



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

24th September 2023 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Elizabeth Crasta*

9.00 am St Bernadette *William Shorthouse*

11.30 am St Michael *Michael Akabueze RIP*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Thanksgiving – Olowe Family*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Monday 25th September 2023 Feria

5.45 pm St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

6.30pm St Michael *Pro populo*

Tuesday 26th September 2023 Feria

12.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Pat McGuckin RIP*

Wednesday 27th September 2023 Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest

9.30am St Bernadette *Bridget Murphy - Anniversary*

Thursday 28th September 2023 Feria

10.00am St Bernadette *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12.00pm St Michael *Maria Paola Allenza*

Friday 29th September 2023 Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9:00am St Michael's School. *Eileen Murtagh*

12.30pm SS Peter & Paul *Private Intention*

12.00 pm SS Peter & Paul *Adoration*

1.00pm SS Peter & Paul *Confessions after Mass*

Saturday 30th September 2023 Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

10.30am St Michael *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

11.00am St Michael *Confessions*

1st October 2023 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm St Michael *Family of Helen & Katalin Burke*

9.00 am St Bernadette *Helen Evans*

11.30 am St Michael *Fr. Paul Devaney*

10.15 am SS Peter & Paul *Mick Curtis RIP*

5.00 pm St Michael *Syro-Malabar Liturgy*

Mass is livestreamed from SS Peter & Paul at 10.15am each Sunday www.carloacutis.co.uk/online-services.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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

IN LINE WITH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS, 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

CONFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES Please pray for our young people from all three churches who will be enrolling onto the Confirmation Preparation programme at the **11.30am Mass this Sunday 24th September**.

CLASSES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLICS begin this Monday 25th September at 7.00pm in the Sacristy Meeting Room at St Michael's Church, 173 Coalway Road WV3 7ND. If you are interested in joining the classes, please let one of the priests or sisters know. If you know someone who has expressed a desire to know more about the Catholic Faith, why not invite them along and bring them with you. You are also welcome to come along to an evening on particular subjects that interest you. The sessions for the weeks leading up to Christmas are as follows:

25th September: Welcome and Introduction	13th November: Eucharist
2nd October: Catholics and the Bible	20th November: Sacrament of Reconciliation
9th October: Creation	27th November: The Sacrament of the Sick
16th October: The Fall and God's Response: Jesus the Saviour	4th December: Advent and Social Teachings of the Church
23rd October: Baptism	11th December: Old Testament Preparation for Christ
6th November: The Holy Spirit and Confirmation	18th December: The Blessed Virgin Mary

CAFOD Family Fast Day (FFD) on Friday 6th October 2023: Parishioners are invited to join in FFD on Friday 6th October. The FFD collection envelopes will be available at Masses on 30th Sept / 1st October and 7th/8th October. You can use the CAFOD envelope to donate in church or donate online so that together, we can support doctors and other local experts to help families like Meera's in Pakistan when they need it most. For more information visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/fastday>

HEALING SERVICE WITH BLESSED CARLO SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 10.30AM Everyone is welcome to join us for a special **Service of Healing** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers with the relic of Blessed Carlo in St Michael's Church. Prayers are for any need of healing, whether it be mental, physical or spiritual.

OCTOBER 15TH CELEBRATION FOR CARLO ACUTIS FEAST DAY: Although the feast day is on October 12th the Church allows a celebration a few days later so there will be a bring and share party in the hall after Mass on Sunday October 15th. As usual we need parishioners to sign a list of names with an indication of the food they will bring and share. The lists will be available for the next three weekends. With the help of God and Blessed Carlo we can make this a very memorable celebration.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST BERNADETTE'S We are pleased to announce that this will restart on Sunday 24th September. This is a great opportunity for us to welcome young families back to Sunday Mass. Please spread the word that it is restarting!

A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN'S LITURGY. It is great to see the children again for the Children's Liturgy, and all children are welcome. The readings and activities are designed for primary age children, but younger children can also participate. To ensure they can be supervised safely, we ask that children aged 4 and under be accompanied by a parent or appropriate adult.

CATHSOC+ If you are a student at the university or a young adult in the parish (18+) you are welcome to join us on Tuesday evenings at Giffard House from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. **Cathsoc+** is an informal gathering for social activities and prayer, and a chance to meet other young people in the parish. To enter Giffard house please come to the side door of the Church of SS Peter & Paul. The door is marked "Main Entrance 51 North Street" and please ring the intercom on the left of the door.

SKITTLES NIGHT for FRIENDS & FAMILY (by popular demand)

All ages welcome on Saturday 7th October at 7pm. Bring Your Own nibbles and drinks. Tea, coffee and squash available plus raffle. Bowling not obligatory. Proceeds to CWL charities for disaster relief. Further details from Sarah: 07948 963325

CAFOD QUIZ for CAFOD The revised date for the Quiz is Friday 3rd November. It will be in St Michael's Hall at 7.30pm. Please make a note. More details nearer the time.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BI-ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING & SOCIAL. Saturday 11th November 10.30 - 15.30 in St Michael's Church Hall. National President, Siobhan, is joining us! Bring & Share lunch. RSVP and details: Sarah 07948 963325

THE SIGN OF PEACE AT MASS It is now permitted to shake hands once again if you so wish. Please, however, respect anyone who prefers to bow as a sign of peace.



