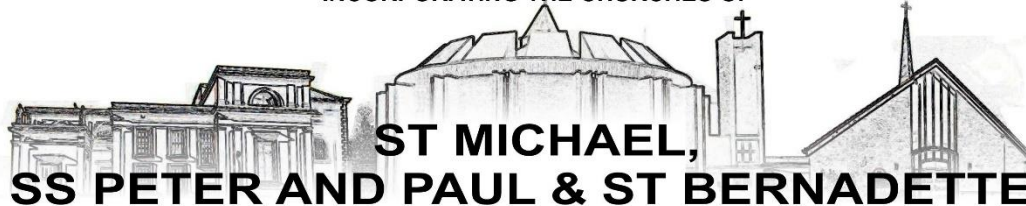




THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

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Timetable of Online Masses and Services 14th November 2021

For Online Masses, go to www.carloacutis.co.uk

Sunday 14th November THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Brendan McLoughlin*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Mary Abbiss RIP*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Alfred John Doyle RIP*
 11.30 am St Michael *Maureen Needham*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Monday 15th November FERIA

6.30 pm St Michael *Monica Blee*

Tuesday 16th November FERIA

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 17th November FERIA

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Celia Sadler and Mary Abbiss RIP*

Thursday 18th November FERIA

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 12.00 noon St Michael *James McCormack RIP*

Friday 19th November FERIA

10.00am St B School Mass in church *Holy Souls*
 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online *Paul Carey RIP*
 12.30 pm Adoration and Divine Mercy Devotions

Saturday 20th November FERIA

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

Sunday 21st November SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Thomas Reynolds RIP*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Kevin, Tony and Jim*
 11.30 am St Michael *Ray Johnson RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Parish News and Activities

Vocation Promotion from the Redemptorists We welcome Fr Royston Price who will be preaching on Vocations at our Masses this weekend, 9.00am at St Bernadette and 11.30 am at St Michael.

Month of November dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is an ancient and venerable tradition for us to remember our loved ones who have died and offer Masses for them during November. There are special envelopes available in the back of each church to enable you to do this. Could you please ensure that you take one with you this weekend? Please write the names of your deceased loved ones and friends and place them in the envelopes along with your Mass offering and give it to one of the stewards or priests or sisters. The lists of names will then be placed on the altar of each church throughout the month of November.

November Blessing of Graves Fortunately, this year we can once again gather to pray for our loved ones.

Saturday 20th November Bushbury: 1.00 pm. **Saturday 27th November** Jeffcock Road: 12.00pm

Memorial Mass for all parishioners who have died over the last year (since November 2020)

The families of parishioners who have died in the last year are invited to a special Mass at

St Michael's at 1.00pm on Saturday 27th November.

In the past we have done this at Christmas Midnight Mass, but this year we have moved this to a Saturday in November to make it easier for people who have to travel far and also for those who may not be able to go out at night.

TWO HUNDRED CLUB SS Peter & Paul annual subscriptions of £12 are now due. Many thanks for your continued support. All proceeds to church upkeep.

Upcoming Silver Jubilee Celebration Fr Gary will be ordained 25 years on November 23rd. There will be a special Mass at St Michael's at 7.00pm that evening, as it is the largest of our churches. All welcome!

Little Angels Stay & Play Group (0-5 years) **Friday** mornings 09.15-11.00am in St Michael's Church Hall. Just £1.50. Free tea & coffee for grown-ups and refreshments for your little ones. **Helpers needed, please.** If you love babies (we have several) and seeing kids having fun, do volunteer with us. Info from Sarah & Jim: 07948963325/24. sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Carmelite Monastery Please remember that although Mass is still celebrated in private, the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.

Wolverhampton Cathsoc trip to the Birmingham Market This Tuesday 16th November. We will meet at Wolverhampton Railway Station at 6.15 pm. All young adults (18-30) of the parish are welcome to join us.

Funeral of Kathleen O'Malley RIP This will take place in Market Harborough on Friday 19 November. If you would like more details and the address to send condolence cards, please contact Val Rayney on 01902 340479.

Walk with Me, a journey of prayer booklets for Advent are available at the entrance to each of our churches. Please ensure that you pick up your copy and use it for your daily prayers and reflections during advent as a preparation for the celebration of our Lord's birthday, the Word made Flesh. A donation of £1.00 is recommended.

Carmelite Christmas Cards will be available at £2.50 for a pack of 5 of the same design and 60p for a single large card. Please have plenty of change with you! Thank you for supporting the work of the Carmelite Sisters.

Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets are on sale. All Proceeds in aid of church maintenance. First Prize £50.00, Second Prize £25.00, Third Prize £15.00, Fourth Prize £10.00, Fifth Prize A Bottle of Brandy, Sixth Prize A Bottle of Whiskey, Seventh Prize A Bottle of Vodka, Eighth Prize A Bottle of Gin and Ninth Prize A Bottle of Wine. If you would like to sponsor one of the above Prizes, please place your name and phone number next to the numbered prize on the list. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.

