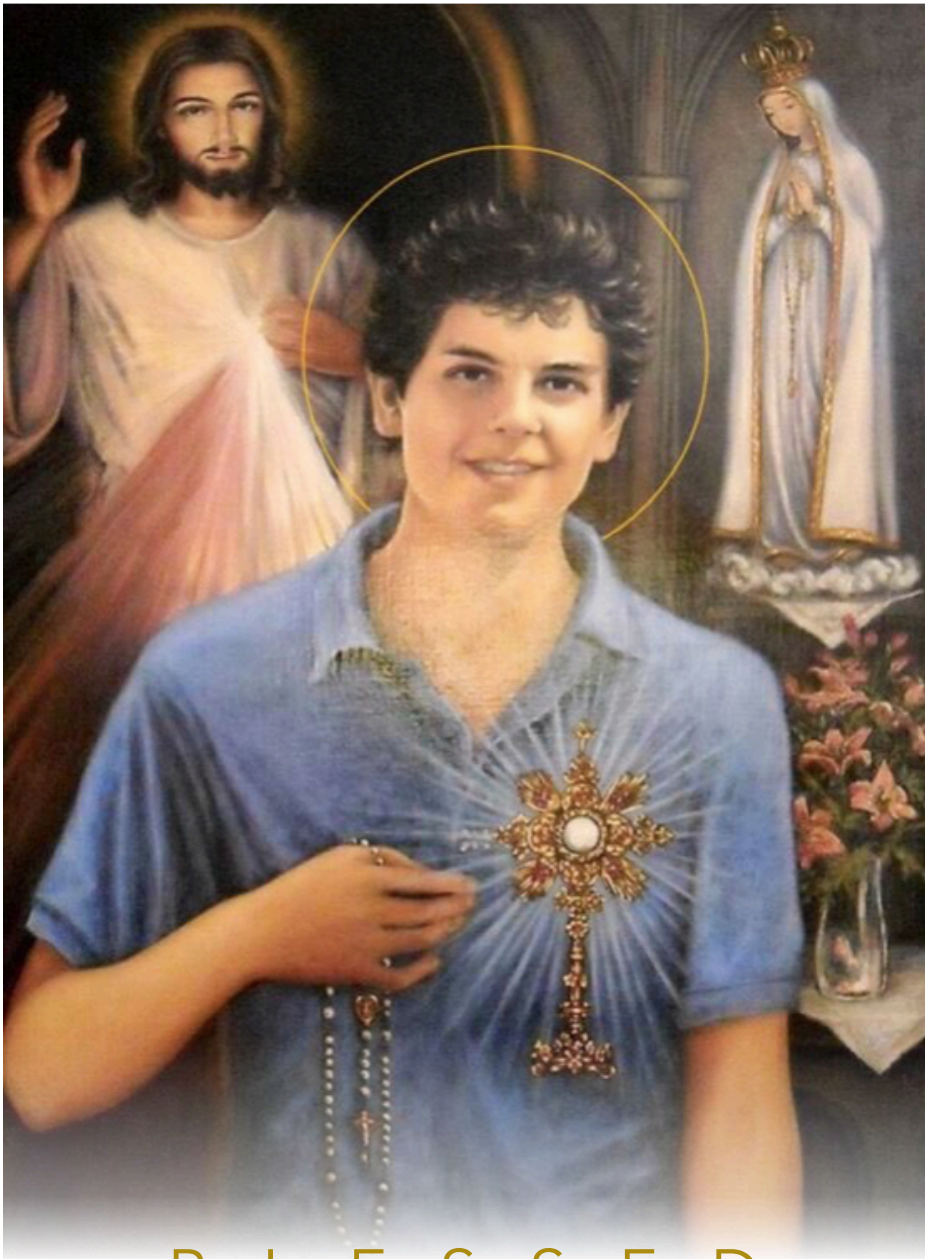

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B L E S S E D
CARLO ACUTIS

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

The Church celebrates the fourth anniversary of Blessed Carlo Acutis, dubbed the first millennial saint, and celebrates 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.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

C. Takchi, M. Wehbe, N. Khoury

Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for
the sanctuary*

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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 2: P. Zaiter,
N. Chidiac, C. Buultjens,

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Rebecca Hanson,
Ingrid Bifulco

10:00 a.m. Wadzi Mushininga,
Armani Barakat, Mary Georges

Children's Liturgy school holidays

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,
Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy
O'Connor, 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

Victor Azzopardi, Carmen Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill,
Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria Rebecca Dinh, Alan Frost,
Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe Grech, Mary
Grech, Sam Grech, George Hatem, John Hatem, Mariam
Hatem, Melissa Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Karam, Nouhad
Khoury, Thomas Lam, Rustica La Rosa, Laurie Lowe, Frouzine
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John Toye, John Vella, Bich Lien Vo, Phero Vu Van Vuong,
Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yesmine Wehbe,
Noeleen Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter.