Carlo's Coffee Club

has been meeting since February 2021: It is a chance to catch up with others whilst sharing a coffee in the comfort of your own home. We have a guest speaker at each meeting.

It is open to anyone 60+ in the parish of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

We meet online (but meet in person at the end of each season)

On Tuesday mornings **fortnightly** from 10.30am to 11.30am

If you would like to join but are uncertain of the technicalities of using the internet, practical help is available to guide you through the process. All you need is either a mobile phone, tablet, computer or laptop and we can help sort the rest.

Interested? Email Judith at wolvesdy@gmail.com for more details on how to join in.

First meeting of Autumn 2023 Tuesday 3.10.23

Tea & Coffee after 11.30am Mass every Sunday for charity at St Michael's. Do join us for a drink, a biscuit and the chance to make new friends knowing that your donation will be used to help the needy. If you are able to help a couple of times a year to set up, serve and clear then please see or call Sarah – 07948 963325

SVP Coffee/Tea will take place on Thursday 28th September at 11.00am at St Bernadette's church hall and on Monday 9th October at 1.00pm at St Michael's Church Hall. It is an opportunity to get together and socialise with lovely company. All are welcome.

Mission and Outreach

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need in communities near you. As inflation rises the challenges faced by those with the least are multiplied. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

CHARITY ORGANISATION TO HELP THE HARD OF HEARING There is a Charitable Trust that helps Christian Activities in the local area providing grants for aids such as loop systems, and signers for services and weddings etc. We need new trustees to look after this trust. Is this something you might be keen to support? If so, please contact Fr Mark at bca.wolves@rcaob.org.uk

THE FOOD COLLECTION This week's donations have been distributed by Highfields School. 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 please? All donations are greatly appreciated and will be a lifeline to many 'Free School Meals' families.

FARESHARE will be at St Michael's Church Hall on Wednesday 27th September 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 free food home.

FREE PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM is available at St Columba's URC, Castlecroft Rd, Finchfield, Wolverhampton WV3 8BZ every Friday until 8th December from 3:15 to 6pm (except 27th October and 3rd November). Any donations of your child's outgrown branded uniform/ shoes/coats/ school bags would be greatly appreciated. This week's donations have been distributed by St Paul's C of E Primary School.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1st September - 4th October There are "Season of Creation Prayer Services" until Wednesday 4th October Join with the global Church community by connecting online through the opening and closing prayer services <https://seasonofcreation.org/official-events>

Prayer resources: CAFOD's Rosary for the Care of Creation Use these joyful mysteries to reflect, pray and nourish your commitment to care for the earth. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/pray-the-rosary/care-of-creation-rosary>
CAFOD's Novena to St Francis Nine brief reflections asking St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/novena-to-st-francis>

LIFE CHARITY SHOP and LIFE CARING OUTREACH We help needy families by supplying clothes and equipment such as pushchairs for babies and toddlers. We need more helpers so we can continue to respond to all the needs we hear about. If you might be able to spare an hour or so from time to time to deliver items to local mums, please ring Rosalie on 01902330553 to find out more. Please also ring Rosalie if you can help by donating baby item.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Calvin Robinson will be speaking on 'The importance of Praying in Public' **this Sunday 24th Sept**, 4pm to help launch the autumn 40 Days for Life campaign – All welcome! This will be held in St Jospeh & St Helen's RC Church Hall, 84, Northfield Road, Kings Norton, B'ham B30 1JG. For more info, contact Isabel: 07773501721 izzyvs@gmail.com

MOROCCO AND LIBYA Following the earthquake and the terrible floods in these countries, CAFOD has sent £30,000 to *Caritas Rabat*, a local partner in Morocco, and has launched a Libya Floods Appeal. If you would like to donate, go to cafod.org.uk.

Finance

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 17th September 2023						
	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Card Readers	Website	Total
Non-Gift Aid	167.12	337.75	79.17	19.00	100.00	703.04
Gift Aid		80.00	16.20	130.00		226.20
Mass Attendance	204	95, 199	69			567
Standing Order: August 2023: £4338.00						
Second collection: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday £336.48						

Second Collection: This weekend 23rd/24th September Fr Hudson's Care
The weekend 7th/8th October CAFOD Harvest Fast

Regular Prayer Opportunities

NEW PRAYER INITIATIVE Starting this weekend, there will be a special book for you to write any prayer intentions that you would like to share with the parish community. This special 'prayer intention' book will be situated either in the porch or just inside the church, depending on the church.

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 will meet once a month on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3.00pm at St Bernadette's Church, Wombourne. 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: Magdalena de Rosario, Mary Ware, Algis Jaunkwaski, Anne Pearce, Sean O'Malley, Rosa Tse, Antonia Colabella, Valerie Hinton, Rodney McKinney, Elizabeth Firth, Michael Foley, Ray O'Gorman, Pat Noad, Peter James Burke, Sheila Powell, Sheila Percy, Margaret Ambler, Rose Curtis, Margaret Gay, Maurice Gay, Eileen Whittall, 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, Pritpal Dhanjal, 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: June Norton, Sharon McTeigue, James, Brennan, Gina Silba, Matthew Eustace Joseph, Margot Kenny. **May they rest in peace.**

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