



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

PALM SUNDAY 24th MARCH

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael <i>Walter & Barbara Hall</i>	10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Chris Walsh RIP</i>
9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Pro populo.</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Collis, McElmeel & Delaney Families RIP</i>
	4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Service

25th March Monday of Holy Week

5.45 pm St Michael Adoration	6.30 pm St Michael <i>Pro populo</i>
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26th March Tuesday of Holy Week

7.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Frank Crawford</i>	12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Wedding Service
11.30 St Michael <i>Brendan McLaughlin RIP</i>	12.30 pm St Michael Funeral <i>Delia Ramsden RIP</i>

27th March Wednesday of Holy Week

9:30 am St Bernadette Service of Word & Communion	6.30pm – 8.00pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions
10.00am St Bernadette Stations of the Cross	

28th March Maundy Thursday

10.00am SS Peter & Paul Triduum Retreat Talk	7.00 pm St Bernadette Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Theresa</i>
10.30am SS Peter & Paul Midday Prayer to begin Retreat	8.00pm SS Peter & Paul Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>O'Connor Family</i>

29th March Good Friday

10.00am SS Peter & Paul Matins	3.00pm St Michael Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
11.00am City Centre Walk of Witness	3.00pm SS Peter & Paul Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
11.30am St Bernadette Walk of Witness	6.30pm SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross
12.00pm St Michael Children's Stations of the Cross	

30th March Holy Saturday

10.00 am SS Peter & Paul Matins	12.00 pm St Michael - Altar Servers Practice for Vigil
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8.00pm St Michael SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL *pro populo*

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 31st MARCH

9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Joe Needham</i>	11.30 am St Michael <i>Michael O'Donnell</i>
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul <i>Eugene Finnegan RIP</i>	

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant:** Fr. Alex Taylor, **Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney

Pastoral Assistants: Sr. Lydwin and Sr. Anna Maria, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

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

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk **Parish Facebook page:** [@carloacutisparish](https://www.facebook.com/carloacutisparish)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

Maundy Thursday: 5.00pm, Good Friday: 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday: 8.00 pm, Easter Sunday: 10.00am (and until Low Sunday, inclusive).

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. They can be contacted at: sg.blessed.carloacutis.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 concern.

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.

News and Activities.

THE LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER will be from 6.30pm to 8.00pm this Wednesday 27th March at St Michael's. There has been some confusion about dates in the deanery, so please check the other church bulletins to find out when their confessions are. St Patricks will be on Monday and SS Mary & John and Our Lady's will be on Tuesday.

TRIDUUM RETREAT This involves coming to a talk at 10.00am on Maundy Thursday at SS Peter & Paul and then taking away some reading for reflection and then attending the Services of Matins on Good Friday and Holy Saturday at SS Peter & Paul, as well as attending the main Solemn Services of those three days in any of our churches. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the notice in the porch of each church.

ENROLMENT RENEWAL FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION This takes place after the Washing of feet at the Maundy Thursday Mass, either at St Bernadette's or at SS Peter & Paul. Unfortunately, most of the new Extraordinary Ministers have not yet received the DBS clearance, so we shall have a separate enrolment for them as soon as possible.

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY CENTRE STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by the BCA Youth Group will start at 11.00am on Good Friday outside Primark on Dudley Street and will finish at Queens Square by midday. The Mayor of Wolverhampton is joining us again for this event. Please come and support our young people if you can. Free parking at SS Peter & Paul Church.

WOMBOURNE GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS will start at the Methodist Church at 11.30 am and conclude with a service on Windmill Bank at 12.30 pm (Friday 29th March).

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 or Teresa at teresascragg9@gmail.com

SERVERS PRACTICE FOR THE EASTER VIGIL There will be a practice for servers this Saturday at 12.00pm at St Michael's. Please note that it will not be possible to serve at the Easter Vigil without attending this practice. There will be refreshments provided after the practice.

