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**Confessions: Tues to Fri at noon before 12:30 Mass**  
**Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm**  
**Evening Mass Thursdays 6pm**  
**Saturday 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR C 2025**



**"Anyone of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."**  
 Luke 14:33



During the 40 years of his ministry as a Jesuit priest in the New Kingdom of Granada (present day Colombia), it is estimated **St Peter Claver** personally baptised around 300,000 people and heard the confessions of over 5,000 people each year.

While studying in Barcelona (where he was born in 1580), Claver wrote these words in the notebook he kept throughout his life: "I must dedicate myself to the service of God until death on the understanding that I am like a slave."

Claver boarded slave ships, ministered to the badly treated, gave them medicine, food, bread and lemons. With the help of interpreters and pictures which he carried with him, he gave basic instruction. After they were baptised, Claver saw the slaves as fellow Christians and encouraged others to treat them as such.

In the last years of his life Peter was too ill to leave his room. He lingered for four years, largely forgotten and neglected, physically abused and starved by an ex-slave who had been hired by the Superior of the house to care for him. He never complained about his treatment, accepting it as a just punishment for his sins. He died on 8 September 1654. Such was his reputation for holiness that the room where he died was stripped bare of anything that might serve as a relic. His memory is celebrated on 9 September.

St Peter Claver, pray for us!

**Mass Schedule**

Sat 6th September	8:15pm Of the Catechumenate
Sun 7th September	9am Queen Elizabeth II RIP
Twenty-third Sunday of the Year C	11am Pro Populo
Mon 8th September	NO MASS
Nativity of the BVM	
Tue 9th September	12:30pm Holy Souls
St Peter Claver	
Wed 10th September	12:30pm Holy Souls
Thu 11th September	12:30pm Holy Souls
	6pm Holy Souls
Fri 12th September	12:30pm Holy Souls
Most Holy Name of Mary	

*"I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything unpleasing to God."*

–St Carlo Acutis–  
 (canonised on 7 September)

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH**

These catecheses introduce a journey of Christian formation inspired by the Blessed Virgin Mary who said: *"We must make Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth who live in humility, simplicity and praise. The other is Christ."*

The journey of the Neocatechumenal Way is open to all who want to discover or rekindle the riches of the Christian faith. **It starts on 22nd September and continues every Monday and Thursday at 8pm in the crypt. Everyone is welcome!**

# An Original Saint



*Beloved,*

Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in the Portland Hospital (within the parish boundaries of Ogle Street!).

This Sunday, 7th September, Carlo will be declared a saint of the Catholic Church because he responded to God's inimitable plan for him.

Yes. The way God grants grace to every single soul and calls every individual to respond is absolutely unique. Carlo realised this when he said, *"All are born original but many die as photocopies."*

Carlo wanted to go into churches to speak to Jesus from the age of three. When he was aged five, he dreamt of his deceased grandfather and started praying for him and for all the souls in Purgatory. When he received his First Holy Communion at the age of seven, he said, *"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."* From that moment he started undertaking daily Eucharistic Adoration and saying the Rosary. Carlo also said, *"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven,"*

because in it he discovered the very heart of Jesus pulsating with love and inspiring him to love everyone and everything for his sake.

Carlo loved to talk and to eat good food. He also loved animals and computers. He even designed a website dedicated to the Eucharistic miracles of the world which can be found at [MiracoliEucaristici.org](http://MiracoliEucaristici.org).

Carlo saw Jesus in everyone he encountered, he helped the poor, he catechised at his parish and he inspired many to embrace the Catholic faith.

Before his death in 2006 at the age of 15, Carlo said, *"I'm happy to die, because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God."*

Carlo was unique and so are you. A beloved child of God called to respond in a unique way to his grace so as to live and die as an 'original.'

*Fr Oscar*