



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



ST MICHAEL, SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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Timetable of Masses and Services

19th November 2023 THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Family of David & Monica Blee*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo.*

11.30 am St Michael *John & Peter Mulvehill*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Coleman & Katherine Faherty*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 20th November 2023 FERIA

5.45pm St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

6.30pm St Michael *Thomas Reynolds*

Tuesday 21st November 2023 Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00pm St Michael *Confirmation Mass with Canon Paul McNally*

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

1.45pm St Bernadette *Requiem Martin Kearney RIP*

Thursday 23rd November 2023 FERIA

10.00am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00 noon St Michael *Family of David & Monica Blee*

6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Vigil Reception Tom Flannagan RIP*

Friday 24th Nov 2023 Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

9.30 am St Bernadette *Jenner Martin RIP*

12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul *Requiem Tom Flannagan RIP*

Saturday 25th November 2023 FERIA

10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

11.00-11.30am St Michael *Confessions*

26th November 2023 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Tony McDonagh RIP*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Fergus Thorten*

11.30 am St Michael *Jenner Martin RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Julia Moroney RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Mass is livestreamed from SS Peter & Paul at 10.15am each Sunday www.carloacutis.co.uk/onlineservices.html

CARMELITE MONASTERY: Mass at 9.00am every day.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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.

Over the next few Sundays, our Safeguarding reps will be speaking after each of the Sunday Masses to remind us all of our responsibilities of safeguarding as a parish community.

News and Activities.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE WOMBOURNE AUTUMN FAYRE An amazing sum of **£1171.45** was raised for the parish!

PARISH YOUTH MASS NEXT SUNDAY For **National Youth Sunday on Sunday 26th November**, St Edmund's Catholic Academy will be joining us to provide music and youth involvement at the 11.30am Mass at St Michael's. It would be good if families with teenagers at St Edmunds could attend this Mass that Sunday to make it a real celebration of youth from across our parish.

BLESSING OF GRAVES November 19th Sytch Lane cemetery at 12.00 noon.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 25th NOVEMBER 2023. Donations welcome from you and yours for this great event. Collections of saleable goods at each of our 3 churches at all masses until 19th November. We need: soft toys, toys, games, children's books, gift sets, Christmas themed items, raffle prizes. Tombola: bottles (soft & alcoholic), chocolate (individual bars and boxes) Cakes for the Cafe dropped to the hall on Friday 24/11 between 9-2 or on the day 12-2. Urgent appeal for donations for our tri-church festive event. Ask friends and family to help with provision of tombola items: bottles, chocolates, soft toys (for Teddy Tombola), games, children's books, cakes and bakes for the cafe, gift sets, Christmas themed goodies, raffle prizes, jams, pickles, and chutneys. If anyone would like to volunteer to help in any capacity, from collecting, wrapping Santa's gifts, sorting in the week before the Fayre, setting up, manning a stall, etc, please get in touch with Sarah - 07948 963325, email sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk Thank you for supporting this popular date in our parish diary.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE PREPARATION: Do join us when you can to help sort, wrap, price, decorate Santa's Grotto and the hall, chat and enjoy getting everything ready for our Parish event of the year! Drop-in basis:

Mon 20/11 12.30-14.30, Tue 21/11. 10.00-12.30,
Wed 22/11 10.00-12.00, Fri. 24/11. 11.00-done

See you there. Sarah & team. Info: 07948 963325

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE tickets are out on sale. A Book is £2.50 and a single ticket 50p. The Draw will take place on 17th December 2023 after the 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul's Church. There are number of exciting prizes for you to win! If you wish to sponsor any of the prizes, please contact Mrs Eileen Gallier at St Michael and Mr Bill Finnegan at SS Peter & Paul and Mr Charles Beare at St Bernadette. All proceeds for Church Heating.

MAKE SOMETHING OF ADVENT THIS YEAR This Advent we begin a year of preparation for the Holy Year in 2025. The Holy Father has asked us to make **PRAYER** the focus of our preparation. Advent often gets lost in the preparations for Christmas, so to help us focus more on prayer we are encouraging the following initiatives:

- **The Angelus** will be prayed at the beginning of each of the Sunday Masses.
- **Morning Prayer of the Church** will be celebrated on Saturday Mornings at 10.30am in the Lady Chapel of St Michael's. (This lasts for 15 minutes) Adoration will continue to be available afterwards.
- Copies of the booklet for the **Advent Supper** will be available on the parish website. This is for a family meal at home which celebrates the spiritual meaning of advent.
- The **Rorate Mass** will take place in the Lady Chapel at SS Peter & Paul on Saturday 9th December at 7.30am. This will be followed by bacon butties in the Milner Room. (The Rorate Mass is a special Mass of Our Lady celebrated in candlelight before dawn. As dawn breaks it focuses us on the dawn of our salvation in the birth of Jesus.)
- Copies of **'Walk with Me'** daily prayer booklets for Advent will be available in each church next week.
- **City Centre Nativity and Lantern Parade** On Saturday 16th December starting at St John's Square at 3.00pm.

BAPTISMS We are introducing a new system for registration for children's baptisms. If you would like your child to be baptised, please contact one of the priests after Sunday Mass and he will give you a code so that you can access the **Digital Registration Form**. You will then be contacted about attending the Parents' Baptism Class. At the end of the class, you will be able to organise the date for the baptism. Baptisms normally take place on the first and third Sundays of the month. **PLEASE NOTE BAPTISM CLASSES NORMALLY TAKE PLACE AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOMBOURNE DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - An eight-hour long prayer vigil for peace in our trouble world. Friday 1st December between 9 am and 5pm at St Benedict's Church. Join us at 9am for a guided prayer session, sign up for a half-hour slot of private prayer, or drop in when you are able. Please see the poster in the porch or speak to Vik Moriarty (07508610717) for more details.

