



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

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

### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael *Florence and Jean Kelly RIP*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *Thanksgiving*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Thanking God & Praying for His Mercy*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Simon Starkey RIP*  
 3.00pm St Michael *Rite of Election with Bishop Wright*  
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*  
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March Feria

5.45pm St Michael-Adoration in the Lady Chapel  
 6.30 pm St Michael *Vincent Gay RIP*

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Feria

9.30am SS Peter & Paul online *Holy Souls*

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March Feria

11.30am St Bernadette *Stations of Cross*  
 12.00 noon St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 12.00noon St Michael *Daniel O'Hara*

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March Feria

10.00am St Bernadette School Mass in the church *Holy Souls*  
 11.30 am SS Peter & Paul *Stations of the Cross*  
 12.00 noon SS Peter & Paul & Confessions *Holy Souls*  
 12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Divine Mercy Devotion*  
 6.30 pm St Michael *Stations of the Cross*  
 7.00 pm St Michael's Mass *John Gay RIP*

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March Feria

10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday Vigil** 5.30 pm St Michael *Special Intention*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *The Marson Family*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Gayathrie Jenny Thachi*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Sean Shalvey RIP*  
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*  
 6.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

## Parish News and Activities

**LENT** We now begin our 6 week preparation to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter. It is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. To help us in these activities, there are various resources available in this bulletin. We are increasing the time of **Adoration** available in the parish. At present there is Adoration in St Bernadette's on Thursday mornings, SS Peter and Paul after Mass on Fridays, and St Michael's on Saturday mornings. From now on there will also be Adoration on Monday evenings at St Michael's in the Lady Chapel from 5.45pm until Mass at 6.30pm.

**Stations of the Cross** take place at St Bernadette's on Wednesdays at 11.30am, SS Peter & Paul on Fridays at 11.30am and St Michael's on Fridays at 6.30pm. There is also an extra weekday Mass at St Michael's on Fridays at 7.00pm. If you come to Adoration in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's, **please bring a cushion to kneel on**, as we haven't sorted out kneelers yet!

**GREAT FIGURES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** Every Monday Lunchtime why not come and join us in an Ecumenical Lenten journey looking at significant followers of Christ through the centuries. We meet 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. Both Fr Mark and Fr Sean will be giving talks in the series. For more details see the poster in the porch or look online <http://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews/prayer-05032022>

**FREE LENTEN REFLECTIONS FROM FR HUDSON'S CARE.** The reflections are thoughts and ideas that aid some of the friends of Father Hudson's during Lent, including, Parish Priests, Staff and Volunteers as well as supporters. You can sign up to this free service through this [link](#) or by emailing [libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**LEGION OF MARY** One of our new parishioners, Chidi Oliseowe, is very keen to start a Legion of Mary group within the parish. If you would be interested in joining, please contact him on [gabbychidi@gmail.com](mailto:gabbychidi@gmail.com)

**THE PARISH SYNODAL PATH FEEDBACK PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE** All the feedback from the parish has now been sent to the diocese and can now be accessed on our website. It is a long document but if you cannot access the internet and would like a copy we can print one out for you. Remember the idea is that this synodal process is to continue in the life of the parish well beyond this particular feedback to the diocese. This will be published in full to the parish next week. As we move forward, please remember the normal structure for feedback in the parish is through the **Parish Pastoral Council**. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. If you have any issues that you wish to be discussed, please talk to one of the council members or email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

**SVP COFFEE / TEA MORNINGS / AFTERNOONS** are resuming this week. Afternoons will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and mornings will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The first one is this Wednesday afternoon, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. It is an opportunity for all to come and socialise and have a friendly chat over tea/coffee. All are welcome.

**ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH - MINISTERS OF WELCOME** You will have read in the bulletin some weeks back that our Stewards have now become Ministers of Welcome. We are aware that some parishioners were carrying out this role pre-Covid. If you, or any other parishioners, would like to be added to the rota, please could you contact Judith Pitt by ringing 01902 620764 or by email: [judithpitt64@gmail.com](mailto:judithpitt64@gmail.com) Thank you.

**SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH – MINISTERS OF WELCOME** As at St Bernadette's, before the pandemic we had stewards who helped look after the congregation at Mass and were also Fire Wardens. We now need to build up our team of Welcomers who can maintain this ministry of care for our Sunday Congregation. At present, there are not enough volunteers, so they have to work every Sunday. If we had more volunteers, this would not be necessary. If you feel you could help in this valuable ministry, please speak to Val Walsh or one of the priests or email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)

**WOLVERHAMPTON CHAMBER CHOIR** presents **THE BAROQUE ROAD TO BACH**. Sacred Choral Music by Buxtehude, Hassler, Scheidt, Schutz and Bach. Directed by Geoffrey Weaver. **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 7.30 pm** SS Peter and Paul's Church Tickets £12, free for under 18s. Available from choir members or at the door for parishioners from Saint Bernadette's who would like to attend.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS 12.00 NOON at ST PATRICKS** On Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Archbishop is celebrating Mass in St Patrick's Church as the church is 50 years old. There will be no Midday Mass at St Michael's that day to allow you to join with the Archbishop for this special celebration.

