



# THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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### 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Jo Clarke RIP*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Mr & Mrs Desmond Agbasoga – Wedding Anniversary & Birthday*

11.30 am St Michael *Jimmy & Sheila O'Toole RIP*

4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy

### 26<sup>th</sup> May Monday Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest

5.45 pm St Michael Adoration

6.30 pm St Michael *Michael Woosman RIP*

### 27<sup>th</sup> May Tuesday Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

6.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

### 28<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday Easter Feria

9.30 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

### 29<sup>th</sup> May Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10.00 am St Bernadette *Hubert Kelly RIP*

7.00 pm St Michael *Glancey*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

### 30<sup>th</sup> May Friday Pentecost Novena Day 1

9.30am SS Peter & Paul Requiem *Girolama Mongiovi RIP*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

### 31<sup>st</sup> May Saturday Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pentecost Novena 2

10.30am St Michael Adoration

11.00am St Michael Confessions

### 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Pentecost Novena 3

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Mark Lees RIP*

9.00 am St Bernadette *pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Thanksgiving*

11.30 am St Michael *Donna Carruthers RIP*

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.

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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 9.00am every morning.**

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 and Marie Yeo.

They can be contacted at: [sq.blessed.carloacutis.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sq.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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## News and Activities

**MANY THANKS** to everyone for all the preparations for our **MAY PROCESSION** last Sunday. It was a truly blessed occasion from the weather to the flowers, the singing, the prayers and the wonderful refreshments in the hall afterwards!

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION** This Thursday is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** and there is a Mass available in each of our Churches.

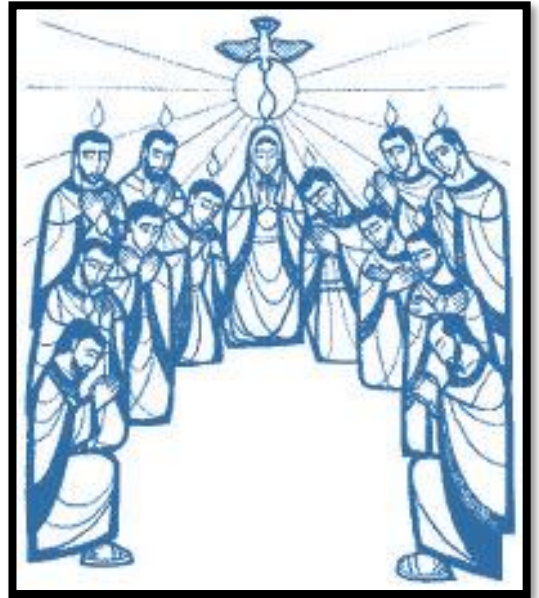
**NOVENA FOR PENTECOST** The 9 days from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost is the origin of all Novenas. It is a solemn moment of prayer to the Holy Spirit to renew the Church on the great feast of Pentecost. We think of the apostles gathered with Our Lady in the upper room in Jerusalem praying for help and direction. There are two great resources to help us in our prayer during the Novena. The first is the **THY KINGDOM COME** initiative which is a great ecumenical resource that has been running in the UK for some years now.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Alternatively, you might like to pray with Cafod using their Novena resources at

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/pentecost-novena>

Obviously, these are both online resources. The simple way to enter into the Pentecost Novena is to pray a decade of the Rosary each day from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday, offering each decade for someone you know who needs help in renewing their faith.



### PENTECOST NOVENA PRAYER

***Come Holy Spirit, blow away division and despair.  
Light your flame of courage and hope in us  
and warm our hearts with wisdom and love.***

***Be our Helper, as we seek your ways of justice.  
Be our Comforter, as we share your peace with our wounded world.  
Be our Advocate, as we call for the fullness of life for all. Amen.***

**NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY OF PADUA** From June 4<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> there will be Mass twice a day with Devotions to St Anthony at St Anthony's parish in Fordhouses. For more information, please see the bulletin in each church porch.

