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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| Saturday | 17 th | 6.00 pm | Pope Francis RIP |
| Sunday | 18 th | 8.15 am | Pope Leo XIV |
| | | 10.30 am | Diane McCluskey – Wellbeing |
| Monday | 19 th | 9.30 am | The Parish |
| Tuesday | 20 th | 9.30 am | Mary Sullivan |
| | | 7.00 pm | Choir |
| Wednesday | 21 st | 9.30 am | Tony Dumbleton RIP |
| Thursday | 22 nd | 9.30 am | Norma Markham RIP |
| Friday | 23 rd | 9.30 am | Holy Souls |
| Saturday | 24 th | 6.00 pm | Carmelina Varvalho RIP |
| Sunday | 25 th | 8.15 am | Mike Chatfield RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | The Parish |



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5. John 13:31-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14: 23-29

COLLECTIONS: Church: £539 DONA: £451 The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers): £985

Thank you for your generosity

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese (Gift Aid)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jonathan Waywell, Elaine C, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: VALERIE HALLEY and those whose anniversaries occur about now:

V Rev Cn Desmond McCarthy, Kathleen Simmonds, Margaret Judges, Bert Copping, Anne Berendt, Jacqueline Davies, Patricia Trantor, Stella Seville, Mary Benson, Petronella Woods, Elizabeth Scotney, Norma Markham, Ray Hudson, Mary Murphy-Sopp. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE to Worth Abbey will take place on 11 June 10am at 3.30pm. You are warmly



invited to join the Grandparent Parish Groups at our annual day of reflection and friendship. Join us for Mass, time to pray together and the wonderful opportunity to talk to fellow grandparents, sharing your experience and the joys and challenges of family life. To register your place, scan the QR code or go to the Diocesan website events calendar, through which places for events can be booked. This can be found at W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events> and then follow the Grandparents' Pilgrimage link. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk, M: 07415 306222

5. ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE 2025 'JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE':

Bookings have just opened for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2025 "Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope" which will take place from the 9 - 23 August. Walking across the Surrey Hills and along the Sussex coast, this year's route will visit every deanery in the Diocese, together with churches of many denominations, with pilgrims welcome to join the group for a day, a few days, or the whole 2 weeks. To find out more and book your place contact the Diocese and visit the Pilgrims Live website

6. PRAYER PARTNERS please be at this Sunday's 10.30 am Mass, to receive the Thank-You cards from your young Prayer Partners.

7. A MEMORIAL MASS will be held here on Thursday 29th May (Ascension Day) at 2.30 pm to remember those who have died in recent years. An opportunity to make an act of remembrance for a loved one by lighting a candle will take place during Mass which will be followed by Afternoon Tea. All are welcome.

8. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated

9. TURNING TIDES: SPRING INTO ACTION WISHLIST – Coffee, Sugar, Carton juice - large and small, Brown sauce, Cereals (not porridge oats), Breakfast bars Cooking oil, Combined shampoo and conditioner, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Washing up liquid, Cleaning wipes and all-purpose sprays, Washing powder, Small bottled water, Snack pots, pot noodles, Pasta-n-sauce Spreads: peanut butter, Marmite, chocolate, Tinned ham, corned beef, tinned fish, Custard Rice pudding. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated.

Father Liam says: In spite of the fact that Pope Francis had to greatly curtail his activities in the months leading to his recent death, the work of the central administration of the Church in the Vatican continued. A canonization that is arousing a lot of interest but has now been postponed, is that of Carlo Acutis, and Italian teenager who died in 2006.

Two of the constant messages of Pope Francis to young people were that God loves them and the Church needs them. He would dearly have loved to have been able to take part in Carlo's canonization and to speak about its significance but nevertheless the event will make a big impact.

Carlo was born on 3rd May 1991 in London where his father was working. A few months later the family moved to Milan. Even as a child he had a special love for God, even though his parents were not especially devout. His mother said that before Carlo was born, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation and her wedding. As a young boy Carlo loved to pray the Rosary. After he made his First Communion he went to Mass as often as possible at the church close to his elementary school. He remarked that 'there are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament'. His mother stated that 'for him the Eucharist was the centre of his life'.

The priest who promoted his cause for Sainthood noted that Carlo 'managed to drag his relatives and his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around. It was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily. What an inspiration for a child to witness his faith to family and friends!

He had a gift for empathy and was known for defending children at school when they were picked on. He loved soccer and video games. He tried to stay disciplined and only play games for an hour a week, even though he really wanted to play much more. He also bought computer programming books and taught himself computer coding and animation. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages – to the places of the saints and other sacred sites. Using his research, he began creating what would eventually become a website to catalogue and share information with others. Carlo was concerned by people growing distant from the Church and the sacraments and desperately wanted to bring them back. On the site he told people that 'the more often we receive the Eucharist the more we will become like Jesus, so that, on this earth, we will have a foretaste of heaven'. Such was his witness of faith as a child that he led adults to be baptized.

Rajesh Mohur, who worked for the Acutis family as an au pair when Carlo was a boy, converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlos witness. He had taught Rajesh how to pray the Rosary and told him about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Rajesh said that one of the things that most impressed him as a non-Christian was the witness of Carlo's love and concern for the poor – how he interacted with the homeless man who would sit at the entrance to the church. He would bring Tupperware dishes filled with food out to vulnerable people living in the streets.

When Carlo became a teenager he volunteered to help poor people who came to the Capuchin Day-centre and hostel and assist the missionary Sisters of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Carlo wasn't afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations where classmates disagreed with him. Many of his High School classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defense for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom discussion about abortion.

When he was just fifteen he was struck with a virulent and fatal form of leukemia and died within two weeks. He offered up his sufferings for others and for the Church. He died on 12th October 2006 and at his request he was buried in Assisi, because of his love for St Francis. His cause for canonization began in 2013 and he was beatified on 10th October last year. The rector of the church there said: 'For the first time in history we will see a saint dressed in jeans, sneakers and a sweater. This is a great message for us. We can feel holiness not as a distant thing but as something very much within everybody's reach because the Lord is the Lord of everyone. He is a boy of the internet age and a model of holiness of the digital age. The computer has become a way of going through the streets of the world like the first disciples of Jesus, to bring hearts and homes the announcement of true peace'.