**LATEST CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES** The bishops of England and Wales have issued a new set of guidelines for Lent and Easter. The good news is that things are more or less back to normal, with certain simple measures still in place. It does mean we are able to return to a full celebration of the Easter Triduum. [Click here to download the full statement](#). Copies are also available in the porch.

## Mission and Outreach

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL** Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website ([cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent)).

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION FOR UKRAINE** via DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) combined charities' humanitarian appeal: across the next week the UK Government will match pound-for-pound the first £20 million donated by the public to the DEC's appeal. See the Disasters and Emergency Committee <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or the Big Give <https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900002G9bXgAAJ> For more information and relevant news articles, visit <https://catholicunion.org.uk/2022/02/ukraine-invasion>

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WOLVERHAMPTON** You may not be aware, but we have a Ukrainian Catholic Church here in Wolverhampton where there is Mass once a fortnight. Mgr Mark, as Dean of Dudley and Wolverhampton will be visiting their congregation before their Mass at 2.00pm this Sunday to express the support and prayers of the other parishes in our deanery. Opposite the church is the Ukrainian Centre at 35 Merridale Street West. They are collecting Medical Equipment (but no medicines) and clothing to support those who are suffering. If you are able to help out with any medical equipment or clothing, please ring Andrew Duda on 07801 950588 and he will be able to arrange to meet you at the centre.

**HELP SAVE A LIFE THIS LENT WITH 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Lent involves prayer, fasting and almsgiving and you can combine all three and help to save lives too by supporting 40 Days for Life. It is an international 40 day long vigil of fasting and prayer outside of abortion centres, along with the offer of support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our local vigil is in Birmingham. To find out how you can get involved contact the local organiser Isobel on 07773501721, or speak to Fr Sean, Clive Molloy or Paul Sharp. *'Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me.'*

**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. This is a great opportunity for The GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY to showcase the work they do as a charity and be able to share this with you all. They are offering a free tour, but as places are limited you will need a ticket. 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>

**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>

**Fairtrade 'Fairtrade Fortnight'** Fairly-traded goods will once again be on sale in the Milner Room in Giffard House after the morning Mass at SS Peter and Paul's on Sunday 6 March.

**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, 0800 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.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** continues after Masses at the three churches and outside St Michael's on Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. As demand for help is increasing we would welcome any donations of the following: FOOD e.g. UHT milk/cereal/ tins of meat, vegetables, fish, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding/ pasta and sauce/ rice/ tea/biscuits; ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS e.g. washing up liquid/ washing powder/ toilet and kitchen rolls/spray cleaners; TOILETRIES eg soap/ toothpaste and brushes/ shampoo/shower gel/deodorants and EASTER EGGS! Any cash donations are used to buy supermarket vouchers that are given to our FSM families via their primary school. This week's donations have been distributed by SS Peter & Paul Primary Catholic Academy. Thank you so much.

**THANK YOU PUMP BAG MAKERS!** Pump bags have been given to our year 6 girls at SS Peter & Paul and St Teresa's Catholic Primary Academies to store items in, supplied by the charity Periods Matter. SS Mary & John and St Patrick's Academies will receive theirs this coming week. The basket containing kits is in the porch at St Michael's. Please take one for you to complete and another for a friend! **MESSAGE OF THANKS:** St. Teresa's School are very grateful to Val, the CWL and the parishioners for the period poverty donations. The small crafted pump bags will really make a difference to our young people. God bless you all for reaching out.

## **Finance**

**FAKE EMAILS** There has been a problem with fraudsters pretending online to be member of the parish clergy. This time an email with a photograph of Fr Mark on its cover has been in circulation. Please remember that any official notification from the parish will either come from the official parish database:

**Wolverhampton, Blessed Carlo Acutis** <[noreply@parishaccounts.org.uk](mailto:noreply@parishaccounts.org.uk)> or a diocesan email address that ends with [rcaob.org.uk](http://rcaob.org.uk) Any email ending in any other way, is a fraud.

**BENCH KNEELERS AT SSPP** You may notice that the kneelers on the left side of the church have been recovered during the week. If you look at the ones on the right side you can see the state that they were all in. The ones on the right will be recovered next week. The total cost of this is just over £6000. We have recently received a donation of £250.00 towards the refurbishment of SS Peter & Paul's. which will go towards this. If anyone else feels able to add to this, please use one of the envelopes marked "Church Kneelers" which are available in Church this weekend.

### **Offertory Collection for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>St Bernadette</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	150.80	277.05	25.00	87.00		539.85
<b>Gift Aid</b>	20.00	231.00	69.00	40.00		360.00
<b>Second Collection</b>	Ukraine Emergency Appeal £1300.00					

**SS Peter & Paul 200 Club February Draw Winner No.151 Eamon Collins**

**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, Teresa Taylor, 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, Mary Kirby, Brendan Bleakley.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Celia Norton, Thomas Mackin, Patrick McIlvenna. Fr Gabriel Maguire, Mgr John Heslin, Fr David Lloyd, Maria Allport, Ena Newington, Marjorie Moore, May they rest in peace.

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