THE PARISH OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

INCORPORATING THE CHURCHES OF

ST MICHAEL
SS PETER AND PAUL & ST BERNADETTE

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14TH SEPTEMBER FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm St Michael *Len & Margaret Biddell*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Julia O'Hanlon*
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Jane & Chidi Oliseowe God's Protection*
11.30 am St Michael *Thanksgiving SM First Holy Communion families*
4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy

15th September Monday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

5.45pm St Michael Adoration 6.30pm St Michael *Gwendoline Boyce RIP*

16th September Tuesday Memorial of SS Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6.30pm St Michael *Keith & Chantale 50th Wedding Anniversary*

17th September Wednesday Feria

9.00am Mass at the Carmelite Monastery

18th September Thursday Feria

10.00 am St Bernadette Adoration 12.00 pm St Michael *Margaret McBridie RIP*

19th September Friday Feria

12.45pm St Bernadette Requiem *Jill Wignal RIP*

20th Sept Saturday Memorial of St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs

10.30am St Michael Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am-11.30am St Michael Confessions

21st SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm *St Michael Bridget Murphy RIP*
9.00 am St Bernadette *Thanksgiving*
10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Pro Populo*
11.30 am St Michael *Len & Margaret Biddell RIP*
4.00pm St Michael Syro Malabar Liturgy

Parish Priest: Mgr. Canon Mark Crisp, **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Gerry Bowen. **Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney.
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For Online Masses, go to *www.carloacutis.co.uk* **Parish Facebook page**: @carloacutisparish
Mass at Carmelite Monastery 9.00am every morning.

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 and Marie Yeo.
They can be contacted at: sg.stcarlo.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 concerns.*

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.*

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN BY WHATSAPP please scan this QR code.

FOR THE LATEST NEWS, ALWAYS CHECK OUR WEBSITE
https://www.carloacutis.co.uk/parishnews

News and Activities

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! to everyone who worked so hard over the last few months to prepare for our Canonisation Celebration last Sunday. It was a truly blessed occasion that will bear much fruit for the parish in years to come. Particular thanks to those who designed and produced the information boards, the woodworkers and seamstresses who built the shrine, the flower ladies, the youth group and those who produced the shrine video, the altar servers, readers, the singers and musicians, the offertory and thanksgiving procession, the technicians working in the background, the teachers from our primary academies, the working party members, the cake makers, the church cleaners, the gardeners who tidied the grounds (twice!), the Knights of Saint Columbus, the stewards, the staff from St Edmunds who hosted us in the afternoon, Those working on the website, the sisters always working behind the scenes, and those organising the foodbank. Thank you to all of you who attended the Mass and participated with so much enthusiasm. It truly was a joint effort and was a beautiful occasion. Finally thank you to Bishop Timothy for his inspirational celebration of the Mass.
ST CARLO PRAY FOR US!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025
The Programme of Preparation is as follows:

This Sunday, 14th September - Enrolment Mass in whichever church community you belong to, **St Bernadette's at 9.00 am** or **SS Peter & Paul at 10.15 am** or **St Michael at 11.30 am.**

Tuesday 14th October 6.00 pm - Second Parents' Meeting in St Michael's Hall. There will also be a retreat day for the children during a school hours, but the date is to be confirmed.

Tuesday 18th November 7.00 pm SS Peter & Paul's Church Service of Light.

Please be aware that attendance of parents at these meetings is necessary if you want your child to be confirmed this year.

Tuesday 25th November 7.00 pm Confirmation Mass at St Michael's with Archbishop Bernard Longley.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

RESOURCES There are plenty of ideas for how you can celebrate the Season of Creation on the diocesan website **https://tinyurl.com/mpsc3pu2**

SONG OF THE CREATURES A new musical version of William Draper's paraphrase of the Canticle of the Creatures by St Francis of Assisi is available on YouTube - **https://tinyurl.com/2trj2k9m** For use in schools and the parish as a way to sing with St Francis to praise God in all creation.

THE REQUIEM MASS FOR JILL WIGNALL will be celebrated on Friday 19th September at 12.45pm at St Bernadette's. Jill was a much-loved and long-standing member of our parish community, and for many years she worked at St Bernadette's School. We keep Jill and her family in our prayers, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Mass.

'JOURNEY IN FAITH' is a series of classes for those who want to become Catholics and for Catholics who want to explore their faith. We will begin this year on Monday October 6th at 7.00pm, just after the 6.30pm Mass at St Michael's. All Welcome!

