



### FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday marks the first time that we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Carlo Acutis.

In the life of the world's first millennial saint, we are reminded of the truth that sainthood is not something for those who lived centuries before us, but rather is something for each of us to aim for.

Saint Carlo Acutis recognised that the best way for us to strive for holiness, to reach sainthood, was to grow in our love for Christ, especially in the Eucharist.

The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning, "thanksgiving" which is apt given that the Gospel this Sunday encourages us to give God thanks for all the blessings He gives to us!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Saint Edward was king of England from 1042 until 1066.

During his reign, Edward had a great reputation for piety and founded Westminster Abbey amongst many other religious establishments for the glory of God and the care of the sick and poor.

He was praised for issuing prophecies, and a number of miracles were attributed to him.

In 1161, Pope Alexander III canonised Saint Edward.

In the later Middle Ages, Saint Edward was a favourite saint of English kings such as Henry III and Richard II.

Saint Edward - pray for us!

### PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 12 pm

Tuesday - 10 am - 12 pm

Wednesday - 10 am - 12 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

Sat. / Sun. - CLOSED

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## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for all of those who have died. In a particular way, please pray for the following whose funeral will take place here at Our Lady Help of Christians.

**-Gerard Walsh RIP** whose Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 14th of October at 11.30 am at the Cedar Chapel at the Vale.

**-Patrick McCrann** whose Funeral Liturgy will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 11 am at The Vale Crematorium.

**-James Patrick Gibbons** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 1 pm.

**-Michael Thomas McNamara** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 20th of October at 11 am.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace! Amen.*

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Registration for the Sacramental Programmes (First Confession and Holy Communion / Confirmation) is now closed.

The Parents Meeting for First Confession / First Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at 7 pm in the Father O'Connor Centre.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Sin is not the last word on us!"  
- Pope Leo XIV

## OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House will take place in the Father O'Connor Centre on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of October between 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm. No appointment is necessary for the Open House.

## MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



## PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm every Sunday.

The Rosary is a beautiful opportunity to pray with Our Lady as we contemplate the life of Christ.

## OCIA PROGRAMME

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or who perhaps would like to celebrate the sacraments of initiation (baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) as adults, are invited to take an application card from the narthex at the back of the church.

The programme continues on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October at 7 pm in the church.

## PARISH PRAYERS

**Please pray for:** Danny Harding, Sally Rhodes, Robert Roe, Alexander El-Lamaa, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

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**Please pray for:** Johanna O'leary, Caterina La Viola, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara, Bill Molloy, Mary Marshall, Jane Matthews, Margarette Spring, Brandon Cassian, and all our loved ones who have died.

## RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the reception of Holy Communion is for Catholics who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion.

If we receive Holy Communion on the hand, please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible and in front of the priest or extraordinary minister.

## SVP APPEAL

This Sunday, there will be an appeal from our local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference (SVP).

The SVP work within our community to help those most in need.

Please continue to pray for the SVP and for their work!

## DEACON REED ROBINSON

Deacon Reed Robinson who was on placement with us was ordained as a deacon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at St Peter's Basilica.

To check out photos from the ordination, please use the QR code below.



## POPE'S PRAYER

### INTENTIONS

#### OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



### VOCARE

There is an opportunity to hear more about Fr Brendan's vocation story by watching the "Vocare" programme on ShalomTV.

For anyone who would like to watch the episode, please use the QR code below.



### PARISH OFFERTORY

If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of the parish online, please use the bank details below:

**Bank:** Natwest

**Account Name:** Our Lady Help of Christians

**Sort Code:** 60-06-11

**Account Number:** 91052181

## BETHANY MASS

The next Mass for our SEN brothers and sisters will take place on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October at 3 pm at the Sacred Hearth Church.

Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall after Mass.

All are welcome.

### VOTIVE CANDLES

It is a beautiful Catholic custom to light candles as a tangible reminder of Christ as light of the World and of our own prayers.

Anyone wishing to light a candle is invited to do so using one of the votive candle stands.

Please do not place candles on any other surface including shelves in front of statues as to do so poses a fire risk to the church.

### RETROUVAILLE

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution.

We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

## FRIDAY VISITS

If there are any parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or who are housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please let Fr Brendan know.

He will then visit them on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of October between 10 am - 11.30 am.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the parish who are experiencing illness or loneliness at this time.

### PRO LIFE VIGIL

As Catholics, we are called to uphold and defend the dignity of all life from conception until death.

As part of that witness, there will be an opportunity to take part in a pro-life vigil at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of October between 11 am - 12 pm.

### LOST AND FOUND

A bunch of keys was found in the church on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

If they belong to you, please collect them from the sacristy after one of the Masses.

## PARISH FINANCES

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We encourage all taxpayers enrolled on the scheme to register for Gift Aid in order for our parish to claim 25% extra on donations. Please ask at the Parish Office for a Gift Aid declaration form to complete.

Anyone interested in joining the scheme is invited to speak with one of the volunteers in the narthex at the end of the Mass on Sunday.

### CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

If you would like to make your offering via card, this can be done using the Dona Card Machine

All major payment types accepted. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if eligible - it is simple and only has to be done once on the machine.

*"Do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased!" - Hebrews 13:16*

# LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> October  28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS  11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS  5 pm MASS	Ian Roberts Int., Joe Cummins RIP, Leonard Francis RIP.  Pro Populo.  Aran Joseph Int.
<b>MONDAY</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> October S. Edward the Confessor	7 am MASS (Latin)  12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS  <i>5.30 pm - 6.30 pm Open House</i>	Bishop Jadwiga Czupta RIP.  Father O'Connor Centre
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> October S. Callistus	7 am MASS (Latin)  <i>11.30 am Funeral Service at the Cedar Chapel</i>  <i>12.45 pm MASS</i>	Bishop Jadwiga Czupta RIP.  Gerard Walsh RIP.  Deacon Gerry McGrogan Int., Madge O'Donnell RIP.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> October S. Teresa of Avila	7 am MASS (Latin)  <i>11 am Funeral Service at the Oak Chapel</i>  1 pm Funeral Mass	Bishop Jadwiga Czupta RIP.  Patrick McCrann RIP.  James Patrick Gibbins RIP.
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> October S. Margaret Mary Alacoque	NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY	The church is open for private prayer.
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> October  S. Ignatius of Antioch	12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Bishop Jadwiga Czupta RIP.
<b>SATURDAY</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> October S. Luke	9 am ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 9.30 am MASS (followed by veneration of the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis)	Bishop Jadwiga Czupta RIP.
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