



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
17th OCTOBER 2021: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Foretaste of Heaven

On 12th October the Church celebrates Blessed Carlo Acutis.

He was an English-born Italian Catholic youth and amateur computer programmer, who is best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them onto a website that he created before his death from leukemia. He was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep devotion to the Eucharist, which becomes a core theme of his life. He was beatified on 10th October 2020.

Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 to a wealthy Italian family. He was educated in Milan at the Jesuit Istituto Leone XIII high school. On the social side, Acutis would worry about friends of his whose parents were divorcing and would invite them to his home to support them. He defended disabled peers at school when bullies mocked them. Outside school, he did voluntary work with the homeless and destitute. He also liked films, comic editing and playing PlayStation video games. Although he greatly enjoyed travel, the town of Assisi remained a particular favorite.

Those around him considered him a "computer geek" on account of his passion and skill with computers and the internet. Acutis applied himself to creating a website dedicated to cataloguing each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world. He completed this in 2005, having started compiling the catalogue at the age of eleven. He admired Giacomo Alberione's initiatives to use the media to evangelize and proclaim the Gospel and aimed to do likewise with the website he had created. It was on the website that he said: "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven".

When he developed leukemia, he offered his suffering both for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Catholic Church, saying: "I offer all the suffering I will have to undergo for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church". He had asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages to the sites of all the known Eucharistic miracles in the world, but his declining health prevented this from happening. The doctors treating his final illness had asked him if he was in great pain to which he responded that "there are people who suffer much more than me". He died on 12th October 2006 from fulminant leukemia. He was buried in Assisi in accordance with his wishes.

Acutis's mother, Antonia, is said to attribute to his intercession the fact that, at the age of 44, she gave birth to twins, born exactly four years to the day after his death. Following the Catholic Church's recognition of a miracle in 2020, attributed to Acutis, Antonia told the press that her son had appeared to her in dreams saying that he will not only be beatified but also canonised a saint in the future.

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is an interview with Timothy Radcliffe, "NOTHING HUMAN IS ALIEN TO CHRIST"- you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by 9.30am on Wednesday 20th October, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 17th October 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON US, O LORD, AS WE PLACE ALL OUR HOPE IN YOU.

READINGS: 1st reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm: 32 2nd reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER:

READINGS: 1st reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm: 125 2nd reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6) Meet in person:

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Tues, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Sat, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

To join and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Meet in person on Saturdays in St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm. To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Meet in person on Friday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays, 10.15am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For the 19th October we will watch a DVD and have a discussion on 'Building Welcoming Communities'. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - There will be no meetings on Wednesday 20th and 27th October. Meetings resume on 3rd November at 7.30pm.

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister. All are welcome!

Beginning of the Year Communion & Liberation (CL)

We will hold an afternoon for the CL members of our Diocese on Saturday 23rd October at Holy Cross Church. We will meet at 2.30pm and we will be joined by Giacomo Mazzi, the UK leader of CL. Children are welcome and there will be a children's programme running for them. Mass will be celebrated at 4.30pm and we will have Tea & Coffee afterwards. If you want to participate please email: dallora.chiara@gmail.com We are asking for a contribution of £1, you can bring it on the day.

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All welcome!

CAFE - The CAFE group has restarted in Romsey and North Baddesley. It is on 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's. Our course until December is "This is My Body", a series of DVDs which take us deeper into the Eucharist. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ann Heslop: ann.heslop@virginmedia.com / 02380 734429.

MESSAGES



Come & See Half Term Club (7-14yrs)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October, 9am-3pm St Edward's Cloister

Cost: £5 per day. Spaces are limited.

For any enquiries please contact fr Luca/fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

For more information and to book your child's place please go to the parish website. Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.

Upcoming funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francesco Cannavo and for his family. Francesco's funeral takes place at St Edward on Thursday 21st October at 10.30pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Salvatore Murucci and for his family. Salvatore's funeral takes place at Holy Cross on Tuesday 2nd November at 11am.

