



THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL

SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE



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15th MARCH LAETARE SUNDAY

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Francis Henson Good Health</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Rita Tonks RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>John Abbiss RIP</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Special Intention (CW)</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Service</i>

16th March Monday Lent Feria

5.45pm St Michael <i>Adoration</i>	6.30pm St Michael <i>Shirley Deffis Whittaker RIP</i>
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17th March Tuesday Feast of St. Patrick

12.00pm St Michael Shrine Mass <i>Pat & Jo Clarke</i>	6.30pm SS Peter & Paul <i>David Blee RIP</i>
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18th March Wednesday Lent Feria

9.30am St Bernadette <i>John Abbiss RIP</i>	10.00am St. Bernadette <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
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19th March Thursday Solemnity of St. Joseph

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10.00 am – 11.00am St Bernadette <i>Adoration</i>	12.00pm St Michael <i>Moira Archer & Family</i>
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20th March Friday Lent Feria

10am St Bernadette & School <i>Mary Connolly</i>	6.30pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12.00pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	7.00pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Mass of Release and Healing</i>
12.30pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Patrick Guiton RIP</i>	

21st March Saturday Lent Feria

10.30am St Michael <i>Adoration</i>	11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
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22nd MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Ada Martin & Family</i>	10.15am SS Peter & Paul <i>Chris Walsh RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Roy Bayley RIP</i>
	4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Service</i>

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. Sophia and Sr. Ancita, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Administrator: Marie Yeo pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

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Catholic Education from 3-19: www.sfscmac.co.uk

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk **Parish Facebook page:** @carloacutisparish

Mass at Carmelite Monastery 9.00am every morning

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, Alison Banyard and Marie Yeo.

They can be contacted at: sg.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 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.

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News and Activities

STATIONS OF THE CROSS *Due to a problem with St Michael's Church this Friday, Stations will be at SS Peter & Paul at 12.00 noon and at 6.30pm.* Things will return to normal the following week. St Bernadette every Wednesday at 10.00am.

CATHOSOC AND YOUNG ADULTS GROUP each week we will follow the "WE DARE TO ASK" course from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This comprises five sessions which reflect on the Baptismal promises we make or renew at Easter. We meet every Tuesday at Giffard House from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. (Entrance through the church side door). For more information contact mgr.mark.crisp@rcaob.org.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE: Lent Reflections 2026: 12 till 12:30pm. Lunch served afterwards, along with drinks. Theme: 'Matthew's Gospel'. Tues 17th March, Methodist. Tues 24th March, Venerable Bede. **Walk of Witness** Friday 3rd April, starting from Methodist Church at 11:30am.

CITY CENTRE ECUMENICAL LENT TALKS The theme this year is "FAITH THROUGH ART". Each Monday of Lent, different speakers will reflect on a piece of art that speaks to them of faith in God. All talks will take place in St Peter's Coffee Shop, 4, Exchange Street WV1 1TS. Soup and rolls will be available from 12.00 noon. The talk will begin at 12.30pm promptly and finish by 1.00pm, including time for discussion. All welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN MEETING SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 3.00pm ST MICHAEL'S HALL. All parishioners are invited to take part in discussing the further development of our parish community. We will discuss the new draft constitution from the diocese. Following comments submitted to the Parish Priest, we are also proposing a second model for the make-up of the ex officio members. This model would only have 12 members for the normal meetings. (Twice a year the meeting is open to all parishioners). Both versions are available to view on the [Parish News Page of our Website](#).

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP. All welcome to learn more of Catholic Women's League Wolverhampton at our next meeting at 12.30pm, Thursday 19th March in St Michael's Church Hall. BYO lunch, make new friends, pray and plan events together. Details from Sarah: Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 12.00 GOOD FRIDAY AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH. We are looking for 14 pairs of readers from across all three churches in our Parish - either a parent and child, two siblings or two young people – to take part in this special Stations of the Cross at St Michael's on Good Friday. If you would like to be involved, please contact Liz at lizeyo@btinternet.com or Teresa at teresascragg9@gmail.com or text Teresa on 07979697068

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026: Petula has signed up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026! "This Lent, I'm walking 200km over 40 days in solidarity with those who walk miles each day just to access safe water. Your sponsorship will help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. This Lenten challenge is really important to me, and your support would mean so much. Will you support my walk? You can leave your donation at your church in an envelope with my name on (Petula Nurse: CAFOD Lent walk) or donate online on my JustGiving page using this link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petulas-fundraising-page2026>. Thank you."

SPONSORED RUN FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP: On Saturday 28th March, Deacon Jonathan will be running a half marathon from Saints Peter and Paul Church to Saint Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, raising funds to subsidise our Youth Group's trip to the KYT Summer Camp at Alton Castle. Over the course of Lent, he is hoping to raise £2,200, covering the cost of ten spaces for our young people on this faith-forming experience. Donations will be gratefully received from this weekend.

ST MICHAEL'S CENTENARY MASS Last year we had the main celebrations for the centenary of the building of the original St Michael's Church, but the anniversary of the opening Mass is this April 10th. There will be a special Mass to mark this occasion that evening at 6.30pm.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CONSULTATION - GAMBLING HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY Gambling can expose young people to significant harms, including increased risk of anxiety, depression, financial stress, poor academic performance, and strained family relationships. Early exposure can normalise risk-taking behaviours and increase the likelihood of developing long-term gambling problems, particularly as young people are more susceptible to impulsivity and targeted online advertising. If any young people would like to take part in this consultation by Wolverhampton Council, please follow this link - <https://consultation.wolverhampton.gov.uk/public-health/children-and-young-people-consultation-gambling-ha/>

ARE YOU A YOUNG MAN IN SCHOOL YEARS 9 - 13, WHO WANTS TO EXPLORE A VOCATION TO THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD?

