



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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16th MAY 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (year B)

Timetable of Online Masses and Services. *For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk*

Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday 16th May Booked seats only!	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Jennifer Mary Pugh RIP</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Mary Leighton</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Brian Brodie</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>pro populo</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
Monday 17 th May	6.30 pm St Michael <i>Patricia Bamford</i>
Tuesday 18 th May	9.30 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Kate Reynolds RIP</i> 4.30pm SS Peter & Paul Vigil Reception <i>Matthew Power RIP (by invitation)</i>
Wednesday 19 th May	12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul & Online Funeral Mass <i>Matthew Power RIP (by invitation)</i> 12.50 pm St Bernadette Funeral Service <i>Olive Rogers RIP (by invitation)</i> 4.30 pm St Bernadette Vigil Reception <i>Maura Corbett RIP (by invitation)</i>
Thursday 20 th May	12.00 Midday St Bernadette Funeral Mass <i>Maura Corbett RIP (by invitation)</i> 12.00 Midday St Michael <i>Greta & Tony Thompson 60th Wedding Anniversary</i>
Friday 21 st May	9.30 am St Bernadette <i>Nancy Cuss RIP</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Patrick Guiton RIP</i> <i>Followed by Confessions and Divine Mercy Devotions</i>
Saturday 22 nd May	9.00 am Online Mass <i>Dan O'Hara RIP</i> 11.00 am St Michael <i>Confessions</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass PENTECOST SUNDAY 23rd May Booked seats only!	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Joan Dunne RIP</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>pro populo</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>John Ryland</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Eileen & Derek Rothery RIP</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul <i>Philomena Mary Hughes</i>

For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

PLEASE Remember to book for Saturday Evening and Sunday Masses.

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwin on 01902 341343 on Thursday and Friday.

FOR SS PETER & PAUL, please ring or text Val on 07934905283.

FOR ST BERNADETTE, please ring Judith on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 6.30-7.30pm on 01902 620 764 or email judithpitt64@gmail.com up to the deadline of 7.30pm on Thursday.

If you find you cannot come, please cancel your booking at least 3 hours before the service.

Sunday Masses at St Bernadette's Now that more parishioners are coming back to church (which is lovely to see), Sunday Masses at St Bernadette's are likely to be at/over the maximum capacity. This is particularly going to be the case for the Sundays when the children are receiving their First Holy Communion: 23rd May; 6th June and 13th June. After giving thought to the fairest way to manage this, we would like to request those parishioners who are willing and able to go to St Michael's to kindly offer to do so in rotation.

We thought it would be easier to do this on an "opt out" basis so if you CANNOT or DO NOT wish to go to St Michael's could you please let Judith Pitt know as soon as possible, by speaking to her at church, ringing (01902 620764) or emailing her (judithpitt64@gmail.com). She will draw up a list and if necessary (because SB is overbooked) contact the required number of parishioners off that list in rotation, so that they know to make alternative arrangements.

EXTRA SUNDAY MASS Now that more of you are able to return to Mass, we have reached full capacity at SS Peter & Paul's on Sunday Mornings. So, from next week we are providing a **Sunday 6.00pm Mass** for the foreseeable future. Anyone who cannot find space at the St Bernadette, St Michael or the SS Peter & Paul morning Masses, can come along to this new Evening Mass. This will continue whilst we are limited by the Covid Regulations.

Parish News and Activities

Pentecost Novena The Bishops of England and Wales have sent us the following message:

We invite all Catholics in England and Wales to respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face. The God Who Speaks team offers this Novena of readings and prayers drawn from the Bible and recent Papal teaching. Between Ascension and Pentecost, the Scriptures tell us: "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers..." (Acts 1:14) while they awaited to be "clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49). We are invited to pray these nine days reflecting on the account of creation in the book of Genesis. This Novena can be used on its own or to complement the prayers and reflections of the global prayer movement - 'Thy Kingdom Come' with the Care of Creation theme.

If you have access to the internet, you can download the special Novena Prayers for each day. If you cannot, you can say a decade of the rosary finishing with this daily prayer from the Novena:

"O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes... God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth", God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen

Confessions at SS Peter & Paul Church Now that the Covid restrictions are beginning to relax, we will once again be available for Confessions after the Midday Friday Masses. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Explore the Meaning of Life with Alpha Would you (or someone you know) like to explore the big questions of life? Would you like to get to know Jesus with greater intimacy? Are you considering becoming Catholic or Christian? Would you like to help out in some way? If you tick any one of these boxes, then the Alpha Course is for you! It involves sharing a meal together, watching an insightful and engaging video and then having an informal discussion on that week's topic.

Alpha will begin on Monday 17th May. For further details contact Fr Sean using the parish email Address. All are welcome!

Once Alpha is completed, for those who desire, we will move on to explore an overview Catholic teaching. There will be the opportunity, for those who want to, to enter the Rites of Christian Initiation with a view to becoming Christians at Easter next year. Non-Catholic Christians who desire to become Catholic will also be able to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. This will be a great opportunity for renewal in faith and community after what has been a very tough year.

Non-Catholic School Children Sacramental Preparation Sacramental preparation for children who go to non-Catholic schools will begin on Saturday June 12th. Following this course, the children will be able to make their first reconciliation before the end of the school year and their first Holy Communion in the Autumn. For further details contact Fr Sean using the parish email Address.

