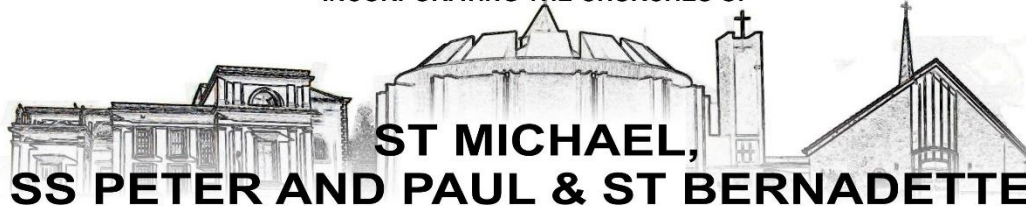




THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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Timetable of Online Masses and Services 20th March 2022

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

SUNDAY 20th 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*

Monday 21st March Lent Feria

5.45pm St Michael Adoration in the Lady Chapel
 6.30 pm St Michael Shirley Deffis-Whittaker

Tuesday 22nd March Lent Feria

9.30am SS Peter & Paul online *Private Intention*
 7.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Service of Light (for Confirmation Candidates)*

Wednesday 23rd March Lent Feria

11.30am St Bernadette Stations of Cross
 12.00 noon St Bernadette *Mary Kirby RIP*
 7.00pm St Bernadette *Service of Light (for Confirmation Candidates... Parishioners Welcome!)*

Thursday 24th March Lent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12.00pm St Michael *Joan Reed RIP*

Friday 25th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

9.30am St Bernadette Mass & Confessions *John Mann*
 11.30 am SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross
 12.00 noon SS Peter & Paul & Confessions *Chris Walsh*
 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Adoration and Divine Mercy Devotions (part to 24 Hours for the Lord)
 1.30 pm – 3.30pm SS Peter & Paul Adoration (part to 24 Hours for the Lord)
 6.30 pm St Michael Stations of the Cross
 7.00 pm St Michael's Mass *Priest's Intention*

Saturday 26th March Lent Feria

9.00am – 12.00 noon St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (part of 24 hours for the Lord)
 10.30 am St Michael Confessions

SUNDAY 27th MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)

Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm St Michael *Michael & Annie O'Donnell*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Cecilia Norton*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Eugene Finnegan*
 11.30 am St Michael *John Needham*
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Parish News and Activities

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AND CONSECRATION OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

This Friday is the Feast of the Annunciation and Pope Francis has asked us to set aside times of Adoration between Midday on Friday and Midday on Saturday as a global act of conversion to the Lord. He also will be consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart to Mary to claim all hearts there for peace. In our parish we are setting aside two 3 hour periods of Adoration: 3 hours at SS Peter & Paul on Friday afternoon and 3 hours at St Michael's on Saturday Morning. (We are including the hour of Adoration on Thursday at St Bernadette's in this intention.) There will be sign up sheets in St Michael's and SS Peter & Paul this weekend so that there will be continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. ***Please consider offering half an hour of prayer for peace during this extended vigil.***

CHOIR PRACTICE 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 25th March and Friday 1st April at 7.30pm at St Michael's.

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 its 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>

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
All are welcome.

SVP COFFEE MORNING this coming Wednesday March 23 at St Michaels Church Hall starting at 11.00. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for refreshments and a friendly chat.

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 20th March after the 9am Mass. All are encouraged to come to the hall for this beautiful opportunity for socialising.

ROSARY via ZOOM for all. Join the Catholic Women's League for our monthly Rosary as we pray together for Ukraine and all displaced/disillusioned people. Monday 21st March at 8pm. Meeting ID 873 9273 7526 Passcode 812556
Contact Sarah for more info - 07948 963325

CALLING ALL LADIES (all denominations and ages). Do you want to join an active group of like-minded ladies to have a positive voice for good in the Church? Find fresh interests, make new friends, join our mission of service to one another, our parish and the community and care with love. We have many events throughout the year for charitable work and prayer. MEETING in St Michael's Church hall Thursday 24th March at 1pm. Bring & Share Lunch, tea and coffee provided. Friendly welcome guaranteed. Come and find out more and/or call Sarah (Branch President of Catholic Women's League) 07948 963325

email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

'THE VENTURE' YOUTH EVENINGS. 11-16 year old? Remember the next youth Mass is on 31st March at St Michael's church. It 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 for a form.

