

## Bishop holds up first millennial saint as inspiration for young Catholics

**B**ishop Nicholas Hudson has celebrated the news that Blessed Carlo Acutis, the London-born 15-year-old who died of leukaemia in 2006, will be declared the Church's first millennial saint.



"It is a real answer to prayer that Blessed Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial saint – a saint our young people can really look up to," said Bishop Hudson, an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster who heads up the Diocesan Youth Ministry team. "So many young Catholics have told me that they feel as though Carlo has mysteriously 'found' them."

Pope Francis has cleared the path for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo by officially recognising a second miracle attributed to him. The miracle relates to a woman from Costa Rica, Liliana, who prayed at the beatified teenager's tomb in Assisi after her daughter Valeria suffered severe head trauma from a bike accident and was given little chance of survival.

Having prayed for the intercession of Blessed Carlo, on the same day, the hospital informed her that Valeria had started to breath spontaneously. The next day, she began to move and partially regained her speech. In just a few months she had made a miraculous recovery.

Bishop Hudson, who in October 2022 unveiled and blessed the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Covent Garden, can see why so many people – particularly young Catholics – are inspired by and pray to Blessed Carlo.

"Last year I invited his mother, Antonia, to come to London to talk to the young people of Westminster Diocese about her experience of raising Carlo and seeing the love of Christ take root in him," he said. "The church was packed and they were captivated by this young saint for our times who read Scripture every day, had a heart for social action, collecting containers full of clothes for the poor, stood up for anyone being bullied at school and visited Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every day to share with him everything that was most important to him... we thank God for this wonderful news."

Source.. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

## Family of Love

**L**ast Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation.

In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see 2 Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season—Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see Ephesians 1:4-5).

Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled



with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (see Deuteronomy 4:20,37). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own.

As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel (see Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father."

As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (WK4)

### Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love

**First Reading: Book of Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32**

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:4,5**

**Alleluia, alleluia!!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

**Communion Antiphon: Ga 4:6**

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

### SATURDAY 25th May .....St Bede the Venerable

9:30am. Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot.....

4:30pm Adoration & Confessions will take place prior to the Vigil Mass at St John's Wallingford

5.00pm Vigil Mass St John's ...Gwendolina Marsh RIP (R/L Eaton)

5.50pm Adoration before Vigil Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot...

6.30pm Vigil Mass English Martyrs, Didcot....John Seem RIP (R/L Eaton)

### SUNDAY 26th May .....Most Holy Trinity

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot—Kardin & Jack's intention

11:00noon Mass St John's Wallingford— Parish Community

### MONDAY 27th May .....NO MASS....St Augustine of Canterbury

### TUESDAY 28th May .....Blessed Margaret Pole

12noon...Adoration before mass in St John's Wallingford..John Seem RIP (R/L Eaton)

11.30a.m Requiem Mass...Zita Puddephatt (RIP) in Didcot

### WEDNESDAY 29th May...

9:30am at English Martyrs, Didcot.....Parish Community

### THURSDAY 30th May.....

9:30am Mass at St John's Wallingford....Gwendolina Marsh RIP (R/L Eaton)

### FRIDAY 31st May.... The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am at English Martyrs, Didcot..

1.p.m. Funeral Service for Maria Hennessey (RIP) in Wallingford

### SATURDAY 1st June .....St Justin

9:30am. Mass at English Martyrs, Didcot.....

4:30pm Adoration & Confessions will take place prior to the Vigil Mass at St John's Wallingford

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### SUNDAY 2nd June .....Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

9:00am Mass English Martyrs, Didcot—

11:00noon Mass St John's Wallingford—

In your prayers, please remember: Jenny Evans, Mary Guinan, Ann Tomline, Joan Walker, Joan Russell, Joan Turner, Nina Oakes, Jacob Oakes, Pat McLoughlin, Barry Molloy, David Woodley, Ann Furlong and all the sick and housebound of our churches.



### Baptisms

We rejoice with the parents and godparents of four infants who through the sacrament of Baptism, were made members of the body of Christ this weekend. In your prayers, remember Dahlia Kaydence Elpiani Ranasigne, Alba Iris Soares, Noah Thomas Kanza and Elodie Grace Kanza. We invoke God's blessings on these children as they grow.

### DEATH/FUNERAL NOTICE

**Zita Puddephatt (RIP)**...Requiem Mass...Tuesday 28th.@ 11.30a.m..Didcot  
**Maria Hennessey (RIP)**...Requiem Mass...Friday 31st @ 1pm...Wallingford



### PLEASE HELP THE SVP.

Our SVP team has a constant stream of new families and individuals to assist. It would be a great blessing to have more volunteers to help with the workload; there are many different tasks, so we can work around your strengths and the amount of time you can give. Please contact Dominic Knight on 07516 701917. Thanks also to those who continue to give generously. Our account details remain F020717 St John the Evangelist, 60-60-04, 46078231.



### Stella Maris To Report Use Of Fund

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024).