THE MAIN CAR PARK AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH is now a Public Car Park whereby you pay with an App on your phone. On Sunday Mornings the System is turned off until 2.00pm. If you intend to leave your car after 2.00pm you would need to enter your car registration into monitor at the back of Church, If you attend Mass, or a meeting or whatever in the church during the week, when you enter the church you need to enter your car registration number into the monitor at the back of church.

GOD INVITES YOU TO RELATIONSHIP –a short course introducing ways of praying in the ways of St Ignatius. For people who want to deepen/expand their prayer-life and make it more personal between them and God. Four Friday evenings in a row, starting after Easter (12/4/2024) each at 7.30pm to 9.00pm in St Michael's Hall. No need to book, just turn up - to all sessions or to what you can manage. Each evening will be a standalone. The evenings will be presented by members of *Manresa Link*. Week one will introduce one way of Stilling (placing ourselves into God's presence BEFORE we pray) and then Lectio Divina – a Scripture based way of listening to God speaking to us as individuals.

PASSOVER MEAL We would like to restart the tradition in the parish of celebrating a Passover Meal during Eastertide. If we did it on the evening of Saturday 27th April, might there be some volunteers to make chicken casseroles in slow cookers that could be brought along so that when we finish the ritual part of the meal, we can easily eat hot food? Please contact Fr Mark if you think you can help. Many thanks.

VOCATIONS VIDEOS Many thanks to all who contributed to the Dudley and Wolverhampton Vocations Month zoom meetings. The videos of all the speakers can be found on the new Vocations YouTube channel for the deanery. The channel is called 'DW Deanery Vocations' and the link is youtube.com/@DWDeaneryVocations-zr4qx

DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024 See noticeboards for details. If anyone would like to go, please speak to one of the priests or email bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk We might look at booking a coach or travelling with another parish in the city.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to EVESHAM. Site of first Marian Shrine in England 706AD. All welcome. **Tuesday 7th May.** Coach from St Michael's at 9.30am. Free time, Rosary, and Mass at 2.00pm then shared Afternoon Tea. Depart 5.00pm. £25. (£10 deposit) Sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Sarah 07948963325 Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

CHARITY SPRING FAYRE Saturday 27th April 2pm-4.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall. Raffle and refreshments available. Stalls available. Book with Sarah 07948 963325 Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI Monday 4th November to Sunday 10th November.

There is now a dedicated Website for our trip <https://www.icjourneys.com/carlosacutis> where you can download the booking form.

If you do not use the internet, booking forms are available from Fr Mark.

For any other enquiries contact our Travel Agent JCTours on 01886 812 862

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP (ages 0-5) Fridays during term time 9am-11am in St Michael's Church Hall. Just £1.50 includes fruit, biscuits, unlimited drinks, craft table, lots of toys and space, singing. Contact Sarah 07948 963325

THE BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN TRUST (BDT) is looking to appoint an experienced Deputy Diocesan Solicitor to support the Diocesan Solicitor in providing high quality legal advice to the trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust, colleagues, and clergy. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by 8 April 2024. More details are on the notice board.

The Birmingham Diocesan Trust (BDT) is also looking to appoint an experienced Administration Support Officer for our Safeguarding Team, which is based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. For an informal discussion about this role please call Claire Reay, Head of Safeguarding on 0121 230 6240. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by Monday 8th April 2024. More details are on the notice board.

Funeral of Dale Ona Sakalys RIP Tuesday 9th April 10.00am SS Peter & Paul. The family wish to welcome all her friends to the Requiem Mass and the reception afterwards.

Mission and Outreach

APPEAL FOR SUDAN: Diane has raised a wonderful £1816 to date after completing the Brighton Half Marathon. Sr Angelina will use this money to reconnect the electricity supply in the school AND buy supplies to finish building the kindergarten. Could any outstanding sponsor money be put in a sealed envelope, marked Sudan, and given to a steward please? Thank you!

FOOD BANK: This week's donations have been distributed by St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Would you consider donating some essential household items such as washing powder/washing up liquid/ kitchen or toilet roll OR toiletries such as shampoo/ soap/ toothbrushes and toothpaste/sanitary products OR dried/tinned/jars of food AND DURING LENT Easter Eggs for our Ukrainian Refugee children please. Thank you for your continued support.

