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Sunday Cycle: Year A
Week Day Readings Year: 2
Divine Office: Week 4

SIGN UP TO OUR WHATSAPP COMMUNITY
for Announcements and Parish Groups

St Carlo's 5 Steps to holiness

1. Frequent reception of the Eucharist
2. Eucharistic adoration
3. Guidance of a spiritual father and regular Confession
4. Devotion to the Blessed Mother through recitation of the Rosary and discovering the lives of the saints
5. Acts of charity, small or large

... what was extraordinary in this ordinary young man was his holiness and how he constantly strived towards it in the setting that he was living in. He was able to be holy, while maintaining his hobbies and pastimes that made him *original*... Read full review here

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Explore **FORMED for free.** A new means of catechesis and evanglization for the whole family, young and old.
We will be using **Symbolon** for RCIA.

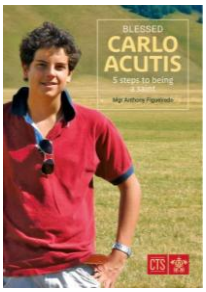
This week: HEART TO HEART

ST CARLO ACUTIS MISSION

Mon 14- Fri 18 September in our Schools and Parishes

Monsignor Anthony Figueirido, Gwen Wiseman and Jackie Stacey arrive Sunday afternoon for the Mission in our schools and Churches. They bring with them the Primary Relic of St Carlo, a portion of his heart, from Assisi where he lies in the Church of St Mary Major, next to the Bishop's House.
There will be an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles, compiled by St Carlo, in St Mark's.

There will be 3 evenings in our churches for all.
Tuesday 15 Sept, 7pm in St Mark
Thursday 17 Sept, 7pm in Ss Mary & Joseph
Friday 18 Sept, 7pm Closing Mass at Our Lady Queen of All Creation.



Listen to Fr Anthony speak about St Carlo on his recent trip to Australia. I am not afraid to die.

Mgr Anthony's book ***St Carlo Acutis: Saint of the Young*** will be on sale in church.

Read a review here

A High School principal in Australia wrote to parents about his experience of a St Carlo mission in his school.

"Before they entered (the gymnasium), I had doubts about my initial decision. Over 1000 students (in three groups) sitting before a piece of skin from a teenager's heart, what could go wrong? In this case – nothing. In fact, the exact opposite.

Our nearly 400 young people in Years 9 & 10 entered their recreational gym/play space with reverence and decorum. We were led in prayer by our Youth Ministry Leader.... Matthew gave a testimony about his own life of 17 years and the place of God in his life. Powerful. Congratulations Matthew for your courageous yet simple delivery of your testimony.

I watched our young people as they listened, watched, reflected and just spent time which was a first for the vast majority of our students, sitting in front of a Major relic of a millennial Saint. Each were given a card and invited to touch the card on the Major Relic. Then, if they wished to write their own special intention and place it in a basket, which is headed back to the Church in Assisi where St Carlo's remains rests.

There were no reminders about behaviour or attitude, there were no typical teenage giggles and spontaneous chatter, there was no hesitancy about placing their card on the Major Relic. There was no embarrassment about writing down their own intention – in fact there was a queue of our young people who were sincere in what they wanted and needed.

The fire that we as parents/carers, staff and relatives of our young people try to ignite was certainly stirred and poked today. These sparks were given oxygen and fuel. I have no doubt about that.

St Carlo's mission is to spread the word of God and he used the internet as well as his small but meaningful acts in his short life. Well St Carlo, I and the other staff present certainly congratulate you on your efforts today with our young people. You showed us by your life how we can choose Jesus, who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, to be also our Highway to Heaven and be the original God destined us to be, not a photocopy."

SMSJ: *Ss Mary & Joseph Church, St John's Road, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR*
SM: *St Mark's Church, John F Kennedy School, Hollybush Lane, HP12PH*

