: CAFOD 2022** Petula is challenging herself to walk 200Km during Lent - 5Km a day, in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. She would like to appeal for sponsorship to raise funds to help stamp out hunger one step at a time and help transform someone else's life this Lent. If you would like to sponsor Petula, you can place your donation in an envelope for 'Petula: Walk against Hunger' and leave at church or via the following link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petulas-lent-walk-against-hunger>

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION FOR UKRAINE** via DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) combined charities' humanitarian appeal: across the next week the UK Government will match pound-for-pound the first £20 million donated by the public to the DEC's appeal. See the Disasters and Emergency Committee <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or the Big Give

<https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900002G9bXqAAJ>

**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE:** We shall be collecting across the 3 churches before Mass during the weekend of March 19/20 ONLY. Any contributions of the following items would be greatly appreciated. First Aid Kits; Paracetamol; Ibuprofen; Cold/Flu treatments; antiseptic cream; bandages; sterile dressings; surgical tape; multivitamins; Vicks VapoRub; antiseptic body wipes; hand gel; tooth brushes and paste; wet wipes; pocket tissues; shower gel; nappies; sanitary towels and tampons; thermal underwear; plastic cups, plates and cutlery; peanut butter in PLASTIC JARS; Cupa soups; 3 in 1 coffee sachets AND unwanted charity bags to pack the items in please.

The local Ukrainian Catholic Church cannot accept any items that are not on their list. The last opportunity to donate is at the 11.30 Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 20th March after which we shall sort and pack. If anyone would like to help, please phone Val on 01902 340479.

**SUPPORT UKRAINE.** Join us for a Musical Evening on Saturday 2nd April with Wulfruna Ladies Choir in St Michael's Church Hall at 7pm (7.30pm start). Raffle, hot drinks and juice available. Some tunes will be sing-a-long. £10 adults, children free. Tickets at weekend masses or from Parish Social Committee. BYO nibbles & drinks.

**HELP SAVE A LIFE THIS LENT WITH 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Lent involves prayer, fasting and almsgiving and you can combine all three and help to save lives too by supporting 40 Days for Life. It is an international 40 day long vigil of fasting and prayer outside of abortion centres, along with the offer of support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our local vigil is in Birmingham. To find out how you can get involved contact the local organiser Isobel on 07773501721, or speak to Fr Sean, Clive Molloy or Paul Sharp.

*'Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me.'*

**IT STARTS WITH A MEAL Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY** are very excited to announce they have been chosen to be ambassadors for the British Art Show 9 (BAS9). This is the largest touring exhibition of contemporary art in the UK, and the theme is 'how we give voice to difference'. They will therefore be opening their doors to the public for the first time, where you will be able to experience a day in the life of our service users, volunteers and staff. This is a great opportunity for The GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY to showcase the work they do as a charity and be able to share this with you all. They are offering a free tour, but as places are limited you will need a ticket. To book yourself a ticket go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/itstartswithameal-an-immersive-art-exhibition-tour-of-the-good-shepherd-tickets-265815961697>

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP** 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (tel 01902 420656) continues to flourish, thanks to your donations of clothes and bric-a-brac. Books can now be accepted as well. For more information, contact the shop or ring Rosalie (330553). **Life Caring Outreach** If you can help by giving a cot, any kind of pushchair including especially a travel system, or other baby items including stairgates, please ring Rosalie. We are often asked to support needy families with babies and toddlers, and your generosity makes a big difference. Anyone who needs such help can contact us via Life's free National Helpline, 0808 802 5433. The Helpline also offers a listening ear to anyone who is worried about any pregnancy related issue, or who is troubled after experiencing loss of a pregnancy.

**Mothering Sunday Cake Sale Sunday 27th March.** Please support Life's sale of cakes and gifts in St Michael's Church hall after 11.30 Mass on Mothering Sunday. We hope to have a good variety for you to choose from! Gifts of cakes can be handed in on the day before Mass and will be much appreciated.

**PUMP BAG MAKERS:** This week 89 pump bags have been delivered to 4 more schools, St Patrick's, St Michael's, St Martin's and Field View. Thank you so much. Kits can be collected and returned to the basket in the porch at St Michael's.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:** more than 60 hats knitted by parishioners are on their way to be given to seafarers. Many thanks to those knitting: your kind gifts are much appreciated as a welcome to our ports. Ukrainian seafarers are now being given 'phone cards and data SIMs to maintain family contact. Especially if you do not knit please consider supporting at :

<https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> "Stella Maris chaplains in the UK and around the world will redouble their efforts to support all seafarers affected by this war. It is desperately unfortunate that Ukrainian, Russian, and other seafarers are getting caught up in this war." On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, The Apostleship of the Sea is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation) to join online on 23 March at 7.30pm to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** continues after Masses at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. As demand for help is increasing we would welcome any donations of the following: FOOD e.g. UHT milk/cereal/ tins of meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding/ pasta and sauce/ rice/ tea/biscuits; ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS e.g. washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners; TOILETRIES eg soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants and EASTER EGGS! Any cash donations are used to buy supermarket vouchers that are given to our FSM families via their primary school. *This week's donations have been distributed by Warstones Primary School. Thank you so much.*

## **Finance**

**FAKE EMAILS** There has been a problem with fraudsters pretending online to be member of the parish clergy. This time an email with a photograph of Fr Mark on its cover has been in circulation. Please remember that any official notification from the parish will either come from the official parish database:

**Wolverhampton, Blessed Carlo Acutis** <[noreply@parishaccounts.org.uk](mailto:noreply@parishaccounts.org.uk)> or a diocesan email address that ends with [rcaob.org.uk](http://rcaob.org.uk) Any email ending in any other way, is a fraud.

**BENCH KNEELERS AT SS Peter & Paul** Unfortunately, the kneelers on the right-hand side of the church were not completed during the week, so they are missing this weekend. They will be returned before next Sunday. As was stated last weekend, the total cost of this is just over £6000 and we have already had some contributions. If anyone else feels able to help, please use one of the envelopes marked "Church Kneelers" Many thanks.

Standing Order Blessed Carlo Acutis parish for the month of February 2022 is £3513.25

### **Offertory Collection for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

	<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>	173.59	218.20	53.50	53.00		498.29
<b>Gift Aid</b>	20.00	70.00	61.55	95.00		246.55
<b>Second Collection</b>						

***The Second collection this weekend for CAFOD from you Family Fast Day Offering***

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Joseph McCamphill, Richard Rogers, Shirley Deffis Whitaker, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, , 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 and Margaret Holmes, Chris Starkey, M Mary, , Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, , Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Mary Kirby, Celia Norton, Thomas Mackin, Patrick McIlvenna. Fr Gabriel Maguire, Mgr John Heslin, Fr David Lloyd, Maria Allport, Ena Newington, Marjorie Moore, May they rest in peace.

**Catholic Education from 3-19:** [sfscmac.co.uk](http://sfscmac.co.uk) **Business Manager:** CPM Services [cpm59@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cpm59@hotmail.co.uk) 07388 994783  
**St Michael's Hall Bookings:** [stmichaelshallpenn@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelshallpenn@gmail.com) **St. Bernadette's Hall:** Alison Banyard, 07581 340921  
**Hospital Chaplaincy** New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352  
**Safeguarding Representatives:** Steve & Chris Callow 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse 01902 326334

*This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.  
Registered as a charity. No. 234216. Archbishop of Birmingham + Bernard Longley*