Come to St. Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham on Saturday 9th May 2026, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Spend time with others who are thinking about a vocation to the priesthood and meet Fr. Craig Szmidt (Diocesan Director of Vocations). There will be time for discussion and prayer, a tour of Oscott, and an opportunity to speak with seminarians, joining them for the celebration of Holy Mass and lunch. To find out more, or to book (by 26th April) contact Deacon Owen Gresty 0121 321 5135 or deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk FREE OF CHARGE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER EVERY SUNDAY MASS at St Michael's. All proceeds to charity. Donations of time to help set up and serve plus biscuits always welcome. See Sarah: Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHS DURING MASS. Following guidance from the Diocese filming and photographs are not permitted during Mass. You are welcome to take photographs/film after the mass has finished as long as the persons included have given their permission.

Mission and Outreach

FOOD COLLECTION Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea/coffee), TOILETRIES (shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes/sanitary products/soap/deodorant) and ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/washing powder) are greatly appreciated by our FSM families. Last week's donations were distributed by Field View Primary School in Bilston. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS FOR LIFE CHARITY SHOP Thanks to your generous donations, The Life Clothing Bank at St Michael's is full. Our regular driver was unable to visit in February to empty it but is scheduled to do so next week. Can I therefore ask that you keep hold of any donations until the weekend of the 21st/22nd March when the box should then be empty again. Thanks for your support and any queries please contact Marie @ pfc.stcarlo.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN: We shall be collecting Easter Eggs for our local Ukrainian children. If you could make a donation please leave it at the Food Collection point in your church. It is not a tradition in Ukraine to receive CHOCOLATE Easter Eggs so you can imagine just how much excitement your gifts create!

ST MARTIN'S MULTI ACADEMY TRUST: I am writing as Chair of Directors of St Martin's MAT to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the congregation of the Parish of St Carlo Acutis. For quite some time now, your faithful commitment to collecting and distributing food donations has made a tangible and lasting difference to families across our four schools. The regular provision of food enables us to create emergency food parcels for those facing real hardship, and this support has been absolutely essential to our pastoral care. We are also incredibly grateful for the financial generosity you have inspired within the parish community. The Aldi vouchers you so thoughtfully provide — now totalling over £4,300 in recent years — have been a vital resource for our pastoral managers. These vouchers allow us to respond quickly and discreetly to urgent needs, ensuring families receive help at just the right moment. Your kindness has extended even further through your support of individual and bespoke needs, including helping us provide a bed for a child who did not have one. That simple but profound act speaks volumes about the compassion and practical love demonstrated through your ministry. Please pass on our deep appreciation to everyone who contributes so generously. We see firsthand the difference this support makes, and we are truly thankful. With warmest thanks and appreciation, Daniel Lee

LIFE CARING OUTREACH welcomes your donations of baby clothes and of items such as cots, pushchairs, etc. We hand these on to local needy mothers and babies. If you can help please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553 or email rosalie.watkins@blueyonder.co.uk to arrange collection

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY – 2026 (Birmingham) Saturday 21st of March 12.00 - Chamberlain Square by the fountain
We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations.
Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant. **For more information contact Ben – 07885505116.**

NATIONAL MEN'S PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility, learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

TUB2PUB IS BACK: Thank you to everyone who recycled their sweet tubs and raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The scheme has now closed until next Christmas. 60+ were recycled via the Bradmore Arms, Trysull Rd. Thanks.

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

Looking ahead

ANNUAL EVESHAM PILGRIMAGE to site of first Marian apparition in England. All welcome. Tuesday 5th May. Coach from St Michael's Church at 9.30am. Free time until Rosary at 2pm followed by Holy Mass then Bring & Share afternoon tea. Celebrant: Fr Alex Taylor (Branch Chaplain of Catholic Women's League CIO Birmingham). Cost £25. Further details from Sarah. Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk. Book early to avoid disappointment. £10 nonrefundable deposit by bank transfer, cash or cheque.


EVENING AT THE MUSICALS CONCERT Wolverhampton Community Brass Band present an "Evening at the Musicals" concert in the **St Michaels Church Hall on Saturday June 20th at 7.30 pm.** Doors open at 7.00. **Tickets are £10 adults. Under 16's £5.**

Under 5's free. The programme will include music from your favourite musicals such as "Phantom of the Opera", "Mama Mia", "Chess" and many more.

PARISH CHARITY CONCERT & AFTERNOON TEA Sat 11th July at 2pm in St Michael's Church Hall. Wulfruna Ladies Choir with friendship songs & soloist Peaky Blondie with songs through the decades. *Celebrating 120 years of Catholic League!* Only £10. Book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets only. Details from Sarah: Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk.

Finance

SCA 300 club Winners of February 2026 Draw: No.81A –Veronica Mulvehill- £ 75.00 **No.33B** – Charles Beare - £ 10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 8 TH MARCH 2026							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	194.64	536.14	214.02	84.00	6.00	1034.80	
Attendance	245	110,260	95			710	
Standing Order: February 2026 - £ 6088.50							

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 gather every Tuesday 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:, Karen Moreton, Andrew Fallon, Mary Brennan, Kate Duffy, Teresa Fisher, Donald Firth, Patricia Hill, Sue Spears, Leanne Tolley, Liz Swinnerton, James Hunt, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Sandra Clowes, Ann Bayley, Julie Lee, Yassir, Catherine Andrews, Carol Hyatt, Pat Grady, Graham Cole, 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: Ann Lewis, Myles Muldowney, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Roy Bayley, John Abbiss, John Murphy, Desmond Hales, Sharon Bates, Molly Mason, Fr Simon Bishop SJ, Ed Benedict, Wesam Hermiz, Fr David Keniry, Mary Carty. **May they rest in peace.**

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