



THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH WORSHIPPING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.

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Saturday 10th	6.00pm. Vigil Mass	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 11th	9.30am. Sunday Mass	
Monday 12th	10.00am Mass	St Aelred of Rievaulx Ab
Tuesday 13th	10.00am Mass	St Hilary Bp D
Thursday 15th	5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.20pm Benediction 6.30pm Mass	
Friday 16th	10.00am Mass	
Saturday 17th	11.00am - 11.30am Confessions during Exposition	St Anthony Ab
Saturday 17th	6.00pm. Vigil Mass	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 18th	9.30am. Sunday Mass	

Key:	Ap.	Apostle
	Ab	Abbott
	Bp	Bishop
	D	Doctor
	M	Martyr
	P	Priest
	R	Religious
	V	Virgin

A reminder that the **Sacramental Programme** preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion begins on this coming **Wednesday, January 14th at 7.00pm.**

This is a **Registration and Information** evening for parents or carers, but not for the children.

It is important that all children who are to be on the programme this year are registered on this evening.

The Registration will be followed on **Sunday 18th January** with the **Enrolment** of the children at the 9.30am Mass.

Again, all children who are to be on the programme are to be Enrolled at this Mass. If anyone cannot attend the Registration Meeting or the Enrolment Mass they must contact Fr. Peter **in advance** to see if alternative arrangements can be made.

Church Christmas Decorations

Many thanks to everyone who joined in the preparations of the church for Christmas, including the creative window bottoms and the balcony garlands made by the Beavers, Cubs and Sacred Heart School. Also thank you to those of you who were able to help with the heavy lifting and final touches on Christmas Eve, it was a team effort! However we now have to take everything down. The plan is to start **after 9.30 Mass on Sunday, 11th January** and it would be extremely helpful if we could get help once more with moving the trees back to the cellar. There will also be time **after morning Mass on Monday 12th**, to clear window bottoms etc. Thank you again.

Upcoming special collections in Church

We will be having two collections in the next few weeks:-

Pax Christi - Peace Sunday 18 January 2026

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. For more information about the work they do please visit www.paxchristi.org.uk Envelopes will be available this weekend for the collection next weekend (17th and 18th).

LEPRA - 25th and 26th of January 2026

Lepra can find, diagnose and treat people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future of hope.

Please give whatever you can to either or both of these charities, it will help.

And a Thank You: CAFOD Fundraising in 2025

David and Emily, our Cafod representatives, would like to thank you for helping them to fundraise **£2671.37**. They are grateful for your contributions.

Job vacancy at Theodore House, (the Catholic Conference and Retreat venue on the Stonyhurst Estate), is looking to recruit a full-time Domestic & Guest Manager to support our small team running Theodore House. The role requires some flexibility, a fair bit of multi-tasking and good teamwork. A supportiveness for the Catholic mission that Theodore House enables is essential. For more details <https://tinyurl.com/thjob2026>

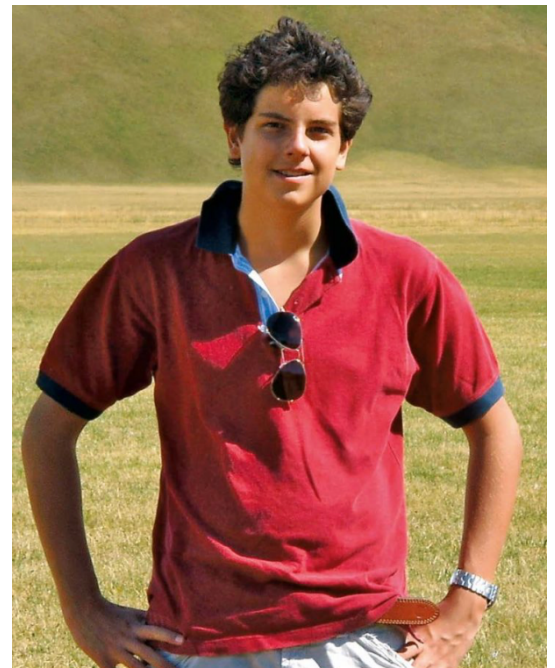
Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit the Diocese of Salford - January 2026

This month, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026. More information will be shared soon with parishes and on the Diocesan website and social media channels.

To view a draft schedule for the visits, please check the following page for updates: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relics-of-st-carlo-acutis-to-visit-diocesan-churches/>



Saint Carlo Acutis

3 MAY 1991 – 12 OCTOBER 2006



The glass tomb of St. Carlo in the St. Francis Basilica, Assisi.