



# 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

#### 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Feria

**1.00pm St Michel** *Funeral Service Andrew Brown RIP*

**5.45pm St Michael** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**6.30pm St Michael** *James Brennan RIP*

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Feria

**9.00am St Michael School Mass** *Pro populo*

**9.30am SS Peter & Paul** *Holy Souls*

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Feria

**9:30 St Bernadette** *Fr Paul Devaney*

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

**10.00am St Bernadette** *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**12.00 noon St Michael** *Souls in Purgatory*

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

**9.30 am St Bernadette** *Hubert Kelly RIP*

**12.30 pm SS Peter & Paul** *Monica Blee*

**12.00pm SS Peter & Paul** *Adoration*

**1.00pm SS Peter & Paul** *Confessions*

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Feria

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

**11.00-11.30am St Michael** *Confessions*

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael** *Martyn Leek RIP*

**9.00 am St Bernadette** *Barry Wignall RIP*

**11.30 am St Michael** *Michael Joe Needham*

**10.15 am SS Peter & Paul** *McGee & Needham Family*

**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](http://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](mailto:sg.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 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.

## News and Activities.

**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.**

**PARISH YOUTH MASS THIS SUNDAY** For **National Youth Sunday on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.)
- Come and sing carols at the **Carol Concert** at SS Peter & Paul on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm.
- Copies of **'Walk with Me'** daily prayer booklets for Advent will be available in each church this week.
- **City Centre Nativity and Lantern Parade** On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm all welcome, so please come and join us in our annual celebration, we would love to see you!

**THE SVP CHRISTMAS FISH AND CHIP LUNCH** If you have put your name down for this event please complete your payment by December 2nd.

**#FOLLOW THE STAR WOLVERHAMPTON** A City Centre Nativity and Lantern Parade Saturday 16th December 2023  
A family friendly walk with alpacas, beginning at St John's in the Square Church at 3pm and ending at St Peter's Square about 4.30pm, stopping along the way to tell the story of Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus, and sing carols accompanied by The Band of the West Midlands Fire Service.

**We are looking for people to be stewards on the day from 2.30 to 5.30pm.**

The Stewards will walk with the participants, keeping everyone on the pavements and helping especially at road junctions. **We are looking for people to take part in in reading the Christmas story.**

**We are also looking for a couple of people who would be willing to serve drinks at the end in St Peter's Square.**

Please contact Linda or Lesley if you can help or would like to know more.

Deacon Linda Gilson [linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:linda.gilson@methodist.org.uk) 07941 354958

Lesley Cook [lesleycook@btinternet.com](mailto:lesleycook@btinternet.com) 07840 128510

**THANK YOU** to all who volunteered their time to put together our parish Christmas Fayre. A super effort. What a great team. We will share further details next issue,

### **PARISH FESTIVE SING-A-LONG with BRING & BUY**

All welcome to join the Catholic Women's League for a Christmassy hour or so in St Michael's Church Hall at 1.30pm, Thursday 14th December. Christmas jumpers if you wish. Bring 'this and that' for the table sale with proceeds for church flowers. Details from Sarah: 07948 963325

**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](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** When the price came in for the October dates it was far too expensive, so we will now be travelling from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Full details next week!

## *Mission and Outreach*

**CLIMATE SUMMIT** The COP28 climate summit, which begins this week, will take place at the end of what is set to be the hottest year on record. Forest fires have forced people to leave their homes in the Mediterranean. Floods in Libya have killed thousands. Tens of millions of people in East Africa have been struggling to access food due to the worst drought in 40 years. Pope Francis has warned that the climate disasters we're experiencing show the world is approaching "breaking point", and he is so determined to call for action at COP28, that he's going to attend the talks himself. Go to <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns> if you'd like to share the Pope's message with your MP . . . and **PRAY!**

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL:** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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 St Patrick's 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'. Alternatively, we can collect from you, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

## *Finance*

<b><u>OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u></b>						
	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>St Bernadette</b>	<b>Card Readers</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	265.18	335.63	49.31	68.00		718.12
<b>Gift Aid</b>		65.00	100.00	45.00		210.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	217	115, 191	63			586
<b><u>Standing Order: October 2023: £ 4012.21</u></b>						

This Weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November Second Collection for Catholic Youth Service

**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 winners:** St Michael No: 58 Liam Gauden £50.00. SS Peter & Paul No. 118 Valerie Walsh £50.00

## Prayer

*God of blessings,  
the universe sings of your glory.  
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made  
and awaken in us a renewed commitment  
to care for the earth and each other.  
Inspire world leaders at COP28,  
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change  
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,  
so that our common home may be healed and restored  
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.  
Amen.*

### **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 Bernadete'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:** Jean Cooper, Tom Flanagan, Brenda Aston, Martin Kearney, Eileen Whittall, Margaret Ambler, Algis Jankauskas, Peter Alexsanrowicz, Mary Dolan. **May they rest in peace.**

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