



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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**3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



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**25th January 2026**

## The Relics of St Carlo Acutis at St Mary's, Burnley

The full details of this visit of the relics of Carlo Acutis to St Mary's Burnley, are to be found on page three of this newsletter. You will see that there are various talks and times of prayer scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week, and a number of priests will be available for Confessions throughout the whole time.

The main event is the **Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm** celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. As the Bishop is celebrating Mass so close to our parish, I felt that we should be encouraged to attend; consequently there will **NOT** be an evening Mass at Holy Saviour's this week. I will be down at St Mary's for most of Wednesday hearing confessions but will be available to provide or arrange transport for anyone who would like to attend the Mass.

Do try to attend at some time during the two days to find out more about this 15-year old saint—the first Saint of the new millennium. With every blessing, Fr Gerard

## DAY OF RENEWAL AT ST CLARE'S, PRESTON SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY

This Day of Renewal is led by Fr Eammon Mulcahy, a  
Spiritual priest, who is an excellent and inspiring preacher.

I would highly recommend attendance at this Day to allow  
the Lord to give us a new experience of our Catholic faith  
which can be presented and received in so many different  
ways.

If anyone would like to attend, then full details can be  
found on page four of this newsletter. If you need a lift to  
Preston, then just let me know. Monica and I will be  
attending giving us two cars for starters!

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We will soon be sending out letters to  
the schools to collect names of children –  
Year 3 and above - who would like to  
participate in this year's preparation for  
first Confession and Holy Communion.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY, 2026

**Women's Retreat Day, Sabden  
Saturday, 9th May.**

**Men's Retreat Day, Settle.  
Saturday, 6th June**

If there are any children attending  
non-Catholic schools, who would like to  
be included then please let me know.

There will be a number of preparation  
meetings, beginning Tuesday, 3rd March.

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 26th January 2026

Monday 26th Jan	Tuesday 27th Jan	Wednesday 28th Jan	Thursday 29th Jan	Friday 30th Jan	Saturday 31st Jan	Sunday 1st Feb
NO MASS	MASS C.C. 10.00 am	MASS BURNLEY 7.00pm	MASS C.C. 10.00am Exposition	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 25th January	Gerard Spain	George Winkley
Next Sunday: 1st February	Jeremiah Javed	Zechariah Javed

**Children's Church: C.C. Barbara H and Linda G H.S. Lisa S, Joanne T, and Lorraine**

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Andrew Thomas	Maureen McDermott
Marie Clark	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih

### POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Eileen Wilcock

£10.00 Sharif Perviaz

£10.00 Eibhlin Welch

£10.00 Jerry Ferenty

£98.00 towards parish funds. Thank you!

**Just to note...**

There will be no Pound Draw for the next two weeks, starting from this Sunday, to give the organising team a well-deserved break!

The next Draw will take place on Sunday 8th Feb

All ten/twenty week members will be moved forward two weeks.

Many thanks for your continuing support in this important parish fundraiser. Ian

### MASS INTENTIONS

Kathleen Moss (Mary Porter's sister), who died recently.

Angelo Pomini (Amilia's brother in Italy aged 79), died 13th Jan 2026.

Continued recovery of Margaret Pickup  
Special Intention

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 25th Cameron Barnes (1996)

Sarah P Haworth (1986)

Jan 26th Eddie Collingwood (1996)

James Darling (2024)

Bernard Tansey (2017)

Jan 27th Rev John Aspinall (1957)

Jan 28th Frank Brierley (1995)

Jan 29th Anthony Cardus (2015)

Mary Judge (2015)



*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN.*

### Community Lunch at Christ Church

The next Community Lunch at Christ Church is on Tuesday 3rd February at 12 noon. £4 per person for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.

*God said, "It's not good that man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). It certainly isn't good that we should eat alone!" Come and join us for lunch - you will be made very welcome!*

### Warm Space at Christ Church, 2026

We are still offering a Warm Space at Christ Church each Wednesday until the end of February 2026. 12.30 - 3.00pm. Soup and light refreshments are available.



# The Relics of St Carlo Acutis

St Mary's RC Church, Burnley

DIOCESE OF Salford

Wednesday  
28  
Jan

10am

- Opening Liturgy to Welcome the Relics & Open Visits

2:30pm

- Talk: Eucharistic Adoration & Miracles

3pm

- Adoration & Open Visits

6-6:30pm

- Talk on the life of Saint Carlo Acutis

6:30pm

- Meditated Rosary

7:00pm

- Welcome Mass with Bishop John Arnold

Thursday  
29  
Jan

Until  
3:30pm

**[Closed to the public]**

3:30pm

- Open Visits

4:30pm

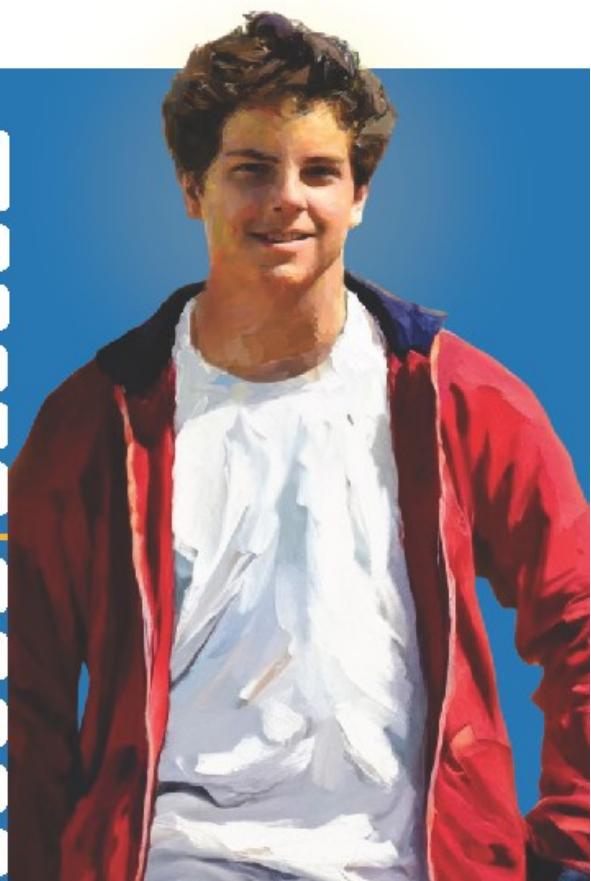
- Talk on the Eucharist; Adoration

6:00pm

- Talk: Miracles and Graces of St Carlo

7:00pm

- Thanksgiving Mass



## DAY of RENEWAL Led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy

Fr. Eamonn is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) and a priest since 1980. He has extensive experience of deepening the Faith Formation of Adults in the UK and leading spiritual retreats to lay-people, priests and religious in Europe and internationally.

• "Unpacking the Paschal Mystery - to get the best Celebration of Easter"



Saturday 28th February 2026

10am. to 4pm.

the day starts with Mass at 10am.  
at St Clare's Church [Parish Hall]  
Sharoe Green Lane Fulwood Preston PR2 9HH