



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Born in London in 1991, Carlo was baptised at Our Lady of Dolorus Church. He moved to Milan with his family later that year. Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2006 at the age of 15, and died on October 12th.

The cause for the canonisation of Carlo, dubbed ‘God’s influencer’, began in 2012, which investigated the virtuous and faith-filled life of this young boy, which uncovered a life of sincere holiness. Two miracles were granted through his intercession - a Brazilian boy healed of a pancreatic defect and recovery of a Costa Rican boy from a head injury - and he was canonised a saint by Pope Leo XVI on 7th September 2025, making him the first millennial saint!

St. Carlo is a wonderful reminder that each one of us is called to be a saint, and he is a great example to the youth; to follow the path of holiness is joy-filled and rewarding.

As the Diocese welcomes the relics of the boy-saint later this month, we will mark the occasion by praying a novena (nine days of prayer) for our young people, and also make a pilgrimage (details overleaf) to venerate the relics and seek St. Carlo’s intercession.

NOVENA PRAYER:

to be prayed each day from 20-28th Jan.

(Sign of the cross)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I thank you for all the grace and favours with which you enriched the soul of St Carlo Acutis during his fifteen years on this earth. Through the merits of this Angel of Youth, grant me the grace which I earnestly seek for the youth and (mention request here...).

Amen.

1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory be...



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 19 th January St. Wulstan, Bishop, Religious	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 1-3pm, SSAO: Whist Drive Group
Tuesday 20 th January St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharist Service Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 21st January St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.30-11am, SSAO: Diddy disciples 12noon, SJ: Churches Together: Soup and fellowship 7-8pm, SJ: RCIA: exploring the Catholic Faith
Thursday 22 nd January St. Vincent, Deacon	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30, SSAO: Knit & Natter 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 23 rd January	9am, SSAO, 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	
Saturday 24 th January St. Francis De Sales, Bishop, Doctor	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 25 th January 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

PEACE SUNDAY: 18TH JANUARY

Our prayers for peace, and works of justice do make a difference.

For those who would like to give to the mission of Pax Christi, envelopes are available.

Prayer for peace:

Graciously give peace, O Lord, in our days, that, being assisted by help of Thy mercy, we may ever be free from sin and safe from all disturbance.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PAX CHRISTI

International Catholic Movement for Peace

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Sunday 1st February, after the morning Masses, we will be stripping the churches of the Christmas decoration, any help would be greatly appreciated.

ENGAGED COUPLES

On Saturday 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

YOUTH CORNER

The child seers of Fatima, Ss. Jacinta and Francisco Marto received the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

They spoke of her beauty and her desire that all should return to her son, Jesus.



Anniversary: Jane Fernley, High McGratton, Roderick McGlade, John Slater, Lillian Warhurst, Tommy Wood, Shaun Armstrong,

lately dead: Linda Whitehurst, John Goggins, Maureen O'Donnell, Brian Jones,

General: Special Intention in honour of St. Jude, Special Intention, Winifrid & Wilfred Tootill, Paul Timmins Snr (2), and The Timmins Family, Gladys Coop, Ricard Barlow,

'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' (Jn: 1: 29-34)

Parish Priest: Fr. Gavin Landers | T: 0161 624 1322 | E landersgavin@gmail.com

A: Ss. Aidan & Oswald Presbytery, Vaughan Streer, Royton, OL2 5DL

Priest in residence (retired): Fr. John Scanlan | A: St. Joseph's Presbytery, Oldham Road, Shaw, OL2 8SZ

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If the SVP can be of any support to you, please contact: SJ: 07850 696676 Chris or SSAO: 0 7528 790623 Mike

PILGRIMAGE: ST. CARLO

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY, ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNLEY. COACH LEAVING AT 5PM FROM SS. AIDAN & OSWALD. PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

£10 PER ADULT FOR COACH TRIP



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Feb 1st: Year 5 assisting with Mass: 9.30am (SSAO), & 11am (SJ)
- Feb 1st, 2pm: Syro-Malabar Mass (SSAO)
- Feb 5th 7pm: Pilgrimage meeting: 'In the footsteps of St. Paul' (SJ)
- Feb. 11th : Holy Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes, with anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick (SJ)
- Feb 18th : Ash Wednesday
- April 5th : Easter Sunday

CHURCHES TOGETHER

This Sunday evening, 6pm, St. Joseph's Parish will host Churches Together in Crompton & Shaw, which begins the 'Week of Christian Unity'.

Soup Lunches, 12noon

Monday 19th: Holy Trinity CofE.

Tuesday 20th: Salvation Army.

Wednesday 21st: St Joseph's RC

Thursday 22nd: St Saviours CofE.

Friday 23rd: United Reform Church.

ST JOSEPH'S RC PRI SCH.

This week, our acts of worship focused on teamwork, reflecting on how Jesus chose His disciples and how we continue His work together today. Children met in house groups on Monday, helping to build strong relationships across the school. We are incredibly proud of Year 4, who identified a need for class iPads and worked tirelessly through letter writing and fundraising, including their Santa Dash. With support from the PTA and Mr Glynn, over £500 was raised and the new iPads have now arrived. Year 2 also enjoyed a brilliant safety visit from White Watch firefighters at Oldham Fire Station.

SS AIDAN & OSWALD SCH

This week, we reflected on the baptism of Jesus as a sign of new life and new beginnings, looking to God for guidance on our journey. As the Jubilee Year drew to a close, the children renewed their promise to be Pilgrims of Hope. They walked through the Door of Hope, blessed by Fr Gavin, visited the Peace Garden and touched the Peace Pole, recommitting themselves to being peacemakers in their daily lives.

If you know of any families looking for a school place, we have spaces in some of our year groups. Please pass the school number on to them:

0161 652 2558.

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph

Ss Aidan & Oswald

