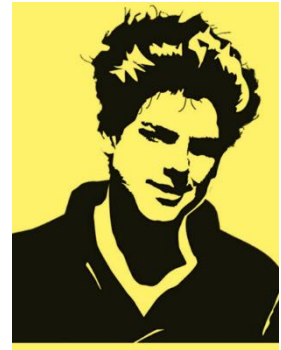


# COUNTDOWN TO CANONISATION



**It is 5 Sundays until Carlo will become SAINT CARLO ACUTIS!  
Remember there will only be One Mass the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

This will be at 9.30am at St Michael's Church and will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. Please be seated by 9.00am. There will be a large screen set up in the church and we will watch the declaration of the canonisation in Rome. This lasts about half an hour and then we will start the Entrance Hymn of our Mass. After Mass there will then be a reception for everyone who has come to Mass at **St Edmund's Catholic Academy**.

This will start with Grace at around 12.30pm.

**PLEASE OFFER LIFTS TO YOUR FRIENDS** so that as few cars are used in the car parks at St Michael's and St Edmunds. **For those who have no transport at SS Peter & Paul's** there will be transport leaving SS Peter & Paul at **8.50am**.

If you would like a seat on the minibus, please sign on the clip board that will be available at Church this Sunday.

**FUND RAISING FOR THE CANONISATION** We have set up a special fund to develop our shrine of St Carlo in the Lady Chapel in St Michael's and create an information and learning centre about St Carlo with a big screen for videos, and displays with photographs and information for pilgrims. On our Website there is now a special page dedicated to this fund where people can donate directly <https://www.carloacutis.co.uk/canonisation-fund.html>

The **SPRING RAFFLE** is dedicated to this fund and it will be drawn during the party on the day of the Canonisation. Tickets are on sale till Palm Sunday.

**BRING YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS NEXT SUNDAY** Our Relic of Blessed Carlo will be at each Mass next weekend and we will spend a time in prayer with Blessed Carlo at the end of each Mass.

*There will also be more events leading up to the Sunday during Easter Week.  
There will be more information about this next week.*

Our Catechumens and Candidates after the Rite of Election at St Chad's on March 9<sup>th</sup> They will all become Catholics at the Easter Vigil.



Our Young People and our Youth Leaders at FLAME, the National Catholic Youth Rally in Wembley last Saturday.

# LENT

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** SS Peter & Paul every Friday at 12.00 noon. St Michael Every Friday at 6.30pm and St Bernadette every Wednesday at 10.00am.

**CITY CENTRE ECUMENICAL LENT TALKS** The theme this year is **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**: *Deepening our understanding of the Word of God in Lent*. Five different speakers will reflect on one of their favourite books of the Bible. All the talks will be at St Peter's Collegiate Church on the Mondays of Lent. Soup and rolls will be served from 12.00 noon, and the talks will be from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. All Welcome!

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE: Lent Reflections 2025 Lunch time reflections:** 12 till 12:30 pm **Food:** Lunch served afterwards, along with drinks **Theme: 'Courage for the Journey'** Tues 25th March St. Bernadette's. Tues 1st April Methodist, Tues 8th April Venerable Bede **Walk of Witness** = Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, starting from Methodist Church @ 11:30 am **LENTEN EXPOSITION AT CARMEL** During Lent, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Carmel every Sunday, from 2.00pm until after Vespers, at 5.00pm. There will be no First Friday Exposition until after Easter.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP** During Lent, Ss Mary and John Parish will be hosting a **Lectio Divina Prayer Group** on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. **Lectio Divina** is an ancient practice, developed by the Benedictine Order. It is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures. The purpose is to listen to what God wishes to say to each one of us through his Holy Word. All are welcome to join us with your Bible on the following link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88026345114?pwd=Z282mDsPdYQr1D6dSvaHkfl\\_S0SHoSJ.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88026345114?pwd=Z282mDsPdYQr1D6dSvaHkfl_S0SHoSJ.1)

Meeting ID: 880 2634 5114 Passcode: fz19ZD

For more information, please contact Alexis at [alexispottinger@gmail.com](mailto:alexispottinger@gmail.com)

**JOINT CHOIR PRACTICES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM** The three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, are the most important services in the Church's year. We would like as many people as possible to join the choir so that we can celebrate these days with great dignity. Please consider coming along to our practices on the following **Friday evenings at 7.00pm at St Michael's Church:** March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks.

**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 [lizyeo@btinternet.com](mailto:lizyeo@btinternet.com) or Teresa at [teresascragg9@gmail.com](mailto:teresascragg9@gmail.com) or text [07979697068](tel:07979697068)

## News and Activities

**THE DIVINE LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** is having her Evangelization Sunday today. We shall be approaching parishioners at SS Peter & Paul after Mass to come join us and experience the power of God in His word, prayers and worship. Come and be part of this family of God's love!

**LIFE CHARITY MOTHERING SUNDAY CAKE AND GIFT SALE** We will be holding our annual cake and gift sale in St Michael's Hall after 11.30am Mass on Mothering Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be extremely grateful for any cake donations and would be delighted to see you on the day, where you can enjoy a cake and cup of tea after Mass or take a treat home for tea. All proceeds will go to helping local families and their children. For any queries, please contact Sue on 07484 875043.

**SVP Coffee/Tea Session** at St Bernadette's church hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 11.00am. All are welcome for a chat and a laugh plus cake and biscuits.