CATHSOC+ is for all students at Wolverhampton University and for young adults in the parish. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.00- 9.00pm in Term time. ***We meet to praise God, to learn more about his word, and to love and serve each other.*** Our first meeting is on Tuesday 7th October. All Welcome!

WOMEN's GROUP Thursday 18th September in the hall after midday Mass. Drinks then watch video for pilgrims visiting the shrine followed by shrine visit. Bring your own packed lunch then join us to plan charitable events and learn more of our work. Details from Sarah: 07948 963325. Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

ST CARLO YOUTH CLUB for the youth of the parish from year 9 upwards every Friday evening from 7.00pm- 8.30pm. Usually at SS Peter & Paul but occasionally at St Michael's for Games Nights. We will start meeting again this Friday September 19th

CHRISTMAS FAYRE PLANNING MEETING, Tuesday 16th September 7.00pm in the small meeting room in St Michael's Church in preparation for our Parish Fayre on Sat 22nd November. Representatives from all churches needed as we need as much input as possible. Further details and RSVP to Sarah 07948963325 Email: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk

CRAFT FAYRE ON 20th SEPT 1.00pm to 4.00pm at St Michael's church hall in aid of cancer unit New Cross Hospital. A variety of crafts articles. Come along and meet the Mayor who will be attending. If anyone would like to donate any cakes, it would be appreciated

EARLY BRITISH CHRISTIANITY Prof Brian Ferry will be giving a series of three talks on early British Christianity on Fridays 19th, & 26th September at 7.00pm in the Community Centre at Our Lady and All Saints in Stourbridge (entrance from Union Street). Please make a note of these dates and pass on the information to anyone you think may be interested. All are welcome. For further information contact fr.stephen.pimlott@rcaob.org.uk

MACMILLAN AFTERNOON TEA & CRAFT FAYRE. Saturday 27th September 2.00pm - 4.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall. Free entry. Chance to get some unique gifts and treats plus enjoy delicious home-made cakes and bakes whilst we serve tea and coffee at your table. Further details from Sarah: 07948 963325 Catholic Women's League.
DONATIONS of CAKES, SANDWICHES & SCONES *Please bring to the hall from 11.30am on the day or 09.00-11.00 Fri 26th. Deepest gratitude, Sarah & Catholic Women's League. 07948 963325*

OPEN MEETING for St Carlo Acutis Parish: October 3rd, 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend at St Michael's Hall as "Pilgrims of Hope" to reflect upon our parish growth and activities. Every parishioner can come. Please would all groups send a member - not necessarily to present but to give breadth and context to our synodal process prioritising listening. Come, listen and be heard.

INVITATION TO A MASS OF ANOINTING FROM THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
The SVP in Wolverhampton are holding their annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick in October this year. All are welcome to attend and the sick and elderly are invited to be anointed. Sat 11th October 2025, 12:00pm @ St Michael's RC Church, Penn. Mass is followed by light refreshments in the hall. Get in touch if you need help with transport 07868 677863 or secretaryF201402@svp.org.uk

JUBILEE TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO, 10th November 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from Birmingham, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castle Court Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

COLLECTION FOR FR ALEX you may have seen envelopes with Fr Alex's name on them, this is for a Farewell Gift to him as he leaves us and takes up his new parish in Coventry. He is returning for a special leaving celebration on Sunday October 12th where we will present him with his leaving gift.

LITTLE ANGELS STAY & PLAY GROUP meets on Friday mornings in St Michael's Church Hall. Still just £1.50. Bring your babes and pre-schoolers, enjoy a cuppa together and make new friends. Further details from Sarah 07948963325

Mission and Outreach.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EVENT SUNDAY 21ST SEPT 2.00PM: Fr Toby Lees OP presents 'Saints and Bible Heroes Who Stood for Life - Inspiration for Today's Mission'. Birmingham Oratory, Upper Hall, 141 Hagley Rd, B16 8UE. 40 Days for Life event but all are welcome. Free entry. Contact Isabel for more details 07773 501721 izzyvs@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF EL OBEID CIO: Friends of El Obeid CIO: HMRC has given us permission to join the Gift Aid scheme!
Gift Aid increases your donation by 25% by allowing the charity to claim back some of the tax you pay. For you to Gift Aid your regular (or a single) donation YOU must be a UK taxpayer AND the amount claimed MUST BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE TAX YOU PAY IN A CURRENT TAX YEAR. For example: A monthly donation of £10 totals to £120 a year. 25% of £120 is £30. For you to Gift Aid that £30 you must pay at least £30 tax in the current tax year. If all your annual Gift Aid totals - should you support multiple charities - exceed the amount you pay in tax YOU have to pay the difference back to HMRC so, please don't!
If you can and want to Gift Aid could you tell Di Welch, Marion Evans or Val Rayney and we will give you the necessary form to complete. You can only backdate donations from 9th May 2025 when we became a registered charity. Whatever you choose to do regarding Gift Aid thank you for supporting Sr Angelina and the children in El Obeid, Sudan.

