



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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9th MAY 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (year B)

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

Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday 9th May Booked seats only!	5.30 pm St Michael <i>Biddy Cox RIP</i> 9.00 am St Bernadette <i>Shirley Burke RIP</i> 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Pro populo</i> 11.30 am St Michael <i>Peter Paul Jarai RIP</i> 5.00 pm SS Peter & Paul Vigil Reception <i>Trudy Gallagher RIP (by invitation only)</i> 5.00 pm St Michael Syro-Malabar Liturgy
Monday 10 th May	SS Peter & Paul & Online Funeral Mass <i>Trudy Gallagher RIP (by invitation only)</i> 6.30pm St Michael <i>Eileen Sherry RIP</i>
Tuesday 11 th May	9.30am SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Jenner Martin RIP</i>
Wednesday 12 th May	12.00 Midday Mass St Bernadette's <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Aldo Concarri RIP</i>
Thursday 13th May ASCENSION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)	10.00 St Bernadette's <i>Philomena Hughes</i> 12.30 SS Peter & Paul <i>Tony Penman RIP</i> 7.00 pm St Michael <i>Dan O'Hara RIP</i>
Friday 14 th May Feast of St Matthias Apostle	11.00 am St Bernadette Funeral Mass <i>Mark Watkins RIP (by invitation only)</i> 12.00 Midday SS Peter & Paul and Online <i>Nancy Cuss RIP</i> 12.30pm SS Peter & Paul & Online <i>Divine Mercy Devotions and Confessions</i> 12.30pm St Michael Funeral Mass <i>Irene Inskip RIP (by invitation only)</i> 2.45 pm SS Peter & Paul Funeral Service <i>Reginald Jones RIP (by invitation only)</i>
Saturday 15 th May	9.00 am Online Mass <i>Jim Deacey RIP</i> <i>Confessions 11.00am at St Michael's</i>
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

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. If you discover that for some reason, you cannot come, please cancel your booking at least 3 hours before the service. Someone else would be most grateful for your place.

Booking places for Sunday Masses:

FOR ST MICHAEL, please email or ring Sr Lydwyn 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 01902 620 764 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on *Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays* or email judithpitt64@gmail.com

At SS Peter & Paul please REMEMBER TO BOOK FOR MASS and to COME EARLY. This is essential at the moment when the stewards are trying to fit the maximum number into the church that is possible under Covid regulations. ***Could you volunteer for a few weeks as a steward so that we can out on an extra Mass until the restrictions are relaxed in June?***

Parish News and Activities

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension There is a special celebration of Mass in each church to mark this great feast. We then begin the ancient Novena of prayer leading up to Pentecost Sunday. As we are in the month of May, a great way to prepare for Pentecost is to pray the Rosary each day. This year we call upon the Holy Spirit to renew the life of our parish community as we begin to emerge from the coronavirus guidelines.

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.

First Holy Communions Please remember in your prayers the children who could not receive their First Holy Communion last year. Small groups of two or three children from SS Peter & Paul's School, St Bernadette's School and St Michael's School will be making their First Holy Communion at Sunday Masses over the next few weeks. ***These will be normal Sunday Masses and only the children and their parents will be booked into these Masses.*** Social distancing will need to be respected afterwards in the car park. We do hope, however, to have a bigger celebration when the restrictions are relaxed.

Praying the Rosary at home in May This weekend we begin the month of May. This is traditionally a time when we turn to Mary our Mother in prayer and particularly with the Holy Rosary. 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.

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.

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

Dangerous email and phone call scams Sadly, we have had some more instances of people attempting to take money by pretending to be one of the parish clergy. Anyone who has advertised their email address or phone number on the bulletin at any time in the past, is vulnerable to this. Fraudsters will search out data from the bulletin and website and then

pretend to be a priest asking for money. If ever you receive an email or phone call purporting to be acting on behalf of the parish clergy, please do not respond and report it immediately. Please remember if an email from one of us does not end with @rcaob.org.uk it is false and needs to be reported.

Mission and Outreach

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

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 (p nurse@cafod.org.uk); Simon (simonjswanwick@gmail.com); or Bernadette (berniepope@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>

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.

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 Warstones Primary School. Thank you so much.

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.

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-you-interest for details on how you can sponsor them.

Finances

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

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION 16th May 2021 for Catholic Communications

Offertory Collection for Sunday 25th April 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	102.20	281.50	41.50	
Gift Aid	125.00	177.76	29.00	

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Teresa Rickards, Antony Cosgrove, Margaret Mulligan, Sheila Botwood, Pritpal Dhanjal, Paul Green, R. J., Keith Tomlins, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, 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, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: 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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