Masses on December 26th 2021 Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. This means that the normal Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday will not take place because it is Christmas Day. The feast of St Stephen is replaced on Sunday 26th by the Feast of the Holy Family. Those attending Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family currently have the usual choice of three Sunday Masses: the 9.00 am, 10.15am and 11.30am. We need to know how many people who normally go to the 5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass will be coming to Mass on Boxing Day (26th) so that we check whether we need to put on an extra Mass on that day. An extra Mass would have to be at 9.30am in the morning at St Michael's as the Syro - Malabar Mass takes place on Sunday afternoons. You would need to consider if you are able to travel to Mass at 9.30 am on that Boxing Day morning. In the next weeks the stewards will be giving you a simple questionnaire asking you about your plans so that we can make a decision about an extra Mass.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	St Bernadette 4.00 pm.
	St Michael 5.30 pm.
	St Michael 8.30 pm. carols and 9.00 pm. Mass
	SS Peter & Paul 11.30 pm. carols and Midnight Mass
Christmas Day:	St Bernadette 9.00 am.,
	SS Peter & Paul 10.15 am.
	St Michael 11.30 am.

SVP monthly Coffee/tea get togethers Your Parish SVP Conference is planning to hold these twice a month now to give everyone a greater opportunity to meet and share some time together. The sessions will be on the afternoon of the second Wednesday and the morning of the fourth Wednesday of every month. We will begin this programme in the New Year. We hope to see you there, all are welcome, please come along and bring a friend. Dates for the rest of this year are: **November 24th - 11.00am, December 8th - 11.00am**

The meetings this year are in St Michael's Hall but we will start having some in St Bernadette's Hall next year.

Don't forget to regularly check the Online Activities available on our Website!

Mission and Outreach

The Food Collection continues at our three churches after all Masses and outside St Michael's Tuesday 1-2 and Saturday 10-11. Donations of tinned and dried food; fresh fruit and vegetables; milk and cereal; toiletries including sanitary products and hot water bottles are much appreciated. With Christmas approaching we would welcome UNWRAPPED toys, books and selection boxes for our FSM children (some of whom have recently arrived from Afghanistan). This week's donations have been distributed to families by a free 'pop up' shop at SS Mary & John Catholic Primary Academy.

Used Postage Stamps: 1kg of used postage stamps (far too many to count!) have been sent to the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People). Stamps can be put in the container at the back of the porch at St Michael's. PLEASE trim the stamps with at least one centimetre of paper around the edge wherever possible. Thank you!

Used printer cartridges The SVP are collecting these as one of its fund-raising activities. Collection Boxes are located in the entrance to each of our churches. Please bring any that you have, we get £1 for every used cartridge. Thanks for your support.

Life Charity Shop 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (Tel 01902 420656). Many thanks for all the donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac etc, which are helping towards the continued success of our shop. More donations are always welcome; small amounts can be handed in at the shop at any time, but if you are giving more than 2 bags, please ring the shop first to book a delivery slot. For those attending St Michael's, there is now a large donations box in the foyer. You can also ring Rosalie (01902 330553) and arrange to drop items at her house or have them collected from you.

Life Caring Outreach continues to welcome donations of cots, pushchairs and other baby items. We are frequently asked to help needy families and your generosity makes a real difference to the care of babies and toddlers. Any one in need of such practical help can contact us via the free Life National Helpline 0808 802 5433. This Helpline also offers a confidential listening ear to anyone who is worried about a pregnancy related issue, or who has experienced loss of a pregnancy.

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.

Quiz for CAFOD Many thanks to everyone who took part in the quiz and made a donation. A magnificent **£334** was raised for CAFOD's work. The winner will be announced on the weekend of 20th/21st. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn to decide the winner. The answers will then be posted on the notice board in each church.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors of Catholic primary and secondary schools. They are particularly keen to hear from former school leaders who seek to remain connected with Catholic Education. Email b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk for details.

Finances

Affect of the pandemic on the Offertory Collection the total offertory income across the parish in 2020 was £25,173.65 down on the previous year! It looks as though 2021 will be a similar figure. This is due to the lower numbers attending Mass. As you can imagine, the overheads for our three churches and halls remain the same as usual. The income from our halls is beginning to pick up but we are not back to pre-pandemic levels yet. We will need to look at different ways of improving our income as we come out of the pandemic, but one easy way to increase what we already receive is **GIFT AID**. About half of our offertory income across the three churches is **not gift aided**. If it were, it would greatly increase our income. Remember, if you are a taxpayer and you gift aid your offertory donations, you do not give anymore yourself, but the government tops up your payments, so that the parish gains more income. If you would like to start using **GIFT AID**, speak to one the priests, Sr Lydwin or Hazel Burdon.

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for October 2021: Parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis £2932.71

Offertory Collection for Sunday 7th November 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	100.08	254.62	91.00	Johnson Association
Gift Aid	95.00	178.00	33.00	246.32

Second collection next weekend 21st November 2021: Catholic Youth Service

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ros Ward, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Sharon Stephenson, Ben McKearney, Michael Egan, 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 Holmes, 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, Brendan Bleakley.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Peggy O'Dowd, Javid Wright, Kathleen O'Malley, Ray Johnson, Margaret Ann Holder, E. Kondayya, Denis Moore, Ron Ward, May **they rest in peace.**

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