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**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



1st February 2026



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SAINT CARLO ACUTIS



It would be very easy for us to ask, "What has a fifteen year-old boy got to teach us about life?" Well, the Catholic Church would say that this particular fifteen year-old has everything to teach us! Carlo Acutis is put before us by the Church as a supreme role model—the first canonised Saint of this millennium.

Canonisation is not the application of an external label but the recognition, by the Church, that God's work in the interior life of a person was completed during their life on earth, and they were fully prepared for entry into the eternal life of God's Kingdom in heaven.

We are quite used to the images of Saints as portrayed in oil paintings and medieval frescoes depicted with a halo around their heads as a symbol of their sanctity. It gives us the impression that sainthood is quite out of fashion in our modern culture, and seems

to suggest that the Church itself is a rather dowdy institution that belongs in the past... enter Carlo Acutis, a young man whose heart was totally dedicated to the love of God!

Jesus said, "We will know them by their fruits." It is certainly an amazing fruit that at St Mary's, Burnley, a whole two days was given over to the veneration of a relic of Carlo Acutis, including a standing-room only packed Mass celebrated by the Bishop. How a young boy can have such a wide-ranging impact upon the whole Catholic Church is nothing short of a miracle in itself!

So what does a fifteen year-old boy have to teach us? Carlo set out his strategy to becoming a Saint—a strategy which is by no means unfamiliar to us. Carlo chose God 'Not I, but God' in five simple practices: frequent attendance at Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, frequent Confession and spiritual guidance, befriending the Blessed Mother and the Saints, and charity. These daily 'appointments' led Carlo to a life of intimacy with Jesus and love for neighbour that makes him today the first millennial Saint.

Carlo's particular interest was in Eucharistic miracles which he researched and logged on his own website. You can access his website by clicking [here](#)

Saint Carlos Acutis—pray for us!

Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 2nd February 2026

| Monday 2nd Feb | Tuesday 3rd Feb | Wednesday 4th Feb | Thursday 5th Feb | Friday 6th Feb | Saturday 7th Feb | Sunday 8th Feb |
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| MASS C.C. 10.00am | MASS C.C. 10.00 am | MASS H.S. 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: 1st February | Jeremiah Javed | Zechariah Javed |
| Next Sunday: 8th February | David Zycinski | Luke Mendoza |

Children's Church: C.C. Mary M & Amanda

H.S. Sarah K, Suzanne K, Gift Team

| Eucharistic Ministry 1st Sunday (C.C. and H.S.) | |
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| Francis Ryan | Sarah Kelly |
| Ewa Zycinska | Joanne Thompson |
| Khuram Javed | Sheila Cooper |
| Siobhan James | Venus Ghulam |
| Margaret Morgan | Dawid Zycinski |

Michael Taylor, RIP.

This Requiem Mass for Michael will take place at Holy Saviour's at 1.45am on Friday 27th February at 1.45pm. We miss this gentle man who served others in quiet ways!

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: **£765 p/w**
25th Jan 2026: **£267.50** Many thanks!

Many thanks for the increasing number of standing order contributions which makes for much easier accounting and less handling of cash which requires counting, recording, and banking each week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY, 2026

Day of Renewal at St Clare's, Preston.

Saturday, 28th February

Women's Retreat Day, Sabden

Saturday, 9th May.

Men's Retreat Day, Settle.

Saturday, 6th June



Feast of the Presentation

Monday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation which marks 40 days after the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The Light is at last shining in the Temple where Jesus is recognised by Simeon and Anna. We will celebrate Mass this Monday at 10.00am at Christ Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Taylor, died recently.
Paul Simmonite, died recently.
Angelo Pomini, died recently.
McGuinness family, anniv, 3rd Feb.
Michael Loftus, anniv.
Hamida Bibi, anniv, 5th Feb
Agnes Variyam, b'day anniv, 1st Feb
Margaret Winkley, b'day anniv, 25th Jan.
Special Intention.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 1st James H Waterworth (1990)
Feb 2nd David Plant (1988)
Feb 3rd Helena Davis (2018)
Feb 4th Margaret Frodsham (1978)
Feb 5th John Spain (2019)
Rachel K Connelly (2023)



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!

Catholic and Methodist Time of Prayer

This coming Wednesday, the first Wednesday of the month, there will be our usual time of shared prayer at Christ Church at 11.30am.

POUND DRAW—Returns next week!