



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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2nd MARCH EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Rose Quinn RIP*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Robert & May Beare*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Pauric Folan RIP*
11.30 am St Michael *Pro populo*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 3rd March

5.45pm St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm St Michael *David Blee*

Tuesday 4th March

12.00pm St Michael BCA *Mary Clancy RIP*

6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 5th March ASH WEDNESDAY-Day of Fasting and Abstinence

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10.00am St Bernadette *(with school) Holy Souls*
12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

4.30pm St Michael *Reception of Alan Nicholls*
7.00pm St Michael *Holy Souls*

Thursday 6th March Lent

10.00am St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12.30 pm St Michael *Funeral Mass Alan Nicholls*

Friday 7th March Lent

9.30 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*
12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Stations of the Cross*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Canon Anthony Allport*
Followed by Confessions
6.30pm St Michael *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 8th March Lent

10.00am St Michael BCA *Shrine Mass Holy Souls*
10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

9th MARCH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Holy Souls*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Julie Collins & Family*
& Jamie Collins RIP

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Henry & Judith Soronnadi*
11.30 am St Michael *Pro populo*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Liturgy*

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant:** Rev Fr. Alex Taylor,

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney, Rev. Mr Gerry Bowen.

Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Lydwin, Sisters of St Ann of Providence.

Parish Office: 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND, 01902 341343 **Parish House,** 51 North Street, 01902 423005
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Hospital Chaplaincy New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352

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

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

Mass at Carmelite Monastery, every day at 9.00am.

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 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.

LENT

LENT begins this Wednesday March 5th. There are three Masses in the parish for the distribution of Ashes. St Bernadette at 10.00 am, SS Peter & Paul at 12.30 pm, and St Michael at 7.00 pm. This year, *our world continues to be in great need of our prayers and fasting, please consider carefully what you will take up for your Lenten observances.*

RITE OF ELECTION AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 9th MARCH AT 3.00PM Those being baptised and confirmed at Easter are invited to be welcomed by the Archbishop in his Cathedral at this special ceremony. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

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. (starting the week after Ash Wednesday)

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. The first talk will be Monday 10th March. All Welcome!

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, starting on 11th March. **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=Z282mDsPdYQr1D6dSvaHkfLS0SHoSJ.1>

Meeting ID: 880 2634 5114 Passcode: fz19ZD

For more information, please contact Alexis at alexispottinger@gmail.com

News and Activities

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for all. Friday 7th March 2pm Wombourne United Reform Church, High Street. WV5 9DN
7pm Springdale Methodist Church, Warstones Road, Penn. WV4 4LF Theme '***I made you wonderful***' Psalm 139:14

THE FUNERAL OF MARGARET GAY will be Monday 10th March at 9.30am at St Michael's Church.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE The Safeguarding procedures of the Bishops of England and Wales now require that EVERYONE who volunteers in anyway in the life of the parish needs to be registered. This is for your own safeguarding as much as for anyone else. For example, it is important that we have a next of kin contact for you if you became ill or had an accident at church. So, we need to register **EVERYONE**, whether you are a Cleaner, Minister of the Eucharist, Reader, Musician, Steward, Flower Arranger, and so on. To gather this information, you can either register yourself immediately by clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/e/HEvsLU7QDR> or using this QR code, or in the porch today there will be someone at every Mass with a laptop and they will take your details. It is a very simple exercise and will only take about a minute.



CANONISATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS This takes place on **Sunday 27th April 2025. This is the Sunday after Easter Sunday.** Remember, there will only be **ONE MASS** in the parish that Weekend. That means there will be

NO 5.30pm Saturday Mass at St Michael's,

NO 9.00 am Mass at St Bernadette's and

NO 10.15 am Mass at SS Peter & Paul.

Please put this in your diaries now and tell everyone you know, so ***that no one turns up for Mass at those churches that weekend.***

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

REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL AFTER 11.30AM MASS. Join your fellow parishioners for tea, coffee, squash and biscuits and lots of friendly chat after every Sunday Mass in St Michael's Church Hall. All donations made go to charity. If you would like to help set up/serve then speak to or message Sarah: 07948 963325 Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

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 14th, March 28th, April 4th, April 11th. Many thanks.

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> We are also having SPRING RAFFLE which will be drawn during the party on the day of the Canonisation. Tickets will be on sale soon but first we are appealing for donations for prizes. If you would consider donating a prize, please speak to one of the Raffle organisers who will be in the porch of each church this weekend.

ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH, we need more volunteers to join the cleaning team. Cleaners work in pairs on a rotating basis, so you would be cleaning the church approximately once a month; it takes roughly two hours. Obviously, the more cleaners we have the less often you would be needed. If you feel you could help out, please contact Judith Pitt who organises the rota; her telephone number is: 07904 819310 and her email is: judithpitt64@gmail.com Thank you.

SVP TEA/COFFEE SESSION: Monday 17th March at 1.00pm at St Michael's Church Hall. All are welcome.

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

THE ARCHDIOCESE IS RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR POSITIONS:

Operations Director; IT Manager; Finance Manager; Gift Aid Officer.

Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. If you think you have the skills, please do apply. Thank you,

WHATSAPP PARISH NEWS UPDATES With this new system if you scan this QR code you will be able to receive the bulletin every week and any other important parish news.



Mission and Outreach

ST TERESA'S PRIMARY ACADEMY, We are collecting single-use plastic water bottles for a giant piece of recycled outdoor artwork. Please place any used/ unwanted bottles in the box at the back of St Michael's church. Thank you (and thank you for your generous grocery donations to support our vulnerable families!).

LIFE CHARITY SHOP & LIFE CARING OUTREACH We look forward to your continued support for our shop during 2025. Please leave donations of clothes and bric-a-brac in our collecting boxes at St Michael's and St Bernadette's, or take them direct to the shop at 12 Lichfield Street in the city centre. We also welcome gifts of baby clothes and equipment, which we hand on to the local families who need our support. If you have baby items to donate and can't take them to church, please ring Rosalie on 01902330553 to arrange collection.

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 were distributed by St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you to the LASA and SVP groups for their donations of Aldi Orange gift cards. They will be gratefully received by our local schools and discreetly given to our most vulnerable families. None of this would be possible without your continued support. Thank you once again

Finance

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025						
	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid		70.00	8.90			78.90
Non-Gift Aid	172.69	446.11	101.58	106.00	10.00	836.38
Attendance	172	110, 201	82			565
<i>Standing Order: January 2025 £4426.04</i>						
<i>Second Collection 2nd March Cathedral Maintenance</i>						



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

BCA 300 Club January Draw

Winners: No. 127 Percy Nduka £75.00, No. 53A Bernadette Walton £10.00

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE CARMEL MONASTERY: Every Sunday from 4.30pm until after vespers at 5.40pm. and every first Friday of the month from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. All are welcome.

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: Bernard Hand, James Collins, Margaret Gay, Dominic Efosa, Alan Nicholls, Gilly Wallace, **May they rest in peace.**

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