**ARE ANY PARISHIONERS INTERESTED IN CREATIVE WRITING AND SPOKEN WORD?** Janet Chand is looking to set up a small group to focus on Christ's Passion. If successful, an anthology will be produced. Eventually other religions will be approached to encourage community cohesion. Janet Chand 07494391961 or [janet.chand@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janet.chand@hotmail.co.uk)

**CALLING BOYS IN SCHOOL YEARS 9 - 13** who might be interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. Why not come to St. Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham for a chance to meet with others who are thinking about a vocation to the priesthood? The day will include a tour of Oscott and an opportunity to speak with seminarians, joining them for Holy Mass and lunch. The first meeting is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 10:30 am. - 4:00 pm. To find out more, contact Deacon Owen Gresty 0121 321 5135 or [deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk) **FREE OF CHARGE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

**LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP** (ages 0-5 years). We get together every Friday 9am-11am during term-time in St Michael's Church Hall. Bring your little ones along. Unlimited tea, coffee and squash plus fruit and toast. Further details from Sarah: 07948 963325

**ITALIAN MASS** Every third Sunday of the month, Mass is celebrated in Italian at ST Patrick's Walsall at 12.00 pm. ST Patrick's Church, Blue Lane East, Walsall WS2 8HN

**DIRECTORS FOR THE NEW ST GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST (CMAT)** If you're passionate about making a difference in Catholic Education and want to be part of this historic initiative, please contact: Mr Mark O'Connell Senior Adviser for Academy Development [academies@bdes.org.uk](mailto:academies@bdes.org.uk) 07984 528321

**WE BELIEVE, 25TH-28TH JULY 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr

Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM Thank you to everyone who has already registered. We now have 160 who have completed the form. It is wonderful that we have so many volunteers!**

If anyone has not registered yet, please do so by clicking on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/HEvsLU7QDR> or using this QR code.



## Mission and Outreach

**CAFOD: Big Lent Walk 2025.** Once again, Petula is taking part in The Big Lent Walk, **please sponsor me!** I will journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - **walking 200km over 40 days** during Lent. Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan and support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. You can sponsor me by leaving your donation at your church in an envelope with my name on (Petula Nurse: CAFOD Lent walk) or online using the

link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/petulas-fundraising-page>

**FOOD COLLECTION:** Donations of food (tinned/dried/cereal/ biscuits etc), toiletries(shampoo/toothpaste and toothbrushes/ sanitary products/soap) AND essential household items(kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/ washing powder) are greatly appreciated by our Free School Meal families. This week's donations have been distributed to local Penn families. Thank you for your continued support.

**EASTER EGGS for our UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN:** If you wish to donate Easter Eggs for Ukrainian Refugee Children who live in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area please leave them at your church's Food Collection point. They will be gratefully received! Thank you.

## Finance

**Winners of 300 Club February Draw:** No 294 Philomena Grey £75.00, No. 58 Roberto £10.00

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>						
	<b>SS PP</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gift Aid		50.00	10.00		10.00	70.00
Non-Gift Aid	223.25	471.64	124.45	129.00		948.34
Attendance	252	96, 243	92			683
Standing Order: February 2025 £ 4464.52						
Second Collection Lent CAFOD £1543.54						

You can donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection through the website by using this QR code



## 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 Thursday 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 after the 11.30am Mass in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's. All Welcome!

**LAY ASSOCIATES OF SISTERS OF ST ANN KNOWN AS THE LASA PRAYER GROUP** meet in the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's on Tuesdays at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:** Carol Hyatt, Pat Grady, Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Zsofia Toth, Dennis Oparaji, Christine Ball, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, 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, Ann Bayley, 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:** Barbara Kocon, Bernard Hand, James Collins, Martha Morris, Margaret Gay, **May they rest in peace.**

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<b>23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>David Blee</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Chris Walsh RIP</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Holy Souls</i> 4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	
5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6.30pm St Michael <i>Margaret Gay RIP</i>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	
6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Anne Adams</i>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	
9.30am St Bernadette <i>Holy Souls</i>	10.00am St Bernadette <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	
10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12.00pm St Michael <i>James Collins RIP</i>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	
9.30 am St Bernadette <i>Glancey RIP</i> 12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Eugene Finnegan RIP</i> <i>Followed by Confessions</i> 6.30pm St Michael <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria	
10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11.00am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> MARCH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael <i>Catherine Parker</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>The Recently Departed</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Donna Caruthers RIP</i> 4.00pm St Michael <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>
<b>Parish Priest:</b> Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, <b>Assistant:</b> Rev Fr. Alex Taylor, <b>Deacons:</b> Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney, Rev. Mr Gerry Bowen. <b>Pastoral Assistants:</b> Sr. Lydwin and Sr. Ancita. Sisters of St Ann of Providence. <b>Parish Office:</b> 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND, 01902 341343 <b>Parish House,</b> 51 North Street, 01902 423005 <b>St Michael's Hall Bookings:</b> <a href="mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk">bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk</a> <b>St. Bernadette's Hall:</b> Alison Banyard, 07581 340921 <b>Hospital Chaplaincy</b> New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352 <b>Catholic Education from 3-19:</b> <a href="http://sfscmac.co.uk">sfscmac.co.uk</a> <b>For Online Masses, go to</b> <a href="http://www.carloacutis.co.uk">www.carloacutis.co.uk</a> <b>Parish Facebook page:</b> @carloacutisparish <b>Mass at Carmelite Monastery, every day at 9.00am.</b>	

**SAFEGUARDING** 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 and Marie Yeo. They can be contacted at: [sg.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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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