



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael Michael & Annie O'Donnell  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette Private Intention  
 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

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

5.45pm St Michael Adoration in the Lady Chapel  
 6.30 pm St Michael Cannon Anthony Allport

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

9.30am SS Peter & Paul online David Blee  
 7.00pm St Michael Confirmation Mass

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

11.30am St Bernadette Stations of Cross  
 12.00 noon St Bernadette Mary Kirby RIP  
 1.45pm St Bernadette Funeral Service-Cecilia Norton

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March Lent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 4.30 pm Vigil Reception Mary Kirby RIP  
 6.00pm St Michael Lent Youth Mass James Smyth RIP

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April Lent Feria

11.30 am SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross  
 12.00 noon SS Peter & Paul Blessed Carlo Acutis Mass Private Intention  
 12.30 Adoration and confessions  
 12.45pm St Bernadette Requiem Mass Mary Kirby RIP  
 6.30 pm St Michael Stations of the Cross  
 7.00 pm St Michael's Mass David Blee

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Lent Feria

10.30am-11.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 10.30 am St Michael Confessions

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael Pro populo  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette John Crake RIP  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online Trudy Gallagher RIP  
 11.30 am St Michael Harry Bayley RIP  
 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy  
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul Private Intention (last Student Mass until after Easter)

## Parish News and Activities

**CONFIRMATION TUESDAY 29th MARCH.** We welcome Bishop Stephen Wright who is coming to St Michael's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with us this Tuesday. Please pray for the young people from our three primary schools who are to be confirmed. Everyone who comes on the night is welcome to gather in the hall after Mass for refreshments and celebratory cake, courtesy of the Catholic Women's League.

**'THE VENTURE' YOUTH EVENING.** 11-16 year old? Remember the next youth Mass is on 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk) for a form.

**MONTHLY MASS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS This Friday at SS Peter & Paul at 12.00 noon.** Remember that the prayer intentions you place in the special boxes in each church are offered on the altar at this Mass. It was decided at the Parish Pastoral Council that we would also pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life at this monthly Mass.

**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 another practice for the choir at 7.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at St Michael's.

**SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE at St MICHAEL's is back!** Join us from this Sunday, 27th March, in the hall after Mass to enjoy a drink, each other's company and drop a donation for charity in the collection basket. Helpers needed, please. Contact Sarah: 07948 963325 (Rota basis)

**SUNDAY EVENING STUDENT MASS** Please remember that this does not continue in the holiday periods. There is Mass this weekend and next Sunday and then there is NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday. The next Sunday Evening Mass after Easter will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**LEGION OF MARY** One of our new parishioners, Chidi Oliseowe, is very keen to start a Legion of Mary group within the parish. **The First Meeting will be after the 10.15am Mass on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Guild Room.** If you would be interested in joining, please contact him on [gabbychidi@gmail.com](mailto:gabbychidi@gmail.com). All are welcome.

**OPTIONAL 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](mailto: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](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or speak to one of the priests.

**ROADWORKS OUTSIDE SS PETER & PAUL** You may read in the press that Paternoster Row will be closed this weekend and the weekends of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT ENTRY INTO THE BOTTOM CAR PARK. It will not be possible, however, to enter the top car park. Please leave parking places at the top end of the bottom car park for people who have difficulty walking long distances.

**SYNODAL PATH AND THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** At the most recent meeting of the Pastoral Council we discussed the success of the Synodal path meetings and decided that as well as feeding back to the diocese it would be important for the parish to continue the discussions of the synodal path. We will therefore have a special Parish Meeting after Easter to look at this. More details of the meeting will be available next week.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.**

We will be starting preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 or older on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.00am at St Michael's. The programme will last until end of June, and children who are ready will be able to make their First Holy Communion at the beginning of July. If you would like your child to be part of the programme, please email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or speak to one of the priests. **We will be starting a programme of preparation for Confirmation** in October, so please keep an eye on the Bulletin for more information later in the year.

**GREAT FIGURES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** Every Monday Lunchtime during Lent 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. For more details see the poster in the porch or look online <http://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews/prayer-05032022>

## 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](http://cafod.org.uk)

**DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE:** The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wolverhampton greatly appreciated the donations received from our three churches, St Michael's and St Teresa's schools. We shall be appealing for further donations of painkillers/ Cold and Flu remedies/ antiseptic cream/ Vicks VapoRub/ bandages and plasters/ wound kits/ Calpol/ antiseptic wipes/ hand gel/toothpaste and brushes/ sanitary products/ nappies/ peanut butter/ Cupasoups/ noodles and coffee sachets on their behalf as soon as they are able to process more. Please do not bring any donations to church until the date is confirmed in the bulletin. Thank you so much.

**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](mailto:mariagallagher@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**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. 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.

**THANK YOU PUMP BAG MAKERS** Pump bags will be given to year 6 girls at Woodfield 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!

**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, ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOILETRIES and EASTER EGGS! This week's donations have been distributed to local Penn families. Thank you very much.

**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

**RECONCILIATION TO PREPARE FOR EASTER ON TUESDAY APRIL FROM 6.30PM - 8.00PM** all across our deanery the following churches will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and priests will be available for confession. You have the choice of going anywhere in the deanery: St. Anthony, Fordhouses; St. Chad and All Saints, Sedgley; St. Joseph, Wolverhampton; St. Mary and St. John, Wolverhampton; St. Michael, Penn; Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge; Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford; St Patrick, Wolverhampton; The Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Tipton.

*The Normal times of Confession will also be available at St Michael's on Saturdays at 11.00am and after the Friday Masses both at St Bernadette's and SS Peter & Paul.*

**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 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 [lizeyo@btinternet.com](mailto:lizeyo@btinternet.com) or Teresa at [teresascragg9@gmail.com](mailto: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 there will be an ecumenical walk of witness in the city centre, beginning outside M&S, using a crucifix made by the young people of the parish during Lent. 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.  
*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.*

**EASTER TREE:** Come & help create a meditation on Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. If you're in year 6 or above please join us for crafts & pizza at St Michael's Church Hall, 6.30 on Saturday April 9th (after the Vigil mass for Palm Sunday). Permission slips needed - find on the board at St Michael's, contact [mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mibeyg@hotmail.co.uk) or complete on the night!

## Finance

**BENCH KNEELERS AT SS Peter & Paul** So far, we have raised £880 towards the cost of the kneelers. If anyone else feels able to help contribute to the cost, please use one of the envelopes in the porch of SS Peter & Paul marked "Church Kneelers" Many thanks.

**200 Club St Michael:** Draw Winners January: No. 6 Chi Kin Lam, February: No. 46 Margaret Nelleny

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	253.41	204.66	74.50	203.00		735.57
Gift Aid	70.00	20.00	18.00	25.00		133.00
Second Collection	April 15 for Holy Places					
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, 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:** Teresa Taylor, Mary Kirby, Celia Norton, Thomas Mackin, Patrick McIlvenna. Fr Gabriel Maguire, Mgr John Heslin, Fr David Lloyd, Maria Allport. May they rest in peace.

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**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

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