



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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SUNDAY 3rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Michael Hawley & Family Deceased and Simon Hawley (extremely ill)* **10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Henry & Judith Soronnadi*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Joe Eades RIP* **11.30 am St Michael** *Anne Smith RIP*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

Monday 4th March Lent Feria

5.45 pm *St Michael Adoration* 6.30 pm *St Michael Pro populo*

Tuesday 5th March Lent Feria

7:30am *SS Peter & Paul Richard Rogers*

Wednesday 6th March Lent Feria

9.30 am *St Bernadette Margaret O'Brien* 10.00am *St Bernadette Stations of the Cross*

Thursday 7th March Lent Feria

10.00am *St Bernadette Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* 11.30am *St Michael Stations of the Cross*
12.00 pm *St Michael Canon Anthony Allport*

Friday 8th March Day of Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

12.00 pm *SS Peter & Paul Stations of the Cross* *No Stations of the Cross at St Michael's because of the Syro Malabar Retreat*
12.30 pm *SS Peter & Paul Brian Brennan & Family*
1.00 pm *SS Peter & Paul Confessions*

Saturday 9th March Lent Feria

11.00am *St Michael Confessions* *No Adoration at St Michael's*

SUNDAY 10th MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Pat Clarke RIP* **10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *Mario & Nicolina Margillo*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Margaret McCahy* **11.30 am St Michael** *Lily Bennett*
4.00pm St Michael *Syro Malabar Service*

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.

AT EACH MASS IN LENT WE WILL USE THE SHORT PENITENTIAL RITE AS FOLLOWS:

Have mercy on us, O Lord. **For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy. **And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Kyrie, eléison. **Kyrie, eléison.** Christe, eléison. **Christe, eléison.** Kyrie, eléison. **Kyrie, eléison.**

News and Activities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAR PARK AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH The main lower car park from next week will be a **Public Car Park** whereby you pay with an App on your phone. *Anyone parking during the week without paying on the App, will receive a fine.*

On Sunday Mornings the System is turned off. The Signposts will say “**Authorised User Only**” for Sunday mornings. As a parishioner attending Mass, **you are the authorised user!** So, on Sunday Mornings there is **no change** from how you park at Mass.

If you attend Mass, or a meeting or whatever in the church during the week, you can park there for free, as long as when you enter the porch of the church you enter your car registration number into the new machine that will be there.

MANY THANKS to Mr Bill Finnegan who started the previous scheme for the Car Park at SS Peter & Paul several decades ago and over the years raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the parish. Since Covid, working practices changed and not so many companies use the car park in business hours, so we needed to find a new system that could profit from the visitors to the Civic Hall and Molineux. The scheme that Mr Finnegan set up, however, made SS Peter & Paul's viable at a time when the future of SS Peter & Paul's Church was very vulnerable, and our church would not still be here if it were not for the income that he generated. The community at SS Peter & Paul's is indebted to him for his business sense and commitment to the church.

ZOOM MEETING EXPLAINING THE VOCATIONS OF PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE this Tuesday 5th March at 7.00pm

Everyone is welcome to join the sessions. The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxemTzmzdH7lJSld.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202, Passcode: 218505 *The talks will be recorded and will be available on YouTube afterwards.* For more information, please contact: **deanery.dw.vocations@rcaob.org.uk**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE, 8 MARCH 2024 Cardinal Vincent Nichols has asked for a special focus of prayer on 8 March for peace in the Holy Land. In his message, he writes: “*As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. As Lent begins, I would like to urge that we continue our efforts, not least in prayer. And so, I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land. This could take the form of a dedicated time of prayer, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament, for peace in the Holy Land. It could be as simple as making any regular Lenten devotions you may be having on that day for this intention.*”

TRIDUUM RETREAT We are restarting the tradition that stopped during Lockdown of offering a retreat over the days of the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). This involves coming to a talk at 10.00am on Maundy Thursday and then taking away some reading for reflection and then attending the Services of Matins on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, as well as attending the main Solemn Services of those three days. *More details will be available next week.*

PARISH YOUTH GROUP every Friday 7.00-8.30pm in the Guild Room at SS Peter & Paul. All young people of the parish from **year 9 upwards** are welcome. If you would like your child to attend this club, you must fill in a **PARENTAL CONSENT FORM** and it is **your responsibility** for their travel to and from the Club. The Consent Forms are available in the porch of each church this weekend. *They must be filled in before you attend.*

MUSIC AT 11.30 AM MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S Is anyone available to go on a rota to either play the organ or form a music group that might play on a Sunday Morning, say once a month? If so, please let Fr Mark know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

LENT LUNCH: SAT MARCH 23RD AT NOON: a brief service followed by soup lunch, St Michael's church hall. We are inviting local churches after a gap of some years so do come and welcome visitors. Contact: 336534

CITY CENTRE ECUMENICAL LENT TALKS Following the Holy Father's Call for us to focus on the Lord's Prayer this year in preparing for the Holy Year in 2025, the City Centre Lent Talks will all focus on different phrases in the Lord's Prayer. All the talks will be at St Peter's Collegiate Church every Monday in Lent. Soup and rolls will be served from 12.00 noon and the talks will be from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. See the notice board in the porches for more information.

THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE 'S LENT REFLECTION will be on:

Tuesday 5th March at St Bernadette's, at 12pm.

Tuesday 12th March at the Methodist Church, at 12pm

Tuesday 19th March at the Venerable Bede, at 12pm.

The 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).

SYNOD 2024 A group of parishioners who attend SS Peter & Paul have continued their synodal discussions in preparation for the next global meeting of the Synod in October. They have been meeting after the Sunday Mass at SS Peter & Paul and this Sunday is the final meeting. Obviously meeting at such a time made it impossible for anyone attending the 11.30 am Mass at St Michael's. If anyone would like to arrange a series of three meetings either at St Bernadette's or St Michael's, please let Fr Mark know and he will get the SSPP group to forward you the questions they have been looking at. ***The notes from all discussions will be fed into the next Parish Council Meeting in March.***

THE NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING IS ON FRIDAY MARCH 15th If you have any matters you wish the council to discuss, please contact one of the your representatives: **Denise Creswell, Jaquie Newton, Katie Obassy, Catherine Arthurs, Steve Callow, Chantale Tomlins, Mathew Ojo, Percy Nduka.** We still need 1 new rep for St Bernadette's, 1 new rep for St Michael's and 1 new rep for SS Peter & Paul. We have had one person offer their services so far. If you think you would be willing to become a representative on the parish council or you would like to nominate someone else, speak to them first and then speak to Fr Mark. Many thanks.

WOLVERHAMPTON CHAMBER CHOIR IN ASSOCIATION WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS A 50th Anniversary Gala Concert. Joseph Haydn – The Creation. The Salomon Ensemble, directed by Geoffrey Weaver. 7.30pm, Saturday 9th March at St. John's in the Square, St. John's Square, Wolverhampton, WV2 4BZ. Tickets £15 available to buy (cash, cheque or contactless) on the door, online by scanning the code, or at <https://wolverhamptonchamberchoir.eventbrite.com>

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP for 5 years and under held in St Michael's Church Hall each Friday during term time from 9-11. All welcome. Only £1.50 with biscuits and fruit plus unlimited tea and coffee. Further details: Sarah 07948963325 or Email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

There is now a dedicated Website for our trip <https://www.icijourneys.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

Mission and Outreach

APPEAL FOR SUDAN: Many congratulations to Diane who completed the Brighton Half Marathon last Sunday in 2 hours 45minutes, running the last 3 miles against gale force winds! Your sponsorship money will be used to reconnect the electricity supply in the school. A massive thank you from both Diane and Sr Angelina for your generosity and support.

FOOD BANK: This week's donations have been distributed by St Teresa'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/deodorants/sanitary products OR tinned/dried/jars of food AND DURING LENT Easter Eggs please? Your generosity is appreciated by so many families.

MISSIO RED BOXES If you attend Mass at SS Peter & Paul and have a red box or a box that needs emptying could you let Val Walsh know please? If there is anyone who would like to take on the valuable task of dealing with the Missio boxes for the Church of SS Peter & Paul, could you speak to Val or Father Mark. Thank-you.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH Many thanks for recent donations of goods for our charity shop. If you have goods to donate and can't take them to the shop at 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG please leave them in the boxes provided at St Michael's or St Bernadette's. We're also grateful for the baby clothes and equipment given; we hand them on to needy local families who ask for our help. If you know anyone who needs such help, please advise them to email wolverhampton@lifecharity.org.uk

LIFE CHARITY MOTHERING SUNDAY CAKE AND PLANT SALE: We will be holding our annual cake and plant sale in St Michael's Hall after 11.30am Mass on Mothering Sunday, March 10th. 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.

THE BIG LENT WALK - CAFOD 2024: Petula will be taking on the Big Lent Walk! 200km in 40 days throughout Lent, to raise funds to help fight and overcome global poverty. If you wish to sponsor Petula, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Petula: Big Lent Walk' and leave at your church or you can donate via the following online link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/the-big-lent-walk-20242024> Every step we take is a step closer to a fairer world. Let's tell poverty to jog on! Thank you.

Finance

<u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 25th February 2024</u>						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	247.73	293.25	107.47	74.00		722.45
Gift Aid	20.00	69.00	241.85	75.00		405.85
Mass Attendance	223	99, 215	92			629
<i>Standing Order: February 2024: £4508.75</i>						
Second Collection CAFOD Lent Fast: £812.77						
3 rd March: Cathedral Maintenance						

Prayer

ADORATION AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY IN LENT Every Sunday afternoon, from 2.00pm until after 5.00 pm Vespers. All are welcome!

ONLINE PRAYER RESOURCES FOR LENT On our diocesan website there are many new resources available:

[Lent and Easter 2024 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

You can also follow monthly prayer sessions with our own Fr Toby Duckworth on:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pause-for-prayer-monthly-reflections-launched>

There is also a great resource if you would like to set up a faith sharing group to look at the Lords Prayer. <https://shorturl.at/bixzA>

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

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: Simon Hawley, 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: Trevor Stockton, Mary McKensie, Riccardo Massacano, Brendan McLaughlin, May they rest in peace.