LIFE CARING OUTREACH: We welcome your donations of baby clothes and equipment, which we pass on to our needy clients. Small bags labelled 'Life Outreach' can be left in the porch at St Michael's. If you need large items collected, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553

THANK YOU FROM HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL We are deeply grateful to the parish community for your ongoing collections to provide food vouchers for our vulnerable families. Your generosity helps ensure that those most in need receive vital support, and it makes a real difference in their lives.

DONATIONS FOR LIFE CHARITY SHOP Thanks to your generous donations, we have now received a donations container for Life which is situated in the car park. Anything non-breakable/non-fragile items currently donated can be placed in the container. Any fragile/breakable items can be placed in the current box. Going forward we will have a key to the container so these items can be placed in the bottom, and we will let you know when that has been organised. Once this is in place the box will be removed. The container will be emptied monthly by Life so will also mean help in getting items to the shop.

MARY'S MEALS: Donate your spare foreign currency - a simple solution to world hunger - Mary's Meals can turn your unwanted foreign coins and notes and British coins and notes that are no longer legal tender into **nutritious school meals** to help feed hungry children in some of the world's poorest countries. If you **donate a foreign currency** other that Euros or US dollars their currency partner will add 5% to your donation. Envelopes for your donations are available at the three churches. Please return these to your church for collection and sending off. Thank you.

FOOD COLLECTION: Donations of FOOD (tinned/dried/cereal/biscuits/squash/tea etc), TOILETRIES (shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes/sanitary products/soap) and HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (kitchen and toilet roll/washing up liquid/washing powder) are greatly appreciated by our FSM families. Thank you everyone for your donations. It was wonderful to see the generosity shown during the Offertory Procession led by the African Community members of the parish during the Canonisation Mass of Carlo Acutis. Your gifts have been distributed by St Edmund's Catholic Academy.

Finance

THE SECOND COLLECTION This weekend is for the SVP Society helping our local community.

SCA 300 Club August Draw Winners: No. 275 Immaculata £75.00 No. 105 Alan Anderson £10.00

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 7th September 2025

	SS PP	St M	SB	Card Readers	Website	Total
Gift Aid					30.00	30.00
Non-Gift Aid		767.63				767.63
Attendance		570				570

Second Collection for the poor of St Carlo £662.56
Standing Order: August: £4698.75

You can donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection through the website by using this QR code

Regular Prayer

CHARISMATIC 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 Meetings are every 4th Tuesday of the month, 3.00pm at St Bernadette's. All are welcome.
LEGION OF MARY meets in the Guild Room every Sunday after the 10.15am Mass at SS Peter & Paul, and at 10.00am in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's. All Welcome!
LAY ASSOCIATES OF SISTERS OF ST ANN KNOWN AS THE LASA PRAYER GROUP will resume this Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 5.30pm in the Lady Chapel for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join in for prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THEIR HEALTH: Jean Shorthouse, Frances Arthur, Marion Visentin, Roz Spinks, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Sandra Clowes, Rosa Tse, Ann Bayley, Julie Lee, Yassir, Catherine Andrews, Roy Bayley, Carol Hyatt, Pat Grady, Graham Cole, Shirley Deffis-Whittaker, Mary Robs, Harry Murphy, Dennis Oparaji, Christine Ball, Janusz Rogowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Dufficy, Mick Gallagher, John Chell, Jan Taylor, Morris Young, Elaine Howell, Mary Ware, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Rose Curtis, Maurice Gay, Josephine Mann, Andy Hyatt, Johny Burke, Charles Halldron, Ben McKearney, Steve Kavanagh, Antony Cosgrove, R. J, Holly Burke, Peter and Margaret Holmes, M Mary, Katherine Poole, Patrick Quinn, Margaret Stokes, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Helen Porter, Brendan Bleakley, Freya Haynes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Chi Kin Lam, Jill Wignall, Gerald Powell, John Dinneen, Suzanne Evans, Dr Marie Rowland, Maureen Williams, Patrick O'Connor. **May they rest in peace.**

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