



THE PARISH OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF



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

Timetable of Online Masses and Services 28th November 2021

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

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*
 9.45 am SS Peter & Paul Confessions
 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*

Monday 29th November Advent Feria

6.30 pm St Michael *Deidre Downs*

Tuesday 30th November Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

9.30am SS Peter & Paul *Anne McBride RIP*
 1.15 pm St Michael Requiem Mass *Margaret Ann Holder RIP*

Wednesday 1st December Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr

12.00 noon St Bernadette *Cath Chamberlain*

Thursday 2nd December Advent Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 12.00 noon St Michael *David Williams*
 4.30pm Vigil Reception -*Ray Johnson RIP*

Friday 3rd December Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest

10.00am St Bernadette School Mass in church *Holy Souls*
 10.00am St Michael -Requiem Mass *Ray Johnson RIP*
 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online *Holy Souls*
 12.30 pm Adoration and Divine Mercy Devotions

Saturday 4th December Advent Feria

7.30am SS Peter & Paul Rorate Mass (Candlelit) *Holy Souls*
 10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

Sunday 5th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm St Michael *Teresa & Andrew Scragg – 40th Wedding Anniversary*
SUNDAY 9.00 am St Bernadette *Barry Wignall*
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Nicola & Gigliola Iafigliola*
 11.30 am St Michael *Dennis Moore RIP*
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Deanery Launch of the Synodal Path

There will be a special Service of Prayer and Praise this Sunday 28th November at 5.00pm where we can gather with others from our deanery as we begin this Synodal path together. It is at **St Joseph's on the Willenhall Road**
 See the notice in the porch. All are welcome!

Advent and Launch of the Synodal Path – “Walking Together”

Today we begin Advent, and we also begin our spiritual journey of joining with the Catholic Church around the world in what is called the Synodal Path. What does this mean? Well, Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and Archbishop Bernard Longley would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to improve the life of our parishes. By the end of our time together we aim to capture your answers to the basic question: *What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today?* The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means ‘journeying together’ and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other to discern the path we are called to walk together. This weekend we will say this special prayer together at the end of Mass and we are encouraged to pray it every day during this time of spiritual reflection over the next few months.

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

How do I find out more? In recent weeks, the diocese has held a number of online information sessions, attended by over 200 people, to help explain how this process will work in practice. All of these presentations and other key documents are available on the website at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023> We will also be publishing more information on the bulletin each week. There will be various “listening events” organised in the parish after Christmas, along with other activities in already existing parish groups.

As the planning starts for these ‘listening events’, if you think you would like to help in any way, either as an enabler for the events, as a discussion facilitator, as a scribe to capture the thoughts and ideas coming forward, or to help with hospitality, please contact Teresa Scragg on teresascragg9@gmail.com or by text on 07979697068. We will have a short meeting before Christmas to look at the guide that has been prepared to help kickstart conversations, so that we are ready to go in January. In the meantime, please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us over the months ahead.

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 7.30 am 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.

Advent Youth Mass (for 11-16 year olds) at St Michael’s on Friday 17th December at 6,00pm followed by refreshments. All Welcome!

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>

Parish News and Activities

Thank you from Father Gary: Sincere thanks to all for your prayers, good wishes and gifts. It was wonderful to celebrate my Jubilee Mass with you on Tuesday. Such a joyful time together. Your love and generosity are incredible. As we'd say in Australia, "Stewth, Bruce, you've bowled me over and I'm flat out like a lizard drinking!" God bless you all. Gary

Thank you for those who discovered the date of my anniversary as well! It was very kind of you. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put on Fr Gary's Jubilee Silver Jubilee celebration. It was a tremendous parish event representing members from all three churches. It was so lovely to all be together again! Fr Mark.

Baptism Class Tuesday December 7th at 7.00pm in St Michael's Sacristy Meeting Room This is for any parents who are seeking baptism for their children in the next couple of months.

The Lady Chapel in St Michael's is now open. It is not finished, as we still have to sort out seating and a few more refinements but with temporary furniture we can now use it for Adoration and for prayers to Our Lady and Blessed Carlo.

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 together Date for this year is December 8th - 11.00am in St Michael's Hall. All welcome!

For Attendees at 5.30 Vigil Mass at St Michael's Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. There will be NO Saturday Vigil Mass (for Sunday Dec 26th) on December 25th. This 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.

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.

Ex Cathedra Christmas Music by Candlelit at St Peter's Saturday 7th December at 7.30 pm. For more details and to book tickets <https://tinyurl.com/2emexhrr>

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.

Quiz for CAFOD Congratulations to the five people who tied with 27/28. Their names, together with the list of answers, are on the noticeboard. The winner, drawn by lot, was Teresa Scragg, whose prize is a Fairtrade hamper. The amount raised to date is £359. Many thanks to everyone.

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.

Free Copies of the Diocesan Magazine, The Sower are available this weekend in each church. You can also access it online at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE Sat 11th December 2pm-4.30pm St Michael's church hall. Raffle and refreshments. Free entry. All Proceeds to Catholic Women's League Charities Info: Sarah 07948 963325

EPIPHANY CONCERT with WULFRUNA LADIES CHOIR (by popular demand) on Sat 8th January 2.15pm-4.15pm St Michael's Church. Raffle and refreshments. Free entry. All Proceeds to *Let Us Play*. Open to all. Please bring friends and family. Info: Sarah 07948 963325

Mission and Outreach

SS Peter & Paul Primary Academy Winter Appeal. This year we are providing practical support to help families and anyone in our parish community to keep warm this winter. We recognise that the cost of utility bills are rising and to help support anyone who is worried about this we can help in the form of lap blankets, slippers, hot water bottles, dressing gowns, onesies etc.. No child, parent or parishioner should go cold this winter. To confidentially request this support or to refer someone else, please email warm@sspeterandpaul.co.uk or call the school on 01902 556447 and ask for Mrs Byrne. If this cause resonates with you and you would like to support our outreach, you can make a donation to the cause at the school office.

Life Charity Shop 12 Lichfield Street WV1 1DG (Tel 01902 420656). More donations are always welcome. For more information ring Rosalie (01902 330553)

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.

Crisp-packet recycling. This scheme suggested by our young people at St Michael's has returned: notices will remind you to sanitise if you touch the bin with your hands, as you do with other items at church. Most people bring packets which have had a few days' "rest" at home to help mitigate any risk attached to them of spreading disease: thank you for your thoughtfulness.

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 'Free School Meal' (FSM) children, some of whom have recently arrived from Afghanistan. This week's donations have been distributed to local Penn families. Many thanks.

We have been successful in our bid for a £500 grant from four local Rotary Clubs and The James Beattie Charitable Trust. A massive thank you to them. It will be used to buy supermarket vouchers for our FSM families in 5 city primary schools, just in time!

Finances

New Button on Website for Direct donations If you go on our website, you will find a new "Donate" button on the home page. This is useful for anyone who wants to make a one-off donation. If someone is giving regularly, however, Standing Orders are still best. The new "Donate" button is linked to the new system of Card Readers which we hope to install shortly. These will enable people to use their card or mobile phone for their offertory giving as they enter the church.

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 21st November 2021

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection:
Non-Gift Aid	144.25	248.20	62.00	Catholic Youth Service
Gift Aid	280.00	123.00	168.50	362.77

Second collection next weekend 5th December 2021: Poor Parishes Fund

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Johny Burke, 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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