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

**Australia Needs Fatima
Public Rosary
This Saturday**

Australia Needs Fatima will host a public Rosary on Saturday, at 12:00 p.m. outside of Holy Family Church.

The public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the Rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima on October 13, 1917. It is an opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer as a public witness of the faith and as public reparation for the many blasphemies taking place across Australia and the world.



At Fatima, Our Lady said to the children: "You saw hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world." As such, the public rosary prays for God's merciful blessing to be poured out upon our country and for the conversion of families to turn back to God.

In his well known work, "The Secret of the Rosary," St. Louis de Montfort wrote: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy... and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

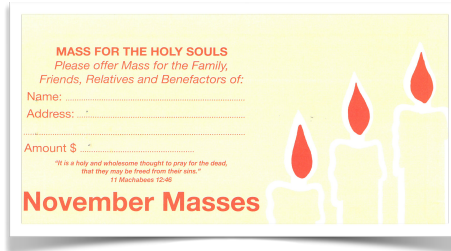
For more information, speak with Thorie Tembo by calling 0420 638 205 or email thorie9_tembo@yahoo.com.

For more information on Australia Needs Fatima visit fatima.org.au.

**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.

**Blessing of the Graves
of Priests at Rookwood**

On Saturday, 9 November at 12:00 p.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.

**Holy Mass
for H.S.C. Students
This Friday**

Holy Mass will be said for those students undertaking their H.S.C. exams on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please pray for those who are preparing for their exams and who will soon be taking these that they will seek the grace of Almighty God and dedicate their studies to His service.

Please join us for this Mass so that you can show your support and offer your prayers for those of our parish who will be taking these exams.

**Day of Prayer for Peace
in the Middle East**

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, following the request of Pope Francis, has designated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, this year to be a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the Middle East. You may wish to remember those who suffer violence in the Middle East, and around the world, as you pray the holy Rosary, beseeching the holy Mother of God, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, to intercede so that the peace that only her Son, Our Lord, can give may be made known.



God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
hear the cry of the afflicted,
the fearful, the bereft;
send your peace
upon the Holy Land,
upon the Middle East,
upon the entire human family;
stir the hearts of all
who call upon your name,
to walk humbly in the path
of justice and compassion.
"The Lord is good to those
who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him"!

— Pope Benedict XVI

HOLY MASS

for H.S.C. Students

Friday, 11 October
11:00 a.m.
Holy Trinity Church



*Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator,
the true source of light and fountain of wisdom.
Pour forth your brilliance upon my intellect,
dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance.
Grant me a penetrating mind to understand,
a retentive memory, method and ease in learning,
the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself.
Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress,
and bring it to successful completion.*

Through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



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THE HOLY ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

Of the joyful mysteries of the holy Rosary Pope St. John Paul II said: “[these] are marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation. To meditate upon the joyful mysteries is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, evangelisation, ‘good news’, which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Saviour of the world.”

Meditating on the joyful mysteries demands that we meditate on our own lives and hold them against the lives and faith of our Lord and His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and His earthly father, St. Joseph.

The mystery of the annunciation inspires us to put our faith in God, who wants good for His children (*Mt. 7:11*), rather than succumbing to temptation, as Eve did, that God is in some way holding out on us.

The mystery of the visitation demands humble service. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary, now the mother of God, did not consider herself too important to serve, so we too should be willing to serve, magnifying the Lord (*Lk. 1:46*) as Mary did.

The mystery of the nativity calls us to great confidence; for just as the God of the universe chose to be born in a stable, so too does He choose to be born in the heart of anyone who will accept Him, regardless of the state of their soul.

The mystery of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple encourages us to strive and pray to look upon the material poor, such as Joseph and Mary were, with kindness and respect.

The mystery of the finding of the boy Jesus in the Temple demands that we evaluate our earthly relationships to see whether we are guilty of placing them before the will of God. Our Lord warns us, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me” (*Mt. 10:37*).



The Annunciation



The Visitation



The Nativity



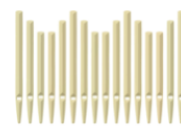
The Presentation in the Temple



The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

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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

12:00 p.m. | Saturday, 9 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*



The Readings

Introit (cf. *Esther* 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

The Book of Genesis (2:18-24)

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 127. *R.* v. 5)

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *R.*

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *R.*

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! *R.*

Second Reading

The Letter to the Hebrews (2:9-11)

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation (cf. *Jn.* 4:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of Mark (10:2-16)

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communio (*Lam.* 3:25)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

**“The *business* of the Christian
is nothing else
but to be ever *preparing* for death.”**

— *St. Irenaeus*