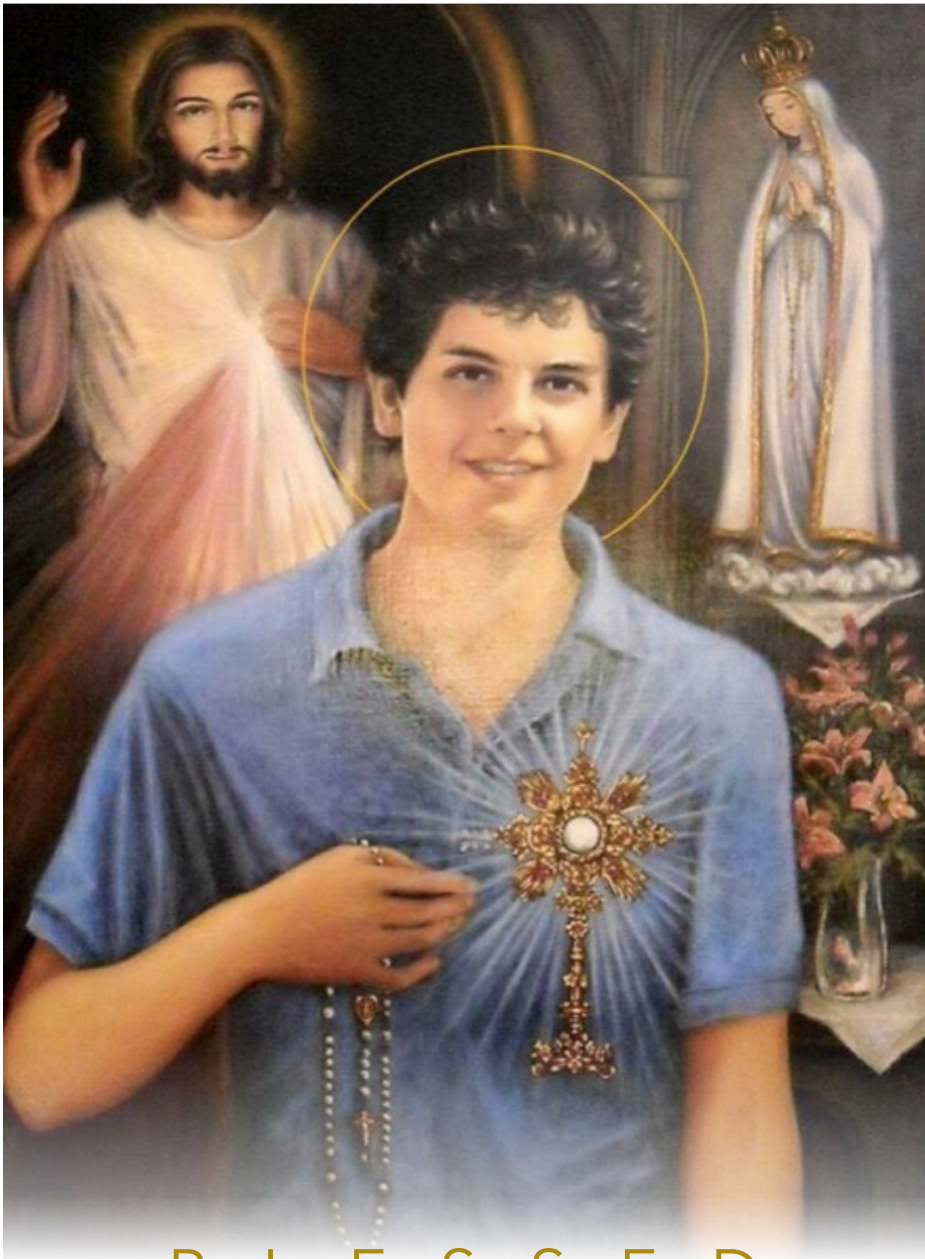

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B L E S S E D
CARLO ACUTIS

*“Sadness is looking at oneself, happiness is looking at God.
Conversion is nothing but a movement of the eyes.”*

The Church celebrates the third anniversary of Blessed Carlo Acutis, dubbed the first millennial saint, and celebrated his feast on 12 October. A young man who loved computers, video games, soccer and Nutella, was beatified in the Italian town of Assisi last year during a Holy Mass attended by his parents.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, born in London in 1991 died at the age of fifteen in 2006 after suffering leukaemia. Only seven years later, in 2013, he was declared a “Servant of God”, and, in 2018, confirming a life of heroic virtue, Pope Francis declared him to be “Venerable.” In 2019 the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints affirmed the miraculous healing of the son of a Brazilian woman, Mattheus Vianna, due to the intercession of Carlo Acutis. Following this first miracle, Pope Francis decreed that Venerable Carlo Acutis was to be beatified and so titled “Blessed.”

