



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



## ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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

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<b>Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>	<b>10.15 am SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>Henry &amp; Judith Soronnadi</i>
<b>9.00 am St Bernadette</b> <i>Julie Collins &amp; Family &amp; James Collins</i>	<b>11.30 am St Michael</b> <i>Pro populo</i>
	<b>4.00pm St Michael</b> <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

<b>9.30am St Michael</b> <i>Requiem Margaret Gay RIP</i>	<b>5.45pm St Michael</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	<b>6.30pm St Michael</b> <i>P. Wallace &amp; Family</i>

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

<b>9.30am St Michael</b> <i>BCA F. Arthurs</i>	<b>6.30 pm SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
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#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

<b>9.30am St Bernadette</b> <i>James Collins RIP</i>	<b>10.00am St Bernadette</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
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#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

<b>10.00am St Bernadette</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	<b>12.00 pm St Michael</b> <i>Deceased members of Collins, McElmeel, Delaney &amp; Marry Families</i>
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#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

<b>12.00 pm SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<b>6.00pm St Michael</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>12.30 pm SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>David Blee</i>	<b>6.30pm St Michael</b> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<i>Followed by Confessions</i>	

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

<b>10.00am St Michael</b> <i>BCA Meena Leer – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday</i>	<b>11.00am St Michael</b> <i>Confessions</i>
<b>10.30am St Michael</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	

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

<b>Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael</b> <i>Liz Murphy RIP</i>	<b>10.15 am SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>The recently departed</i>
<b>9.00 am St Bernadette</b> <i>Pro populo</i>	<b>11.30 am St Michael</b> <i>Frances Courtney RIP</i>
	<b>4.00pm St Michael</b> <i>Syro Malabar Liturgy</i>

**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.

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**Hospital Chaplaincy** New Cross 01902 695098, Russell's Hall 01384 456111 ext. 2352

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**For Online Masses, go to** [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sg.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240** [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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.

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# LENT

**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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> March. All Welcome!

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE: Lent Reflections 2025 Lunch time reflections:** 12 till 12:30 pm **Food:** Lunch served afterwards, along with drinks **Theme: 'Courage for the Journey'**

Tues 11th March, Kingsway, Wed 19th March, URC. Tues 25th March St. Bernadette's. Tues 1st April Methodist  
Tues 8th April Venerable Bede

**Walk of Witness** = Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, starting from Methodist Church @ 11:30 am

**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](mailto:alexispottinger@gmail.com)

## News and Activities

**CANONISATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. This is the Sunday after Easter Sunday. THERE IS ONLY ONE MASS in the parish that Weekend. This will be at 9.30am at St Michael's Church and will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes.** There will be a large screen set up in the church and at 9.30am we will watch the declaration of the canonisation in Rome. This lasts about half an hour and then we will start the Entrance Hymn of our Mass. Mass should be over by about 11.15am. There will then be a reception for everyone who has come to Mass at **St Edmund's Catholic Academy**. The parish has organised hot and cold food and it should be a wonderful occasion. There will be more information about this next week.

**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 this weekend.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and April 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Many thanks.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our young people travelling to Wembley this Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> to join with 8000 young Catholics for **FLAME**, the National Catholic Youth Rally. The Parish Pastoral Council agreed the parish should pay for the coach for this day to support our young people so that they can experience this wonderful event.

**Parents, please ensure everyone gathers at 8.00am at St Michael's so that no one misses the coach!**

**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](mailto:janet.chand@hotmail.co.uk)

**LADIES of the PARISH and beyond.** Join a warm, charitable group of women in St Michael's Church Hall from 12.30pm on Thursday 13th March to help make our world a better place. BYO lunch. Contact Sarah (Catholic Women's League) 07948 963325 [sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk) for more details and register interest.

**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](mailto:judithpitt64@gmail.com) Thank you.

**SVP TEA/COFFEE SESSION:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025: Year of Jubilee** Please see the poster in the porch or check out the Diocesan website with more information.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/join-the-diocesan-day-pilgrimage-to-walsingham-this-jubilee-year>

If you are interested in going, please contact [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) or speak to one of the priests.

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM** Thank you to everyone who has already registered. *We now have 160 who have completed the form. It is wonderful that we have so many volunteers!*

If anyone has not registered yet, please do so by clicking on this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/HEvsLU7QDR> or using this QR code.



## *Mission and Outreach*

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection:** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. This QR code to take supporters straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they make their donation.



**CAFOD - Overseas Aid:** As mentioned, the Prime Minister has announced that the aid budget will be cut again, to its lowest level since 1999. In some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. Please contact your MP using this link <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/166896/action/1> and call on the UK government to stand by our sisters and brothers around the world. [More info here.](#)

**LIFE CHARITY SHOP, CARING OUTREACH and CAKE SALE** With your help, our shop is doing well, please continue your generous donations of clothes and bric-a-brac. Thanks also for the donated baby clothes and equipment, which we hand on to local needy families. Looking ahead, our annual MOTHERING SUNDAY CAKE SALE will be after 11.30 Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 30th March, donated cakes will be welcome on that day.

**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 and Aldi Orange gift cards have been distributed by SS Mary & John Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**EASTER EGGS for our UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN:** If you wish to donate Easter Eggs for Ukrainian Refugee Children who live in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area please leave them at your church's Food Collection point. They will be gratefully received! Thank you.

# Finance

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 2nd March 2025</b>						
	<b>SS PP</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gift Aid		60.00	10.00			70.00
Non-Gift Aid	248.25	389.90	98.45	50.00	25.00	811.60
Attendance	255	102, 201	91			649
Standing Order: February 2025 £ 4464.52						
Second Collection Cathedral Maintenance £211.60						
Next Second Collection 16 <sup>th</sup> March Lent CAFOD						

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



# 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.

<p><b>FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:</b> Barbara Kocon, Bernard Hand, James Collins, Martha Morris, Margaret Gay, <b>May they rest in peace.</b></p>
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