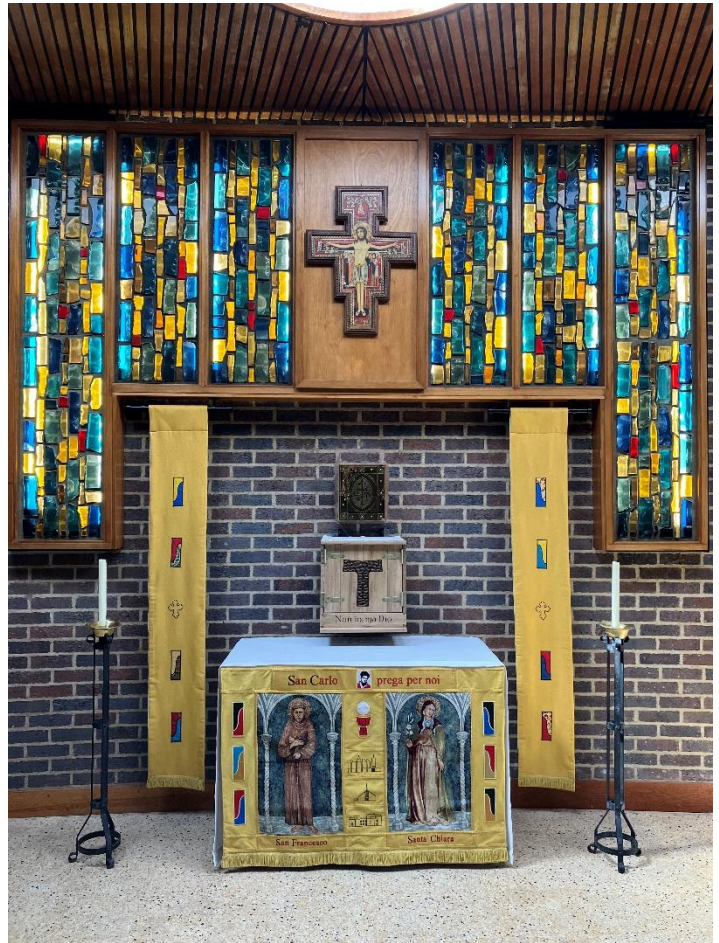
**DAY FOR LIFE, 15 JUNE 2025:** This year's Day for Life will take place on 15 June. In preparation for this, we are inviting the faithful to pray the Novena for Life from 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on 31 May. Information will be available on the Bishops' Conference website as well as at: <https://prayforlife.ie/>

**THE "WEBELIEVE" FESTIVAL.** If you haven't heard of *WeBelieve*, it's a Festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, taking place on the grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott, on July 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. They have built *WeBelieve* with families and parishes in mind. This festival offers Catholic families the opportunity to meet other faithful families and offers dedicated content streams for children and teens. For parishes, *WeBelieve* is an opportunity to receive inspiring faith formation together, to bond as a community and to celebrate the Jubilee in a tangible way. The festival programme brings together a great line-up of contributors, including Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray OP, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari & many more. They want this festival to be affordable for parishes and families and their current general adult Early Bird rate of £70 is available until the end of May. They recently launched Day Tickets to enable groups to make a day trip of it at a general adult Early Bird Day rate of £40. <https://www.webelievefestival.com/tickets>

**Fr Mark is celebrating a 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass for some close friends in Germany when this festival is on, so he is unable to attend. It would be great if some parishioners could attend and share their experience with the parish afterwards.**

**CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** Pope Leo has called a Consistory of Cardinals for June 13<sup>th</sup>. On this day they will decide the new date for the canonisation of Carlo. At the Council of Priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham last Wednesday, the canonical permission was given for our parish name to be changed to St Carlo, Wolverhampton. Let's pray cardinals choose a date that is very soon so that we can reorganise our celebrations!