FareShare is at St Michael's Church Hall on Wednesday 27th March AND 3rd April at 1.45 pm. FareShare is the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH All at the shop at 12 Lichfield Street are very grateful for your donations of clothes, books, and bric-a-brac! Please remember that our volunteers who transport donated items to the shop find it helpful if everything is securely bagged, this makes it all easier to handle.

Our outreach service continues to help needy mums and babies. If you can help by donating baby clothes or a pram, buggy, cot or other equipment please ring Rosalie on 01902330553.

CAFOD Easter Raffle Tickets for this year's Raffle will be on sale after Masses this weekend. The draw for a Fairtrade Hamper and two smaller prizes will take place on 28th March, and the winners announced at Easter.

Finance

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 17 th March 2024						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	160.66	299.37	81.55	68.00		609.58
Gift Aid		60.00	17.00	63.00		140.00
Mass Attendance	325	98, 193	100			716
Standing Order: February 2024: £4508.75						
Second Collection : Maundy Thursday- Cafod Israeli- Palestinian Emergency Appeal, Good Friday – The Holy Places						

Prayer

SILENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Monday 5.45 pm – 6.20 pm in Lady Chapel at St Michael's. Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am at St Bernadette's. Saturday 10.30am- 11.30am in Lady Chapel at St Michael's

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 will resume to 4th Thursday of the month from January 2024. 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 will meet in the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's every Tuesday at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

SHEKINAH PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's every Friday for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.00pm to 6.00pm during Lent. We look forward to many families joining us.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: John Chell, Jan Taylor, Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, Rosa Tse, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Pat Noad, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Anna McGrath, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Mary Ware

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Dale Patricia Kearney, Simon Hawley, Trevor Stockton, Mary McKensie, Riccardo Massacano, Brendan McLaughlin, **May they rest in peace.**

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Action points from the Parish Council Meeting March 15th 2024

- **New Secretary and Chairperson:** Chidi Oliseowe was elected the new Secretary and Cathrine Arthurs was elected the new Chairperson of the council.
- **Safeguarding:** Marie Yeo has joined the Parish Safeguarding team along with Chris and Steve Callow. Marie will assist with any issues relating to SS Peter and Paul and also with the DBS documentation.
- **The Welcome Pack** for new parishioners is nearly ready and will be presented to the parish shortly.
- **Synodal Way:** the Pastoral Council received the report from the group that met at SS Peter & Paul's in February. The council has set up a working committee to look into the report in May in order to prepare an open Parish Synodal Meeting on October 5th at 2.00pm in St Michael's Hall. Everyone is invited.
- **Communion under Both Kinds:** A Parish survey will be carried out after Easter and depending on the uptake we will look at how best to organise the distribution of Holy Communion beginning on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2024
- **Livestreaming:** The provision of live streaming services in St Michael's in addition to the Sunday Mass at SSPP was considered. It was decided that a permanent system would not be cost effective, given that the parish already has one in place. A mobile system that could be used in any of the churches for special events is being investigated.
- **Stewarding:** Mass attendance at SS Peter & Paul's Church is now so good that there is a need for more stewards so that people can be welcomed gracefully, and seats be found for them whilst maintaining reverence during Mass. An appeal for more stewards will take place after Easter.
- **Estates Management:** We now have a new agent looking after the parish rental properties, but we are still in the process of finding a new system for the management of our church buildings. Whilst we are in this transition, please direct any matter or points to your Pastoral Council Representatives or Mgr Mark himself.
- **Photographs of Parish Representatives:** Now that most of the council members have changed since the last poster was made, we will shortly be publishing photographs of all the parish representatives in each church porch.
- **Hymn Books at St Michael's:** Extra hymn books were donated from another church, but they are an older version with some hymns missing. As we do not tend to use these hymns, we can use these books for the time being.
- **Retreats:** There was positive feedback from the Lent Retreat Day. We have the Triduum retreat coming up this week and there are some possible day pilgrimages in the pipeline.
- **Next Meeting:** 17 May 2024