LENT GATHERING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Wednesday 6th 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.

CARMELITE EASTER CARDS will be available at £2.50 for a pack of 5 of the same design. At St Michael's they will be in the Church Hall across Sunday Masses. Please have plenty of change with you! Thank you for supporting the work of the Carmelite.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING MASS Where possible, we would like to reintroduce the children's liturgy at Sunday Masses. It may not be possible every week, and it may not be possible in all three churches. Some of our volunteers that used to do this before the pandemic are no longer able to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, we will be setting up a training session. If you are interested, please email bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk or speak to one of the priests.

CLEANERS FOR SS PETER & PAUL Our little team of cleaners is dwindling for various reasons. Are you able to come along and help us on Thursday mornings? If there were enough volunteers it would mean that it would not be every week. If you are interested, please email bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk or speak to one of the priests.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aaron Humphriss who has been accepted to train for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He will be leaving to study in Spain in September. Please keep him in your prayers!

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>

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal. Donations can continue to be sent to Ukraine if items from the list below are left at our usual Food Collection points. First Aid Kits; bandages, plasters, surgical tape; wound dressing kits; Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Vicks VapoRub, Cold and Flu remedies; protein/energy bars, Cup a soups, 3in1 coffee sachets, small packets of nuts and dried fruit, peanut butter in PLASTIC jars; batteries; toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, hand gel, antiseptic wipes; thermal underwear and men's socks. Thank you.

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.

ACCOMODATION FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES We have made an application for two rooms at the top of Giffard House at SS Peter & Paul Church. If you are interested in registering for this scheme, please contact mariagallagher@fatherhudsons.org.uk

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 7th April – Sunday 10th 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. 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, 0800 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.

THANK YOU PUMP BAG MAKERS! Pump bags have been given to year 6 girls at The Grove School to store items in, supplied by the charity Periods Matter. The basket containing kits is in the porch at St Michael's. Please take one for you to complete and another for a friend!

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/> " 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 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. We would welcome any donations of the following: FOOD eg UHT milk/cereal/ tins of meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding/ pasta and sauce/ rice/ tea/biscuits; ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS eg washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners; TOILETRIES eg soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants and EASTER EGGS! This week's donations have been distributed by St Patrick's Primary Catholic Academy. Thank you for your continued support!

MARY'S MEALS: Regrettably the Back Pack Campaign has become logistically unsustainable for the Charity so will close at Easter. Thank you very much indeed for your generous support of Youth Group's involvement, enabling our young people to pack over 60 bags a year to encourage school attendance. Mary's Meals will continue with their core purpose of feeding hungry children, though for some their school setting has been devastated by floods and disaster: we shall continue to support them. For £15.90 Mary's Meals gives a daily meal to a child for a year.

Holy Week Activities

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.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 12.00 GOOD FRIDAY. 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 for children of primary school age* at St Michael's on Good Friday. If you would like to be involved, please contact Liz at lizeo@btinternet.com or Teresa at teresascragg9@gmail.com

GOOD FRIDAY SOUP LUNCH after Stations of the cross, 15th April. Join us for homemade soup and crusty bread in aid of CAFOD (cash donations on the day). The Catholic Women's League are thrilled to serve you once more and hope to see lots of you. All welcome! Information: Margaret 07531 227761

GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS at 1.00 pm On Good Friday the young people of the parish will lead an act of witness to the Death of Jesus in the city 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 to follow.

Clearly it will not be possible to attend the children's Stations of the Cross and the Walk of Witness, but we are a big enough parish to be able to support both initiatives for Good Friday.

Finance

BENCH KNEELERS AT SS Peter & Paul The kneelers have now all been repaired. If anyone else feels able to help contribute to the cost, please use one of the envelopes marked "Church Kneelers" Many thanks.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	299.70	242.80	84.00	61.00		687.50
Gift Aid	20.00	70.00	53.00	35.00		178.00
Second Collection	CAFOD-Lent Family Fast £ 975.43					
Standing Order Blessed Carlo Acutis parish for the month of February 2022 is £3513.25						

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.

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