



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 21st November 2021

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

Sunday 21st November SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING Year B

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*

Monday 22nd November Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

6.30 pm St Michael *Dennis Moore RIP*

Tuesday 23rd November Feria

7.00pm St Michael-Silver Jubilee Mass *Fr Gary Mantle*

Wednesday 24th November Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Holy Souls*

Thursday 25th November Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00 noon St Michael *Angela Gallagher RIP*

Friday 26th November Feria

9.30am St Bernadette Mass and Confessions

12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online *Shane Kenny RIP*

12.30 pm Adoration and Divine Mercy Devotions

Saturday 27th November Feria

10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

1.00pm St Michael-Deceased of the parish

Sunday 28th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Tony McDonagh RIP*

SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Pro populo*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Michael Moroney RIP*

11.30 am St Michael *Josephine Clancey RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

5.00 pm St Joseph (Willenhall) Deanery Opening Service for the Synodal Path

6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

Stop Press: Just before this bulletin went to press, we heard that the Sunday Obligation will **not be reinstated** next Sunday. For more details see our website.

Parish News and Activities

Silver Jubilee Celebration Fr Gary will be ordained 25 years This TUESDAY November 23rd. There will be a special Mass at St Michael's at 7.00pm with refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome!

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.

The final **Blessing of graves** is also next Saturday at Jeffcock Road at 12.00pm

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

SVP monthly Coffee/tea get togethers Dates for the rest of this year are: November 24th - 11.00am, December 8th - 11.00am in St Michael's Hall. All welcome!

Deanery Prayer Service to begin the Synodal Path The dream of the Holy Father is that of the Church as the pilgrim People of God journeying together, listening firstly to God and to one another. In the address he gave to the faithful of Rome he highlighted the importance of 'mutual listening' and that this will be at the heart of the synodal process throughout the Church and beyond the boundaries of the Church. In his meeting with the Council of Cardinals on 22nd September, Pope Francis continued his reflection on the process by saying that the Synodal process is not about a specific theme, but "a way of living the Church marked at all levels by mutual listening and a pastoral attitude" Between Christmas and Easter we will be having some parish meetings where people can share their experiences. To begin this time of prayer and reflection we are having a Deanery wide prayer service at **St Joseph's on the Willenhall Road on Sunday 28th November.** See the notice in the porch. All are welcome.

Adoration at St Michael's next Saturday at 10.30am will also be offered for the success of the Synodal Path meetings.

EDGE GROUPS ONLINE 2021/2022 BEGINS!! Hello Parents and young people... As Advent begins, so once again does our EDGE youth group journey... online! 🇬🇧 **Saturdays MORNINGS** 🕒 9.15 am until 10.15am 🖥️ **Zoom**

We will meet every 2 WEEKS online (.....with the hope that we can gather in person every now and then)

STARTING ON 🗓️ **Saturday 27th November 2021** 🎂 **Ages** 🧒 **9 to 17 years old**

Once we know you would like to join 🖥️ You will be sent a Zoom invitation each time we meet.

To join EDGE, please let me know you are interested by emailing me Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com

On behalf of the EDGE leaders, we look forward to welcoming you!

Our vision is to provide a relational ministry, which is relevant for the young people of the parish.

Our aim is to create a ministry where Christ becomes an integral part of daily life for all ages, now and in the future.

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

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.

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.

Buy Fairtrade at Christmas 'Wolverhampton Fair Trade' has opened a pop-up shop in the Mander Centre until Christmas Eve, 10 am - 5pm Monday to Saturday. Find a gift that's out of the ordinary and support a producer in the developing world.

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.

Advent Activities

Confessions in Advent A great way to make a new start in life during Advent is to go to confession. Remember Confessions are available at St Bernadette's after Mass on Fridays, at St Michael's on Saturday mornings at 11.00 am and for Advent we are putting on **extra Confessions at SS Peter & Paul** on Sunday mornings before Mass from 9.45 am.

Rorate Mass (candlelit) On Saturday Morning, December 4th, in the Lady Chapel at SS Peter & Paul. This is an opportunity for quiet meditation with Our Lady to enter more deeply into the meaning of the Advent season. All Welcome!

Bambinelli Blessing on Gaudete Sunday This year we can once again return to the tradition started by Pope Francis a few years ago for children (and adults) to bring their infant Jesus figures from their cribs to be blessed at the end of Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent 12th December.

Zoom Blessing of cribs at home 4th Sunday of Advent December 19th at 7.00pm Those who joined us last year really appreciated this time of prayer and reflection at home before Christmas. It will last 15 minutes maximum. We will start with a welcome, then look at everyone's cribs and finish with a prayer and blessing. Come and join us on zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/wrnvsnev>

Advent Preparations at Home An ideal way to prepare for the true spirit of Christmas is to gather at home and celebrate the Advent Feast. Some of you experienced this in the hall at St Michael's a couple of years ago but it is intended that this is something you can do yourself at home. All the instructions for how to celebrate the Advent Feast can be found by downloading the booklet of our website on the [Online Mass and Activities page](#).

Sign up for CAFOD Advent reflections: These reflections have been very popular and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit our Interactive online <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar> There are also free Advent children's liturgy resources that parish catechists may find useful. <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

For Attendees at 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Michael's In the table below you will see that Christmas falls on a Saturday this year.

There will be NO Saturday Vigil Mass (for Sunday Dec 26th) on December 25th. Next week you will be asked if you are intending to go instead to one of our Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish Masses on Sunday December 26th. Please let us know which Mass you hope to attend, and how many of your family will be with you, so that we can try to accommodate you safely.

December 24th Christmas Eve (Friday)	St Bernadette 4.00 pm.
	<i>St Michael 2.30 Syro-Malabar Liturgy</i>
	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
December 25th Christmas Day (Saturday)	St Bernadette 9.00 am.,
	SS Peter & Paul 10.15 am.
	St Michael 11.30 am.
	<i>(possible St Michael Syro-Malabar 5.30pm to be confirmed)</i>
December 26 Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday and also boxing Day!)	St Bernadette 9.00 am.,
	SS Peter & Paul 10.15 am.
	St Michael 11.30 am.
	<i>St Michael 5.30 Syro-Malabar Liturgy</i>

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 Peter & Paul Catholic Primary Academy. Thank you for your continued support!

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!

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.

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.

Laudato Si Action Platform just launched by the Vatican: "Caring for our brothers and sisters means caring for the home we share." From November 14th a website to help each of us express our Church's care offers "Planning Guides to map your journey, practical guidance on ways to take action, and resources". Many of the resources shared will be familiar to those who know CAFOD. No need to wait for parishes or other groups to sign up: individual families have a special section, for it is there we mostly make our choices that affect others. Take a look:

www.laudatosiactionplatform.org One contributor to the *Laudato Si* platform is **A Rocha International**, who in UK promote eco-friendly projects. From Tuesday 30 November until noon on 7 December any donation you make to them through the Big Give's Christmas Challenge website will be doubled. www.thebiggive.org.uk

Modern Slavery in Fishing A webinar on slavery in fishing vessels is taking place on 23rd November from 7.30-9pm. For those of you who are unable to attend Fr Gary's Jubilee Mass you can attend this webinar online at www.StellaMaris.org.uk/ModernSlavery

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 any more 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 of 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 14th November 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	193.58	250.40	62.22	
Gift Aid	60.00	123.00	5.00	

Unfortunately, there was a robbery from the porch at St Bernadette's last Sunday. The collection will be managed in a different way from now on.

Second collection this 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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