The Best Version of Himself

Blessed Carlo loved sport and video games and had a sweet tooth, enjoying Nutella and ice cream. Putting on weight, however, made him understand the need for self control—to learn how to master the art of self control, to master the virtue of temperance, starting by the simple things. He used to say, “What’s the use of winning 1,000 battles if you can’t beat your own passions?”

As we celebrate Blessed Carlo Acutis, let us pray that he will intercede for us and the Church so that we may be made strong in the the faith of Our Lord.

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:45 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3:

Christine Boatswain and Claudia Tiller

Readers

4:30 p.m. Robyn Rich

8:30 a.m. Claudette Takchi

5:00 p.m. *readers needed*

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 4: A. Quinlan,

G. Pinto, M. Asiedu, M. Moses,

G. Dankwah, S. Martin, M. Magpayo,

C. Elegado, J. Puni, J. Osei-Yamoah,

A. Osei-Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. Fili,

J. John, A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj,

S. Joseph

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Jasmine Miranda,
Mary Georges, Sisters

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy
Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline
Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins,
Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee,
Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton,
Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory
Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini,
Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

IN MEMORIAM

Therese Akkary, Perfecto Arribas, Attard family, Najibeh
Malkoun Assaad, Axiak family, Victor Azzopardi, Mr. and Mrs.
Benjamin, Basil Benjamin, Bonello family, Betty Borg, Alice
Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul
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Galea, Maria Gambin, Raymond Gee, Joe Grech, Mary Grech,
Sam Grech, Chahid Habib, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad
Khoury, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun,
Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Sam Munro,
Joseph Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell,
Haydee Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen, Herbert Pidgeon, Laura
Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Emanuel Tabone,
Alex Taktak, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

The Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project YouCat for Kids Now Available

Last year we launched the first Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project which made copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* freely available to all those who sought to participate and support this pastoral work of the parish.

This year we continue with the Catechism Project and encourage even more people to come forward and to be a part of this important work by asking for a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and committing to reading at least one paragraph the *Catechism* each day, to praying for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Church, and to pray for Holy Cross Parish.

With this year, however, we have expanded the reach of this project and are offering copies of *YouCat*, the catechism for adolescents and young people which summarises the most important elements of the faith in a question-and-answer format so making the truths of the faith accessible to a younger generation, as well as *YouCat for Kids*, which is intended for primary school aged children.

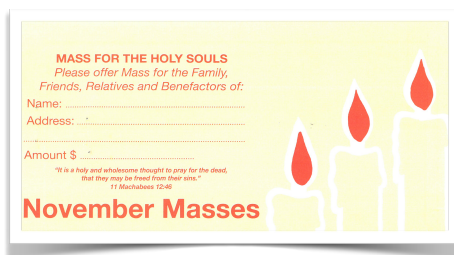
These books have been donated by Fr. Andrew and are made available to all those who seek to know and to love the Catholic faith ever more deeply. In a world which abhors truth and seeks to destroy Christianity, at a time when the teachings of the Church are questioned and formation in the faith is sorely lacking, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and education in the faith is needed more than ever.

The Church needs men and women ready to make a stand in defence of the Faith, of the Church, and of Our Lord.

November Mass Intentions for the Faithful Departed

As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. Throughout November Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls, beseeching the mercy of God that they may be forgiven their sins and receive eternal life in heaven with all the Angels and Saints.

If you would like to have your family and friends remembered in these Masses and their names written in the Book of Remembrance please fill in one of the envelopes by the doors of the church and leave this in the box provided.



Those whose names are given will be remembered in the Masses said throughout November and will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

New Carpet to be Installed at Holy Family Church This Week

Continuing on with the extensive restoration works at Holy Family Church, new carpet will be installed in the church this week. The current carpet is well over thirty years old and is showing extensive wear and tear.

The new carpet will be an addition to the restoration of the church, alongside the many other works undertaken, both inside and outside, as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church and the altar on Friday, 27 October.

Holy Mass for H.S.C. Students

Thank you to those who attended the Mass for H.S.C. students last Monday. It was great to see the support given to those who are undertaking their exams by offering your prayers for them. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

Holy Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Family Church Friday, 27 October

The parish will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family Church with Holy Mass on Friday, 27 October at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we commemorate the consecration of the church and the altar dedicated to almighty God and from which flow His tremendous blessings and grace.

Following the Mass there will be light refreshments so that we can continue this celebration.

Blessing of the Graves of Priests at Rookwood

On Saturday, 4 November at 11:00 a.m. at Rookwood Cemetery, we will visit the graves of the past Parish Priests of Granville to bless the graves and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead.

For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive themselves or to arrange transport, the parish bus will be available to drive people to and from the cemetery. For those who would like the bus, please see Fr. Andrew for further details. Please be aware that there are limited places available on the bus and we may not be able to accommodate all requests for transport.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Glorious Mysteries

Pope Francis's confidence in Our Lady developed when, in 1985, he attended a rosary that was being led by Pope John Paul II. The sight of the Pope on his knees moved him. He asked himself how much he trusted Our Lady: "I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego: "Don't be afraid, am I not perhaps your mother?" From that day, he said fifteen decades of the Rosary daily.