THE WOLVERHAMPTON COMMUNITY BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Saturday Dec 2nd in St Michael's church Hall. Tickets are £10 adults and £5 children. The time of this event will be confirmed next week!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD would like to invite you to a service of celebration held at St Peter's Church on Monday 4 December at 2.30pm all welcome, so please come and join us in our annual celebration, we would love to see you!

THE SVP FISH AND CHIP LUNCH will take place on Wednesday 13th December at St Michael's Hall at 12:30. Cost is £8 including Fish and Chip meal, bread and butter, hot drink, dessert. Sign-up sheets in the church porches. Money by 3rd December. Contact your local SVP rep or text Nick on 07950 060238. Tell us if you need a lift.

The **SVP** The collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society at the masses on 2-3 September raised a massive £580.46. Many thanks to all parishioners who contributed. ***The SVP Christmas Catalogue*** - is now available to view at the entrance to each of the Churches in our Parish. There is a wide range of advent calendars, eco friendly and Fairtrade gifts as well as Christmas cards. Every purchase helps raise funds for the work of the SVP, please consider ordering some of your requirements from us.

FREE EPIPHANY CONCERT - Saturday 6th January at 2.00pm in St Michael's Church. Back by popular demand: Wulfruna Ladies Choir. All welcome. Refreshments and raffle available. All proceeds to UNICEF and The Well food bank. Further details from Sarah - 07948 963325 Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

Mission and Outreach

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

THE FOOD COLLECTION This week's donations have been distributed by SS Mary & John Catholic Primary Academy. Would you consider donating some essential household items such as washing powder/washing up liquid/toilet or kitchen roll OR tins/jars of food OR toiletries such as shampoo/soap/toothbrushes/toothpaste/sanitary products AND selection boxes for the Ukrainian refugee children please!

FARESHARE is next at St Michael's Church Hall on Wednesday 29th November at 1.45 pm. FareShare is a UK charity that redistributes good quality, surplus food to community groups. If you, or your neighbour, could do with a little support during these difficult times, please bring a bag and take some food home.

PERIOD POVERTY - Periods Matter is a Wolverhampton-based organisation which helps those who suffer from period poverty. We now have one of their collection buckets in the porch at St Bernadette's. Please consider donating feminine hygiene products, wet wipes, toiletries and new underwear.

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH Thankfully our shop at 12 Lichfield Street is now able to open 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday. We will be grateful for donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac. If you're unable to take them to the shop, please place them in the box at St Bernadette's or St Michael's church.

Our **Outreach Service** continues to welcome donations of baby clothes and equipment, which help us support needy mums and babies. If you leave baby items at church, please label the bag clearly 'LIFE BABY ITEMS'. Alternately we can collect from you, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

Finance

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH 200 CLUB Annual Subscriptions are now due. From January there will be ONE 200 club draw across the whole parish. Kindly pay Sr Lydwin at St Michael Church, Mr Bill Finnegan at SS Peter & Paul and Mr Charles Beare at St Bernadette. We encourage new members to join the 200 Club. The Annual Subscription is £12.00 which entitles the members to one chance in the Monthly Draw. All proceeds are for the Heating in three churches of our parish.

200 Club October Draw winners

St Michael No: 58 Liam Gauden £50.00.

SS Peter & Paul No. 118 Valerie Walsh £50.00

| OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 12th November 2023 | | | | | | |
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| | SS Peter & Paul | St Michael | St Bernadette | Card Readers | Website | Total |
| Non-Gift Aid | 219.64 | 383.00 | 66.36 | 153.30 | | 822.30 |
| Gift Aid | 10.00 | 187.00 | 111.91 | 25.00 | | 333.91 |
| Mass Attendance | 194 | 100, 275 | 76 | | | 645 |
| Standing Order: October 2023: £ 4012.21 | | | | | | |

The next Second Collection on 25th/26th November for Catholic Youth Service

Prayer

SILENT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 5.45 pm – 6.20 pm in Lady Chapel at St Michael's.

Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am at St Bernadette's.

Friday at 12.00 noon- 12.30pm at SS Peter & Paul.

Saturday 10.30am- 11.30am in Lady Chapel at St Michael's

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 No Padre Pio meeting in November. Next meeting will be on December 7th at 3.00pm at St Bernadette's. Meetings will resume to 4th Thursday of the month from January 2024. 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 will meet in the Lady chapel at St Michael's every Tuesday at 5.00pm for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are most welcome to join in for prayers.

SHEKINAH PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's every Friday for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. All welcome

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Rodney Young, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, , Anne Pearce, Sean O'Malley, Rosa Tse, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Pat Noad, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Anna McGrath, Andy Hyatt, Mary Hill, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Marjorie Halldron, Ben McKearney, Philomena Labdy, Steve Kavanagh, Fr John Lungley, Antony Cosgrove, Sheila Botwood, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Ann Bayley, Patrick Quinn, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Mary Ware

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Brenda Aston, Martin Kearney, Eileen Whittall, Margaret Ambler, Algis Jankauskas, Peter Alexsanrowicz, Mary Dolan. **May they rest in peace.**

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