



Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was an Italian Catholic computer programmer. He was best known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world and cataloguing them all onto a website that he created in the months before his death from leukemia. He was noted for his cheerfulness and his computer skills as well as for his deep devotion to the Eucharist which became a core theme of his life. Carlo Acutis was born in London in May 1991 to Andrea Acutis and Antonia Acutis. His parents worked in London and Germany, settling in Milan not long after their son's birth in September 1991. He became devoted as a child to the Mother of God and recited frequent rosaries as a sign of his devotion to her. He became a frequent communicant after the reception of his First Communion and made the effort either before or after Mass to reflect in front of the tabernacle. With the beatification of Carlo Acutis in Assisi, the Catholic Church now has its first "Blessed" who loved Super Mario, Pokémon, and above all the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. "To be always united with Jesus, this is my life program." Carlo Acutis wrote at the age of seven. The young Italian computer whiz, who died of leukemia at the age of 15 offering his suffering for the pope and the Church, was beatified on 10 Oct. at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pope Francis published his third Encyclical Letter *Fratelli tutti* on Fraternity and Social Friendship. Welcoming the Encyclical, Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge said in a statement that a world that looks beyond a global pandemic with no roadmap can find one in the new Encyclical which "is not just for believers but for the entire human family." He added that it is "a vision of the dignity of every human being from which flows the call to build a new culture of fraternity and dialogue." Archbishop pointed out that the Pope's latest encyclical differs from the 2015 *Laudato si* in which he spoke of care of our common home. In *Fratelli tutti* he speaks of care for each other and the family that dwells together in our common home. He noted that the Pope expresses that by acknowledging the dignity of each person, we might contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Archbishop also underscored the Pope's call against ideologies that seek to divide rather than unite, and policies or economic systems that priorities profit over people and the planet. In particular, he pointed out that the Pope describes certain people as often undervalued or treated inequitably – women, older people, unborn children, indigenous peoples, and migrants. In conclusion, Archbishop said that in the Encyclical, Pope Francis gives a "grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness" as we are all connected in ways we can scarcely imagine. Our task now is to work out what this means in practice as we look beyond the pandemic. (from Vatican News)

Our COVID-19 Safety Plan (SP):

- 1) those with flu symptoms must not enter the church;
- 2) Sanitising hands and registration are strict requirements in order to come inside the church;
- 3) congregational singing prohibited;
- 4) Required sanitisation of the seats before and after each service;
- 5) Holy Communion on hand;
- 6) social distancing 1.5m apart (only 80 seats);
- 7) No gatherings after the Mass in the foyer or outside the door of the church.

Daily Masses: 7.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Holy Hour, Confession and Mass); Tuesday 5.00pm: Adoration, Novena, Confessions, Benediction and 6pm Mass **Weekend Mass times:** Saturday: Vigil 5pm **Sunday: 8am, 9.30am, 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction and Mass.**
First Fridays: Holy Hour and Mass 5pm
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Our sick: Margherita Di Meglio, Bob Harrison, Pam Andreallo, Ida Melis, Katrina Marinilli, Rita Shah, Julia Lock, Marie Lawsen, Ian Duffey, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Dragica Furda, May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Steven Marinilli and all homebound and dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

In November, we are encouraged to offer Mass intentions for the Souls of our Departed. Please use the special envelopes (November Masses) to write the names of the deceased then place them in the special box at the altar. May They Rest In Peace.

The idea of the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic when the Virgin Mary appeared to him in 1214. This Marian apparition was given the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Dominican priest and theologian Alanus de Rupe promoted the practice of the Rosary by establishing the "fifteen rosary promises" and founding several rosary confraternities.

Feast Days:
17th: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr;
19th: Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and companions, martyrs; **20th:** St Paul of the Cross, Priest; **22nd:** St John Paul II, Pope;
23rd: St John of Capistrano, Priest;
24th: St Anthony Claret, Bishop

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May the Blessing of God be upon our students, teachers and catechists during this 4th term.

Dear Catechists, you are invited to attend a Safeguarding Refresher Course on Thursday 29th Oct. at 11:30am in the Church Hall. This is a requirement every 3 years.

Dear Mary and Bob. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in our gardens. You have made them outstanding. God bless you both.



Sat: 7.30am: †Deceased Priests; **5pm:** Thanksgiving for grace of healing for Bob Harrison **Sun: 8am:** †Sheila Laing; **9.30am:** †Stefania Gurba (10th ann.); **3pm:** In Honour of St Anne & St Joachim; **Mon:** †Deceased Members of Foss **Tues:** †For Deceased Priests; **Wed:** †Souls in Purgatory; **Thurs:** † Adrain Han; **Fri:** For D.T.

The International Day of Non-Violence was observed on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of India's independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. The UN General Assembly on 15 June 2007 established this International Day as an occasion to disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness. It is also a timely reminder to strive to uphold values that Gandhi lived by: the promotion of dignity, equal protection for all, and communities living together in peace.

Adult Confirmation 25th Oct. St Mary's Cathedral. More info. at the Parish

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<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/COMOOYSTERBAYPARISH>

Weekend: 10th / 11th Oct:
1st Colln: \$308.05
2nd Colln: \$202.870
EFT: \$320;
Planned Giving: \$1065.

(Ps 91,5-11) **5** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; **6** nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday. **7** A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you. **8** You will only look with your eyes, and see the recompense of the wicked. **9** Because you have made Yahweh your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, **10** no evil shall happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. **11** For he will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.