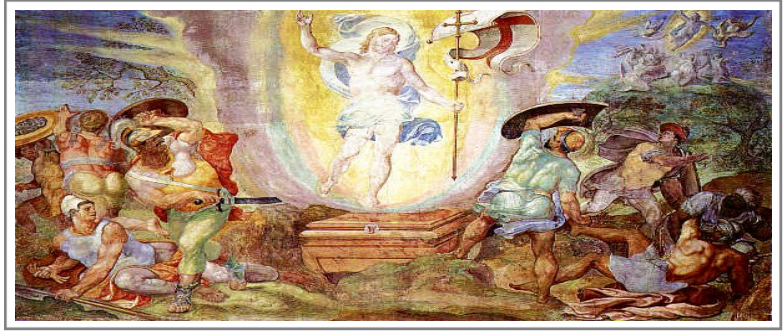
The mystery of the Resurrection fills us with great hopeful expectation. Death does not have the final word. Our life does not end at the grave, and we can say with St. Paul, "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" (I Corinthians 15:55).

The mystery of the Ascension of our Lord reminds us to rely on the peace which Christ offers us. Shortly before His ascension He tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). Here He warns us that the peace the world offers does not satisfy. We need to remain detached from earthly possessions which do not ultimately satisfy—we were made for Heaven.

This mystery of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost encourages us to place our faith in Him as we evangelise those in our lives who are far off from him.

Meditating upon the mystery of the Assumption of Mary into heaven gives us a glimpse at "what God has prepared for those who love him" (I Corinthians 2:9) and consequently fills us with hopeful expectation. Mary, after all, is the prototypical Christian. What God has done for her He will one day do for us. If we accept salvation and persevere, we will be cleansed of sin and given glorified bodies.

With the mystery of the coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of Earth, Mary intercedes on behalf of her spiritual children, the Church. This mystery encourages us to entrust themselves and their good works to the only perfect creature, the Mother of God.



The Resurrection



The Ascension



The Descent of the Holy Spirit



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CELEBRATING

60 YEARS

JOIN US FOR HOLY MASS
IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DEDICATION
OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER
at 6:00 p.m.





MASSES FOR THE DEAD

NOVEMBER MASSES

*To have the names of the faithful departed
of your family and your friends remembered at the altar
during Holy Masses said during the month of November,
complete one of the special November Masses envelopes
and leave this in the box by the doors of the church.*

*The names of those given will be written
in the Book of Remembrance
and placed at the altar of St. Joseph
at Holy Family Church
and in the chapel of the Missionary Sisters
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World
at Holy Trinity Church.*

During the month of November the Church asks the faithful to pray for the faithful departed—that the Holy Souls in Purgatory may be forgiven their sins and so borne to live forever with Our Lord and all the Angels and Saints.

Of this Pope Francis has said that “Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: It is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.”

Pope Benedict XVI said that “praying for the dead is a noble practice that implies belief in the resurrection of the dead... We intend our prayers of suffrage... to be united with this prayer of the Lord which is priestly *par excellence*. Christ substantiated his entreaty to the Father with the gift of himself on the Cross; let us offer our prayers in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the real and actual representation of that unique and saving self-emptying.”

The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering this prayer.

We pray for those who have died because they can no longer pray for themselves. While in this life we can pray for ourselves and perform penances as acts of contrition for our sins. But at our death, we are no longer able to do this and so we rely solely on the love and the mercy of those who remain in this world and of the Saints in heaven to pray for us and our eternal souls.

In each Mass the Priest prays for the dead, asking the Lord to remember His servants “who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace” and asking that they may be granted “a place of refreshment, light, and peace.” This November, remember those who have died and pray for them, so that, they, when we depart from this world, will remember and pray for us.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES OF

Priests at Rookwood

Visitation of the graves of past Priests of Granville
at Rookwood Cemetery to bless the graves
and to pray the Divine Office for the Dead

11:00 a.m. | Saturday, 4th November



*Enter Rookwood Cemetery on the corner
of East St. and Victoria St. East, Lidcombe
then continue down Necropolis Drive
until you get to the roundabout,
then turn left into the roundabout,
then the first left to St. Michael the Archangel Chapel*



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The Readings

Introit (Ps. 129:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (25:6-10)

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 22. R. v. 6)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:12-14, 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too.
I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach,
poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same,
it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In
return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for
ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (see Eph. 1:17-18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (22:1-10)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to
call those who had been invited, but they would not
come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who
have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all
prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."
But they were not interested: one went off to his farm,
another to his business, and the rest seized his servants,
maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and
burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The
wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved
to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and
invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these
servants went out on to the roads and collected together
everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 33:11)

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.