

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Let us pray for all those who have died recently. We also pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest in Peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Every life is unique and special, especially at their passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.



ROTAS FOR 13/14 September 2025: FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Readers: Sat.13 6.30pm Brian Viles

Sun14 8.30am Peter Bee

Sun14 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Chris Banks

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 13 6.30pm (C) Jane Cugnet, Rita Aston, Colin Murphy

Sun14 8.30 am (C) Jacques Honore, Funmi Amusu, Christina Morris

Sun14 10.00am (C) Carlton Rose, John Davies, Margaret Hamm

Flowers: Sat 13 Fiona Hook

Counters: Sun 14 Philip Ogden and Jennie Dolphin

Tea & Coffee: Sun 14 Liz/Linda

Bulletin: Fri 12 Ruth, Church Office

DONA CARD READER

Remember to use our contactless card reader for all your donations. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code so you could donate from home when you are having a cup of coffee or tea and reading through the bulletin! With grateful thanks.



PLEASE NOTE OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS

The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin is **Tuesday evening** at the latest. All notices should be sent by **email** to: olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk or given to Father Pat.

SAFEGUARDING WEEKLY NOTICE

"The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. **Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Holt-Davies.** She can be contacted at: sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns."

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Reg. Charity No: 234216

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6.
12-13. 14, 17. (R)1

(R) O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night. (R)

2. You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades. (R)

3. Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants. . (R)

4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands. . (R)

Second reading

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 119(118):135

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine forth on your servant,
and teach me your decrees.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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SUNDAY 7th - 14th September 2025 Year C TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6 **EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**

MASS 6.30pm (Liam & Kitty O'Connor RIP.)

Sun 7 **MASS 8.30am** (Paul Fowler RIP)

MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

Mon 8 **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 9.30am

Tue 9 **MASS 6.00pm** (Margaret Olsson RIP)

Wed 10 **NO MASS**

Thu 11 **MASS 6.00pm** (Martin Kirk-sick)

Fri 12 **MASS 9.30am** (Mary-Ann Marmont RIP)

Sat 13 **Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

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MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

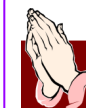
Sun 14 **FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

MASS 8.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

MASS 10.00am (Mary-Ann Marmont RIP)

CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Saturday: 10.30am-11am & 5.30pm-6pm



If you would like to see Fr Pat for
Confession or any other reason,
please do not hesitate to make an
appointment either by phone or e mail:

olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk

**2nd collection this week is for
Parish Church Maintenance**



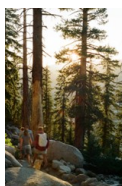
GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus in today's Gospel is making it clear that if we wish to be his disciples, we must accept that we could be in for a very tough time. Yet it is easy to be under the illusion that if we do his will we avoid evil and pain. However, his Father's will is to Jerusalem to be handed over to evil people and suffer flogging, crucifixion and death. We might experience things happening in our lives or the lives of people we know and love which seem to challenge the Lord's claim that he truly cares for us. However, we must remember that he never promised to protect us from evil. What Jesus does promise is that so long as we keep our eyes fixed on him we need not fear. As the Psalm says, "If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil will I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort." God bless. Fr Pat

POPE' LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



ADVANCE NOTICE ABOUT CHANGE TO MASSES FROM FR PAT.

From Sunday the 12th of October I will be changing my day off. There will be **no mass on a Monday morning, from that date.** Instead, I will be celebrating Mass on a **Wednesday morning at 9.30am.**

There are usually masses said at Kidlington: Monday – 9.30 am please

check on the website for changes. <http://catholicparish.kidlingtonandwoodstock.uk/> and

Eynsham - please check on their website for mass times <https://stpeterseynsham.org.uk/>

EXCITING NEWS:

NEW YOUTH GROUP HERE AT OUR CHURCH

We are excited to announce the launch of our **new Youth Group for all young people from Year 5 and upwards.** Our **first gathering will be Sunday, September 21st, 4:30–6:00pm,** followed by monthly Sunday meetings filled with faith, fun, and fellowship.

Consent forms are available at the back of the

church and should be brought signed to the first meeting. **Volunteers are also warmly welcome.**



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SOCIETY OF ST. VINGENT DE PAUL (SVP) TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office

By **email: olash.witney@rcaob.org** by **phone: 01993 776201** or via the **web site: <https://svp.org.uk>**

Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04.

Acc no. 46078088; Acc name F020716 SVP Our Lady & St Hugh.

Thank you so much for your support

THE CANONIZATION OF TWO YOUNG SAINTS BY POPE LEO

IN ROME ON 7 SEPTEMBER

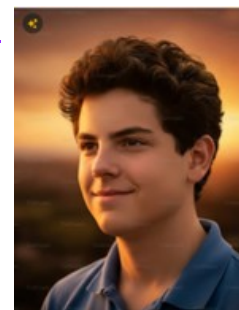
Pier Giorgio Frassati

Carlo Acutis



The canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati is a historic event that will take place on **September 7, 2025.** This event will be held in **St. Peter's Square** in Rome, **marking the first time a millennial saint** will be canonized.

The **canonization process for Carlo Acutis** began shortly after his death in



2006, and it has been a significant journey for the young man from Italy.

The **relics of Pier Giorgio Frassati** will be transferred to Rome for veneration before the canonization ceremony.

The Holy Father announced that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized together on 7 September.

The canonizations of the two young saints—one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first-century saint—have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful. The late Pope himself had announced the canonizations of Blessed Pier Giorgio and Carlo at the General Audience of 20 November 2024, prompting thunderous applause from the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Pope Leo, made the choice to enrol among the number of the saints, two young men from different eras who led completely different lives, but who are nonetheless united in their love for Christ and their ability to impart that love to those whose lives they touched. *For more information on Giorgio* see: [Popular Pier Giorgio Frassati: A saint for ordinary Catholics - TheCatholicSpirit.com](#)

For Carlo see: [The Life of Carlo Acutis | Biography, Legacy, and Devotion | Catholic Answers](#) [Tract](#)