### Certificate in Catechesis

There is a new 2-year Certificate in Catechesis starting in September 2024. This Certificate is offered by the Dominican Sisters in Lymington, as part of their apostolate of Faith formation, Light of Truth. The Certificate provides the essential formation necessary to Catechists in doctrinal and pastoral matters relevant to catechesis, in line with the new Directory for Catechesis and structured on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It consists of 8 modules (4 modules per year) comprising 9 online sessions each, offered live, in an interactive environment, and accessible afterwards, two in-persons day a year: a formation day and a retreat day. More details can be found here: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/certificate>. The Sisters are inviting everyone interested to an online open evening, on the 29th of May at 7.30 pm. They will present all the features of their new Certificate and answer questions raised about it.

### We Run Series of Courses in Boar Hill!

Dear Fr Dominic,  
I am Fr Luke Dominic Onwe, OCD from the Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill, Oxford. I am writing to ask for a favour from you Father. We run a retreat house. However, ours is not just a retreat house/Facility, but also a Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality. We run series of courses including individual and group retreats, as well as training people in spiritual direction and contemplative prayer among other courses. We also collaborate with parishes and dioceses to run parish retreats or trainings for volunteers in parishes in spiritual life.

Therefore, I wish to request if we can send some flyers/posters of our activities to your parish for display. We can never know who one of the courses or even the pilgrimages we organise may appeal to among the numerous people that come to the churches. I will be anticipating your positive response.. Thank you so much.

Please are you interested? Speak with Father Dominic

### 14th September Is the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

The Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress will take place on Saturday 14th September 2024 at St. Mary's College, Oscott. Bishops, priests, and people from all the dioceses of England and Wales will gather for a day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist. A limited number of places have been allocated to each diocese. Clergy are asked to encourage regular Eucharistic Adorers and committed parishioners to consider attending. For further information contact Canon Michael Dennehy at [mddenhy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mddenhy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



### Acutis Could Be Canonized During 2025 Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has recognized a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, paving the way for him to become the first Millennial saint. The Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006 is known for his great devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The recognition of the second miracle attributed to Acutis' intercession makes it possible that Acutis could be canonized during the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. <https://bit.ly/3UWn1Fs>

### Solemn Vespers and Benediction On Corpus Christi Day.

Come let us celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the elements of the Eucharist. St Thomas Aquinas calls us to reflect and rejoice in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

In many parts of the world, at the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance, carried by the priest and parishioners sing joyfully. The procession is followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Due to the mass times, we shall not follow this order. We shall have Solemn Vesper and Benediction in the English Martyrs at 7pm. If you have questions or suggestions, kindly speak to Father Dominic or a member of the Liturgy Committee.

### Annual Corpus Christi procession

The Oxford Oratory is doing the annual Corpus Christi Procession, June 2: Starts at the Oxford Oratory, Woodstock Road, at 2.30pm and ends with Benediction and refreshments at the University Catholic Chaplaincy, off St Aldate's in Rose Place (pausing at Blackfriars on St Giles for a sermon).

### Part-time Teaching Assistant Needed

The Governors are looking to recruit a part-time teaching assistant from September 2024. This will include midday supervisor duties. This is a temporary contract. Hours to be confirmed.

**Salary: Grade 4: £23 500 pro rata**

**The closing date for applications is Monday 3 June 2024 at midday.**

Information about how to apply can be found on the website: [www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk) or contact Mrs Ellery at St Amand's: 01235 833342.

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Many thanks, Debbie Morton...Administration and Finance Officer

### Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries Invite Everyone

Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries invite everyone to special Mission Masses in the diocese. The Masses are an opportunity for Red Box supporters and volunteers to come together in prayer for our global Catholic communities. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christ the King Church, Northumberland Ave, Reading RG2 8NR

**When:** Tuesday 4 June at 7pm

St Laurence Church, Station Road, Petersfield GU32 3ED

**When:** Tuesday 18 June at 7pm

For more information contact Fr Innaiah Maddineni, Diocesan Director for Missio or email: [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk)



### Bad Parking

Our attention has been drawn by concerned neighbours to too many parishioners parking on Manor Crescent Road, Didcot. Sometime, cars are parked too close to the entrance to their property. At other times, it is double parking. They are complaining and wish to ask us to desist from doing so. Kindly park in the spaces provided on the church car park. The space within the entrance to the Church is strictly reserved for people with disability. Please consider parking properly in the car park. A fine of 100 decades of the rosary will be awarded to violators.



### Our Centenary Celebration is September 22nd.

Our Parish Church in Wallingford, St John the Evangelist will celebrate 100 years standing, September 22. This is about us, the faith and the community, the celebrations of the sacraments, vocations to the married life and the priesthood. Well done to everyone, living and dead. To celebrate this remarkable achievement, our team has chosen, September 22nd as the big day. Activities leading up to this day shall be in our newsletter henceforth. Any fantastic idea, speak with Fr Dominic.

