



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> September

For Online Masses, go to [www.carloacutis.co.uk](http://www.carloacutis.co.uk)

### TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Saturday Vigil Mass** 5.30 pm St Michael *George Brown RIP*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *John Sheehan and Family*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Josephine Carrier*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Len and Margaret Biddell RIP*  
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*  
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Pro populo*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September Memorial of Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions-Martyrs  
 6.30 pm St Michael *Holy Souls*

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist  
 9.30 am SS Peter & Paul and online *Holy Souls*

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feria  
 12.00 noon St Bernadette *Mary Abbiss RIP*

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Memorial of St Pio of Pietrelcina  
 10.00 am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 12.00 noon St Michael *Audrey Liberadzki RIP*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham  
 9.30 am St Bernadette *John Sheehan RIP*  
 12.00 noon SS Peter and Paul & Online *Holy Souls*  
 12.30 pm *Adoration and Confessions*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September Feria  
 10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

### TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Saturday Vigil Mass** 5.30 pm St Michael *Pro populo*  
**SUNDAY** 9.00 am St Bernadette *Holy Souls*  
 10.15 am SS Peter & Paul & Online *Thanksgiving for God's Mercy*  
 11.30 am St Michael *Malachy & Rosheen McElmee Golden Wedding*  
 5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*  
 6.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Holy Souls*

*For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Monastery but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.*

## Parish News and Activities

**Don't forget to regularly check the Online Activities available on our Website!**

**Season of Creation Prayer Cards** We continue to follow Pope Francis' example and offer our prayers for the Care of God's Creation. The nuns at Carmel have produced prayer cards and you are encouraged to use the prayer each day. May God's Holy Spirit, who moved over the waters at the moment of Creation, touch the hearts and minds of all, especially those in government, to cherish and protect God's wonderful gift of Creation. Please collect a Prayer Card as you leave church today.

**New Deacon for the Parish** We welcome Rev. Mr. Michael McKearney to our parish team. Michael is in full time work as the Ongoing Formation Coordinator of the diocese, but he will be able to help out in the parish at weekends and some evenings. Michael will be joining us at Mass this weekend at 9.00am and 11.30am Masses. We wish him every blessing as he joins our parish community!

**National Altar Servers Mass at SS Mary & John Wolverhampton Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 noon.** Please bring your cassock or alb and it would make sense if we all meet at **SS Peter & Paul at 11.15am** and walk across the city centre so that we can all sit together as one parish group. **Please let Sr Lydwin know if you are attending.**

**Proximity at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 2 October.** A new, annual event for altar servers of all ages. The aim is to form servers in faith as those who come close to Jesus at the altar, so that they may grow closer to him in their lives. This year, the day is based around the life and witness of recently-beatified teenager Blessed Carlo Acutis.

[Proximity 2021 | Birmingham Diocesan Trust \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**Course for those interested in becoming Catholics** This course starts on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup> and will run weekly (apart from holiday breaks) until Easter 2022 when hopefully you will be received into the Catholic Church. We will be meeting in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's Church. If you are interested in joining us, please contact one of the priests.

**Interested in deepening your knowledge of Your Faith through Zoom meetings?** Then the online Sycamore Course is just for you! It will run on **Tuesday evenings** from October 5<sup>th</sup> and is being hosted by a group of parishioners from the St Newman Cluster Parish along with Fr Criag Fullard. Fr Mark attended this course last year and was very impressed. If you are interested in joining this course from the comfort of your home, email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) and put SYCAMORE in the subject box.

**The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage** will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1<sup>st</sup> up to 60<sup>th</sup> (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation. We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Lianne know! The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email – [marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk) Closing date to register for the Mass is 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**St Michael's Feast Day Mass 6.30 pm 29<sup>th</sup> September.** Further to the article in the weekly bulletin some few weeks ago. We are now hopeful, pandemic permitting, to holding rehearsals each Monday at 7.30pm at St Michael's church starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September where we will learn items of music in preparation for the Festival of St Michael and All Angel's on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. I am looking for singers in across the three churches who have some practical knowledge in reading music and singing covering the range of S.A.T.B. and are willing to learn new and exciting music. On this occasion, we have just four weeks to put a programme of music together which requires regular attendance to the Monday rehearsals. I look forward to seeing everyone who can participate in this venture. Thank you for your Support. Hugh Smith FGMS.