**OUR SHRINE FOR SAINT CARLO** is nearly finished. All we are waiting for now is the red carpet to be delivered that will go under the altar. The shrine is the result of months of hard work from local artisans, and it is wonderful that they all live in our parish! Many thanks to Peter Pennington, Barry Owen, Daryl Hill, and two other parishioners who have crafted the shrine so beautifully. The altar cloth is made of very precious material and if we had ordered it to be made by an ecclesiastical fabric company, it would have literally cost us thousands! It has been designed to represent our three church communities and to show Saint Carlo's great love for the Eucharist and for the two great saints of Assisi. He loved Assisi so much that he asked to be buried there and now his tomb is in the Church of the Renunciation, halfway between the churches of St Francis and St Clare. Let us pray that when pilgrims come to pray at our shine they will also be led to devotion of St Francis and St Clare, so that all three saints will accompany them through life.



## Mission and Outreach

### ASISTED DYING BILL

- MPs are due to vote again on assisted suicide.
- Sick, elderly and disabled people will be at risk if assisted suicide is legalised.
- *Disability Rights UK* representing 350 disability organisations opposes this bill.
- 80% of palliative care doctors polled on assisted suicide oppose this bill.
- This bill would make vulnerable people feel their lives are not worth living.
- In countries where assisted suicide is legal, palliative care has suffered.
- This bill is being rushed through Parliament without adequate scrutiny.

On advice from Adrian Farrell, Consultant Rheumatologist from the Catholic Medical Association, he suggests we hold a local hard copy petition from churches within Wolverhampton West parliamentary constituency. Therefore, he will be coming to the 5.30pm Mass and 10.15am Masses this weekend and the 11.30am Mass next Sunday. You will be able to sign the petition and have an opportunity to ask him any questions you may have.

**A FURTHER UPDATE FROM SUDAN:** Many thanks to everyone who gave donations for Yassir's operation and aftercare either via envelopes or online. Sr Angelina was put in an impossible position. She could not buy food for the 370 'poorest of the poor' children AND pay for the care Yassir needed. With your generosity she was reassured that both were possible - internet permitting!

Yassir's operation was successful, and his family send their gratitude and 'thank you all and be sure of our prayers, always and forever.' Sr Angelina feeds the 370 children 3 days a week. They can only afford to eat meat once a month and chicken at Easter and Christmas. Her MONTHLY bill is: 80kg rice = £210; 4 bags of beans = £75; water = £135; milk = £330; juice = £240; 20kg meat = £42; medicine (mainly for malaria) = £113; Occasionally biscuits = £135 and desserts = £60. If you would like to donate, please put cash in a sealed envelope marked SUDAN and hand it to a steward or place it in the collection at SB. Please continue to pray for the children and for peace in Sudan.

**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

**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 have been distributed by St Edmund's Catholic Academy. Thank you for your continued support.


**LIFE CHARITY SHOP AND LIFE CARING OUTREACH:** Many thanks for all the donations of clothes and bric-a-brac. Your items can be handed in at our shop at 12 Lichfield Street or left in the boxes at St Bernadette's and St Michael's. We're also glad of donations of baby clothes and equipment which we give directly to local needy families. at present we particularly need one or two baby cots. If you can help, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553. Many thanks

## Finance

**BCA 300 Club Winners of April Draw:** No.105A Margaret Richards £75.00, No. 18A Deborah Tomlinson £10.00

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> May 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				3.00	10.00	13.00
Non-Gift Aid	275.18	445.03	126.70	100.00		946.91
Attendance	275	93, 209	92			669
<i>Standing Order: April £5471.02</i> <i>Second Collection 1<sup>st</sup> June Catholic communications</i> <i>15<sup>th</sup> June Day for Life</i>						

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** gather every Tuesday at 5.00pm in the Lady Chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH:** Yassir, Catherine Andrews, Roy Bayley, Carol Hyatt, Pat Grady, Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Dennis Oparaji, Christine Ball, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, 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:** Josephine Cleary, Michael Woosnam-Mills, Zsofia Toth, Rita Tonks, Jo Clarke, **May they rest in peace.**

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