SEPTEMBER	Holy Mass Intentions
Sat 12 Sept	*The Most Holy Name of Mary*
(SMSJ) 8am	Adoration & Confessions
(SMSJ) 9am	Mass
(SMSJ) 4-4.45pm	Confessions
(SMSJ) 5pm	Vigil Mass People of the Parish
Sun 13 Sept	**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 8.30am	Mass Allington Family (INT)
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
(SM) 11.30am	Mass
Mon 14 Sept	*THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*
(SM) 9.15am	**Mission Opening Mass with the Archbishop**
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
6pm	***Women's Faith Gathering in St Joseph's Hall***
(SMSJ) 7.30pm	***Choir Practice SMSJ***
Tues 15 Sept	*Our Lady of Sorrows*
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass Michael McDonagh RIP 6 Ann.
2.15pm	Welcome Mass St Rose Infant School
(SM) 7pm	**St Carlo Acutis Mission Service**
Wed 16 Sept	*SS Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Mass
~~(SMSJ) 9am~~	NO Adoration today
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
Thurs 17 Sept	*Feria*
9am	Welcome Mass at St Cuthbert Mayne
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
(SMSJ) 7pm	**St Carlo Acutis Mission Service**
Fri 18 Sept	*Feria*
(SMSJ) 9am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass
(OLQ) 7pm	**Closing Mass of St Carlo Acutis Mission at Our Lady's followed by social & refreshments**
Sat 19 Sept	The Blessed Virgin Mary
7am	**Depart for Walsingham in Boxmoor**
	No Morning Adoration, Confessions or Mass
(SMSJ) 4-4.45pm	Confessions
(SMSJ) 5pm	Vigil Mass For an End to Abortion
Sun 20 Sept	**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(SMSJ) 7.30am	Holy Hour of Adoration
(SMSJ) 8.30am	Mass People of the Parish
(SMSJ) 10am	Mass William Devlin (5th RIP ANNIV) aka Bill
(SM) 11.30am	Mass
(OLQ) 2pm	***Caritas Tea 2pm at Our Lady's***

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturday 8am-8.45am & 4pm-4.45pm at SS Mary & Joseph Church

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

THE SICK: Paula Moore, John Ranch, Margaret Marchant, Tommy McLoughlin, Chrissie Ward, Juliet Edgar, Peter & Rose Gray, Andrew Cooper, David Turner, Andy Swift, David O'Mahoney, Rosie Fletcher, Lucy Chapman, Ellen Brett, Susana, Fr Dennis Opoku, Sabina Xavier, Jacqueline Austin, Merril Delaney, Marie Anthony, Terry Pearson, Mary Alcock, Louie Reidy
THE DEPARTED: Anna Carmichael - Funeral Mass Thurs 24 Sept 11am

Passing on the Faith: WE NEED TRAINED CATECHISTS to accompany our young people and adults in the formation of the Faith. Please speak to Fr David if you are being called by God to this important service in the life of his Church. **There are excellent training courses for your development in this vocation.**

NEW CATHOLICS: CONTINUING THE JOURNEY 'LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD': Saturday 19 September, 10am until 1pm, Vaughan House, Westminster.

LITTLE CHURCH: during 10am Mass. Courtney Kinsell has offered to co-ordinate Little Church for 5-7 year olds, starting in October. Parents will also be needed to help and need a DBS.

First Holy Communion for times and pre-registration meeting 24 Sept.

CONFIRMATION 2027 for year 9 /14 year olds+: Pre-registration meeting 22 Sept 6pm in St Joseph's Hall to discuss ideas.

RCIA (Adult Formation in the Catholic Faith) TUESDAYS (not Wednesdays) **7-8.30pm -** *see webpage for dates.*

HOSPITALITY AT ST MARK'S: During September we will be raising funds for The McMillan Cancer Charity and in October it will be for DENS.

JUMBLE SALE & CAKE SALE in the Parish Centre Sat 3 Oct 1-4pm.
In aid of Building Fund and McMillan. £10 a table. See Events

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER: Our Safeguarding Representatives are reminding all parents and guardians, that **children must *not* use the toilets on their own during Mass**. If your child is in year 6 or below, they must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

SERVERS: Parents, please note that children cannot be alone with one adult in preparation for Mass. Please bring your children to church 15 minutes before Mass begins and help them find a robe that fits so that they are ready 5 minutes before Mass to pray**.**

OPPOSE THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Please see the poster for the QR code, or click here.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 2 October. Envelopes are available.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SENIOR SCHOOL *Fr David will be available **Friday 9 or 16 October from 3.45- 5pm** in the Parish Centre & other times by arrangement.*

LORETO COLLEGE: Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2027. Please click **here** for details.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE – either first or second week in October 2027. If you are interested in going, please contact Pat Henry

AI, Faith and Ethics workshops at the FCJ Centre, Somerstown, Sat 12 September. Details here
More Human, intro to Pope's Leo's **Magnifica Humanitas** – St Alban & St Stephen, Sat 17 October. Details here
DAILY PRAYER @ Sacredspace.com
DAILY READINGS & REFLECTIONS : My Catholic Life, Word on Fire, Christian Art
WESTMINSTER DIOCESE NEWS
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WOMEN'S FAITH GATHERING: Monday 14 Sept, 6pm St Joseph's hall.
BINGO: Thurs 1 Oct 1.30pm in the Parish Centre, Boxmoor.
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: 7.30pm Thursday 1 October, in St Joseph's Hall. Contact Eileen on 07831 511 543.
TABLE TOP SALE & AFTERNOON TEA: Saturday 3 October, 1pm-4pm Parish Centre, Boxmoor.

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