**Livestream Mass at SS Peter and Paul on 10th October** This is the Mass at which the new parish of Bl Carlo Acutis is to be blessed by Archbishop Bernard.

We would like to include in the Bidding Prayers some of the various native languages of members of our parish. If you would like to make an intention for prayer in your own language, would you please get in touch:

[simonjswanwick@gmail.com](mailto:simonjswanwick@gmail.com)

**Bible Time Line Course** The diocese is providing a fantastic opportunity for parishes in this Year of the Word - *The God Who Speaks*. Mauro Iannicelli will deliver the Bible Timeline Course again, completely **free of charge**, via Live-Streaming, **from Wed 29 Sept 2021 to Wed 17 Nov 2021**. For any further information, parishes can contact Mauro Iannicelli | Come & See Catholic Evangelisation Ministries at: Email: [info@comeandsee.org](mailto:info@comeandsee.org)

**Mobile:** 07868 055593 (also WhatsApp) **Web:** [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org) This course could be followed by a parish group. If anyone is interested in co-ordinating such a group, please contact Fr Mark before September 9<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks.

**Church flowers:** Due to the ever-increasing cost of fresh flowers for St Michael's church, it is deemed necessary to ask you for your financial support in this matter. Could you please leave any donation at the back of the church in the designated slot in the wall in the foyer. We would also welcome some assistance in preparation of flower arrangements one or two hours every two weeks. For more information, please contact Maria Robbins 01902 763220 or Ann Lewis 01902 677270.

## ***Mission and Outreach***

**Housing for Afghan Refugees.** The council are looking for rental properties to be able to house Afghan nationals who are being located into Wolverhampton as part of the commitment to take in refugees. There is a specific scheme available that offers terms that are based on Local Housing Allowance rates but with some additional incentives thrown in as well. It is specifically for properties that are available immediately or at the very latest within the next four weeks. They are looking for single lets, family homes and HMOs with ensuite, so quite a variety of properties. If anyone is aware of such properties available, please email [bca.wolves@rcaob.org](mailto:bca.wolves@rcaob.org) and put Afghan Refugees in the subject box.

**A Decade A Day?** Please join the parish Section of the Catholic Women's League in presenting a Spiritual Bouquet to the Holy Father for his intentions in relation to the November UN COP26 Climate Conference. A card made at Carmel will be sent to Pope Francis and will contain a listing of the total numbers of prayers promised eg Decades of the Rosary: 30. We are sending this traditional gift of prayer to arrive for the Vatican Conference "Faith and Science: Towards COP26" (October 4th) - a greeting in advance of his proposed visit to Glasgow. Please contact us up to September 20th to offer any pledges you can contribute to this witness to our Catholic commitment to care for God's Creation. Contact: Margaret Richards 07837660789 or [margierichards@sky.com](mailto:margierichards@sky.com)

**MacMillan Afternoon Tea.** Join us in St Michael's Church Hall from 3pm on Friday 24th September for delicious cakes, scones, tea and coffee. A selection of crafts available. Bring your friends and loved ones, children and babies welcome (small play area available). Enquiries and to make welcome donations of cakes (or fakes) to Sarah; 07948 963325.

[sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you for your support. *Catholic Women's League*

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

**On 25-26 September, the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care** to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**Sr Jean's Breakfast Club:** Copies of last week's email from Sr Angelina in Sudan are available in the hall at St Michael's. If you would like to support her work, please take a standing order form and send it to your bank. If you do online banking all the details that you need are on this form. Thank you on behalf of Sr Angelina!