Memorial Mass for Mike Walsh

Takes place at Holy Cross on Saturday 30th October at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

St Edward's Church Shop

We have some CTS booklets and leaflets up to 50% off, on The Rosary, the Children's Mass, Confession with Pope Francis and Confession leaflets. We can now accept most cards. Teresa

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Upcoming Second Collection

World Mission Sunday is on **Sunday 17th October 2021**. Second Collection envelopes will be available at all of our churches this weekend, alternatively if you wish to donate online please go to www.missio.org.uk/donate/

Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

During the month of October we would like to encourage all of you to pray the Rosary, either alone or with your family. At the same time we would also like to invite you to come to our Eucharistic Adoration in our churches, this is an invaluable way to strengthen your relationship with Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Knitting

Do you enjoy knitting? Would you like to knit baby blankets that can be distributed to those in need? If you are interested please either email or phone the Parish Office so we can collate a list and pass to a volunteer. If we get enough people we will look to hold a first meeting in the Holy Cross Resource Centre on a Tuesday afternoon, date to be confirmed.

Baby & Toddler Group

We would like to start a baby and toddler group in the parish (possibly in Holy Cross or St Edward) and need some volunteers to organise the sessions and to help set up and clear down. If you are interested please email Katie: katiestickland2013@gmail.com

Message from Jo Lewry, CAFOD

A blog has been written about the Papal Blessing that was presented to the CAFOD group at St Edward's last Sunday. It was such a lovely Mass full of joy and thanksgiving, to read it please go to: <https://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2021/10/11/congratulations-to-st-edward-the-confessors-cafod-group-who-were-awarded-a-papal-blessing-for-over-30-years-of-fundraising/>

Message from Eileen Hobbs

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, I am now recovering well from my operation.

Message from Bishop Philip

Earlier this year an 'Assisted Dying' Bill was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Meacher. It will receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22nd October 2021. It aims to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales. If successful it will permit a terminally adult who has less than 6 months to live, to be helped to commit suicide. The Church is clear that assisted suicide is a crime against human life, and we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. Pope Francis has said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a 'throwaway culture' that offers a 'false compassion' and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalise anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude - much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.' Please pray for the terminally ill and for the defeat of the Meacher Bill.

Symposium on Politics & Religion

Tickets are selling fast for the (online) Symposium on Politics and Religion. It takes place on **Saturday 6th November**, and boasts an exciting line-up of speakers and topics! Two keynote speakers are Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg and Rt. Hon. Ruth Kelly, both tackling the question: "Should Religion have a Role in Politics Today?" Besides the Keynotes, there is also a choice of workshops on immigration, homelessness, diversity, being a Christian on the front line of politics, climate change and Catholic social teaching. To book please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-and-religion-a-symposium-tickets-173534876487>

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Open days for prospective parents of children looking to start in September 2022 are:

Tuesday 9th November from 9.30am-11am;

Tuesday 16th November, 7pm.

If you would like to attend any of these sessions please phone the school office on 02380 266210 or email: adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

For more information please go to:

www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/admissions/

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh

Wednesdays: *Not available to meet on 20th October*
Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh

Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

Saturdays: *Not available to meet on 23rd October*
Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 16th October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Allan Barltrop RIP Maria Jacobs RIP 8th Anniversary For the Suffering People of Myanmar (Special Intention) Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sunday 17th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ian Warwick FM Irene Dornan RIP For the People of the Parish
Mon 18th October <i>St Luke</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Michael Lane RIP FM
Tues 19th October	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	For a Special Intention
Wed 20th October	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Candice Widdrington (Special Intention) Margaret Martindale RIP
Thurs 21st October	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Charles & Ivy Charleston RIP
Friday 22nd October	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Cagampang Family (In Thanksgiving)
Saturday 23rd October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	For the People of the Parish Deceased Members of the Wilson & Bonetti Families RIP
Sunday 24th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Zdzisław Krupa RIP Anniversary Monica Carrasco RIP Anniversary Mae (Thanksgiving)

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