Online Services and Activities

The following services and parish activities can be found by going to our 'Online Services' page of our website www.carloacutis.co.uk

MAY ROSARY Thursday Evenings at 8.00pm

Children's Liturgy Online

Praying the psalms together Online

Little Fishes Online A parents, baby and toddler group

Carlos' Coffee Club A new opportunity for anyone over 60 to be part of an online group.

Praying the Rosary at home in May To help us this year, the members of the Knights of St Columba in our parish will lead the Rosary for us each Thursday in May at 8.00pm. The idea is that you pray the Rosary at home so this will be online only. Simply go to our **"Watch Live"** page of the Website and join them from your home.

Ecumenical Novena Intentions: "Thy Kingdom Come" encourages us to pray across Ascensiontide that 5 people (of our choosing) come to know Christ better. The Pentecost novena is the first and founding novena, through which all other novenas have been inspired. Prayer resources - some expressly Catholic- can be found on the website, including children's resources such as "Cheeky Pandas" videos. Youth reflections, led eg by Rugby player Jamie Jones- Buchanan can also be found there at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

An interactive "light the world" map allows us to show and share our faith here with Christians across the globe.

St Michael's Hall and St Bernadette's Hall. Both halls are now reopening with limited capacity because of Covid Regulations. In the next weeks we hope that as regulations are relaxed, we will be able to have greater numbers for events. If you have any enquiries about possible bookings please contact Colin McLoughlin at CPM Services cpm59@hotmail.co.uk or ring 07388 994783

Mission and Outreach

CAFOD: Reclaim Our Common Home campaign – Parish Virtual meeting with Stuart Anderson, MP “..The planet is our common home... Climate change is a global problem with serious implications...” Pope Francis. *The CAFOD group in our parish are going online to meet our MP, Stuart Anderson* on Friday 28th May 2021 at 11:00am. Please join us to listen to or take part in the discussion to tackle the climate crisis, global poverty, and unjust debt. For more details please contact: Petula pnurse@cafod.org.uk Simon simonjswanwick@gmail.com or Bernadette bernierpope@virginmedia.com You can also sign petition cards at each of our churches or sign online using the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Right To Life News has been launched so that they can reach a far wider audience of people with the latest pro-life news that will keep people informed and help change even more hearts and minds on life issues. Their website is already the most viewed pro-life website in Europe and the fourth most viewed pro-life website in the world - and this digital news platform has been built to enable us to reach even more people. Please take a look and keep up to date with their news on <https://righttolife.org.uk/news>

St Vincent de Paul Society Amalgamation After consultation with the members of our two Conferences, St Bernadette and St Michael & SS Peter & Paul, we are delighted to announce that the two Conferences will be merged together from June 1st 2021, and will take the name Blessed Carlo Acutis Conference, Wolverhampton. This move brings great opportunities for the SVP to continue to serve the needy in our area, and we ask you to pray for us as we come out of the current lockdown restrictions.

We are always looking for support from our parishioners whether it is by joining us as a Member, or your ongoing generosity with donations to help us provide help to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Officers of the new Blessed Carlo Acutis SVP Conference are:

David Spinks- President 07544960402

Nick Greenwood - Vice President

Joe Eardly - Treasurer

The Food Collection: The Food Collection takes place at: St Bernadette at all Masses; SS Peter & Paul at the 10.15 Sunday Mass; St Michael at all Masses AND Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11. In addition to UHT milk & cereal; tins of meat/fish/vegetables/fruit/custard/rice pudding/soup; jam; biscuits; toiletries; FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES would be greatly appreciated. This week's donations have been distributed to local families via St Paul's C of E Primary School. Thank you so much.

Pax Christi In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

Please go to their website www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-your-interest for details on how you can sponsor them.

Life Charity Shop Re-opening: The shop reopened on Monday 12th April with a lovely range of items. We thank all who have saved goods ready to donate. Small amounts (1 or 2 bags) can be handed in at the shop at any time. Please note that because storage space is limited, the shop can only accept larger amounts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and that a **delivery slot MUST be booked** in advance. Ring the shop on 01902 420656 to make arrangements. If you can't take items to the shop yourself, they can be collected from you or left at Rosalie's house. Please contact Rosalie on 01902 330553 to make arrangements.

ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED: Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

Finances

***We now have one bank account for the whole parish.
It is called "RCAB Wolverhampton Blessed Carlo Acutis"***

From now on, please do not write cheques to St Bernadette, St Michael or SS Peter & Paul as these accounts will be closing soon. If you would like to take out a standing order, please contact Sr Lydwin.

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish.
The total of Standing orders for April 2021: St Michael's £1466.75 St. Bernadette's £700.18 and SS Peter & Paul £ 266.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for Catholic Communications

Offertory Collection for Sunday 25th April 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	113.81	277.90	62.27	
Gift Aid	210.00	131.00	30.44	

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Rosily Paul, (SSA) Sr Catherine Joseph, (SSA) Teresa Rickards, Antony Cosgrove, Margaret Mulligan, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J., Keith Tomlins, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Peter Holmes, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Sr Stella Raj, (SSA), Tony McGinn, Alice Stevens, Reg Jones, Maura Corbett, Tony Penman, Trudi Gallagher, Terry O'Connor, Anthony Small. May they rest in peace.

Safeguarding Representatives: Steve & Chris Callow 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse 01902 326334

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