**The Food Collection:** This week's donations have been distributed to families via the free 'pop up' shop at St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Donations of food and toiletries can be left at the usual times: St Bernadette at Sunday Mass; SS Peter & Paul at 10.15 Sunday Mass; St Michael at all Masses and Tuesday 1-2 AND Saturday 10-11. Thank you so much.

**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.

**Life Charity Shop** 1 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.

**Good Shepherd Ministry Cycling Sponsorship** If you were kind enough to sponsor the team would you please put your money and name in an envelope marked 'Bro Charles' and leave it with Sr in St Michael's Hall when you next attend a weekend Mass or leave it at the presbytery. Thank you so much for supporting the GSM, late sponsors welcome!

**Crisp Packet Recycling:** The empty packets collected at St Michael's in the initiative from Youth Group are taken to Wombourne SPAR (sometimes by parishioners from St Bernadette's) as part of the Terracycle scheme. Crisp packets, like other waste, can be a valuable resource and the managers at SPAR donate the income to good causes: a double win.

**St Bartholomew's Flower Festival:** celebrate God's gift of nature Sept 25-27 (Sat, Mon: 10- 4.30; Sun: noon -5). Come and walk amid bright displays; refreshments in the Oak Room.

## *Update on Celebrations for the new Parish Feast Day*

The preparations for our celebrations in October are now beginning to take shape. *The aim is to base activities around the Eucharist, prayer to Our Lady, outreach to the poor, a celebration of joy and an emphasis on involving young people.*

- Novena prayer after Mass in the 9 days leading up to the feast on October 12th
- 30-minute Vigils at 6.00 pm at St Michael's on Monday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, SS Peter & Paul on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> and St Bernadette on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>. These will be conducted in conjunction with the Primary Academies.
- 7.30 pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October: A Pilgrimage to St Bernadette's to pray the Rosary with Blessed Carlo.
- 7.30 pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October Healing Mass
- **October 10th Sunday Visit of Archbishop Bernard Longley to bless the new parish.**
  - **10.15 am** Archbishop will celebrate Mass at SS Peter & Paul and will be live-streamed. The Mass will conclude with the proclamation of the new parish and blessing of an image of Blessed Carlo for that church. This will be followed with veneration of the relic of Blessed Carlo.
  - **12.30 pm** Archbishop then travels to St Michael's to join those who have been at the 11.30am Mass for a blessing of an image of Blessed Carlo for that church. This will be followed with veneration of the relic of Blessed Carlo. *(This will be followed by some refreshments, depending on the Covid regulations in October.)*
  - **3.00 pm** Archbishop then travels to St Bernadette's for a service of blessing of an image of Blessed Carlo for that church. This will be followed with veneration of the relic of Blessed Carlo. *(This will be followed by some refreshments, depending on the Covid regulations in October.)*
- There will also be special Masses on the Feast Day itself, Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>
- As blessed Carlo had a special regard for the poor of his city, there will be a second collection for local charities that weekend and a possible fundraising event.

## *Finances*

Many thanks to all who have started using Standing Orders for their offerings to the parish. The total of Standing orders for August 2021: St Michael's £ 1696.25 St. Bernadette's £700.18 and SS Peter & Paul £ 293.00

There will be a second collection Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September for CASE-Home Mission and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September Father Hudson society.

**Counters Needed:** We are in need of counters to count the weekend Mass collections. If you wish to volunteer to be included in the Counters Rota, please contact one of the sisters. The counting will take place every Monday between 10.00 and 11.00am. Thank you.

### **Offertory Collection for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

|                     | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> | <b>St Michael</b> | <b>St Bernadette</b> | <b>Second Collection:</b> |
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| <b>Non-Gift Aid</b> | £140.00                    | 242.12            | 95.00                | 89.21 Catholic Education  |
| <b>Gift Aid</b>     | £130.73                    | 162.00            | 67.50                |                           |

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Christine McHale, George Butterfield, 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:** Brian McFarlane, John Norton, Josephine Wright. **May they rest in peace.**

**Safeguarding Representatives:** Steve & Chris Callow 01902 340775, Ann Shorthouse 01902 326334

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