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‘You cannot serve God and money.’

John: 3:13-17

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C

Pilgrimage to the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis & Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

We are delighted to share the wonderful news of our recent diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

A group of 28 pilgrims from our diocese — including 14 young parishioners, Fr. Evarist, and Fr. Deogratias — travelled together on this faith-filled 4-day journey. Our pilgrimage began in Assisi, where we visited the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the Basilica of St. Clare, and the Basilica of St. Francis, learning about their unwavering faith and deep love for God.

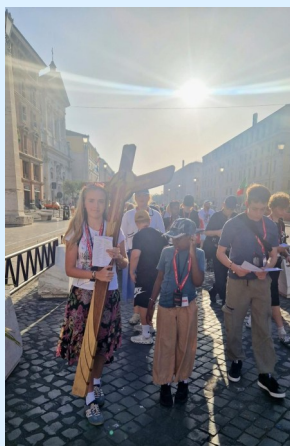
On 7th September, a beautiful and sunny day, we joined the Canonisation Mass together with 36 cardinals, 270 bishops, hundreds of priests, and an estimated 80,000 faithful from around the world. It was a powerful moment of prayer and joy for all of us.

We concluded our pilgrimage with visits to the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Mary Major, where we had the privilege of walking through the Holy Doors at both basilicas and praying for our beloved late Pope Francis. These moments were deeply moving, symbolising grace, renewal, and the universal call to faith.

This was truly a fruitful and inspiring journey, especially for our young pilgrims who returned home filled with excitement and renewed faith.

A special thanks to Giorgia for keeping everyone connected and sharing updates on social media throughout the trip — it helped bring the pilgrimage experience to our wider parish family. If you would like to join the Social Media Team and help share future parish events and pilgrimages online, don't wait — contact Ceci Li for more details!

Thank you once again for your generosity and support in making this pilgrimage possible.



We are currently preparing a Reflection Booklet, which will be available at the back of the church and on the parish website once it is ready. Here is one of the reflections from Tinashe, an Altar Server at Holy Spirit — and more reflections will be added to the Pilgrimage Journey booklet, so stay tuned!

“I had the privilege of joining the pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in September 2025 for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Our journey began in Nottingham, travelling to Stansted and then on to Italy. We first visited Assisi, where we attended Mass, bought souvenirs, and prayed at the resting place of Blessed Carlo. From there, we made our way to Rome.

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The highlight of the pilgrimage was the grand Canonisation Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Standing among tens of thousands of faithful, I felt part of a truly historic moment — one I will never forget.

During our time in Rome, we also visited many beautiful churches, enjoyed sightseeing, and of course, tasted plenty of delicious Italian food!

I am deeply grateful to God, our benefactors, priests, and all the supporters who made this pilgrimage possible. St. Carlo's example of faith and service continues to inspire me — and I hope many other young people — to live selflessly and stay devoted to God. ~ Tinashe, Year 9 at the Becket"

Annunciation Friendship Group Wednesday 1st October from 2pm to 4pm at St Anne's Radcliffe-on-Trent. Speaker Roger Neuberg who will give an informative talk about the charitable work done through Mary's Meals. Many Thanks.



Holy Spirit Rosary for Vocations, will be prayed in church every Thursday at 7pm starting in September and will be during term-time only. **Baby & Toddler Group is Back!** Our Baby and Toddler Group has now resumed and meets every Thursday at 10.00am (term time only) in the Holy Spirit Social Centre. All parents, carers, and young children are warmly welcome — come along for play, friendship, and a cuppa!

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) We are excited to announce that our Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme, known as the Faith Journey Group, will start on Tuesday 30th September, meeting in the Holy Spirit social centre hall at 7pm. If you know anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, please invite them to join us, contact Ceci Li (ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more details. The RCIA is open to any adults who wish to:

- ◆ Learn about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Prepare for baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist
- ◆ Be received into the Catholic Church.

If you are Catholic and willing to support others on their faith journey, you are warmly welcome to come along as well!

SECOND COLLECTION – 20th / 21st September This weekend's second collection is for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. This day celebrates the Church's mission to share the joy of the Gospel with the world. For more details, please visit: cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

November Prayer Cards & Blessed Candles (Heads-up)

During the month of November, we lovingly remember and pray for those who have died. To help you in this special time of prayer, we have prepared a November Prayer Card, which includes a prayer that can be said at a graveside, in your garden, or simply at home — a beautiful way to remember family and friends who have passed away.

Prayer cards, together with a candle, will be available from the end of October. More details will be shared in the parish newsletter, on our website, and on the church notice board.



Requiem Mass of Remembrance

Saturday 15th November, 11am at Holy Spirit followed by light refreshments

A Requiem Mass of Remembrance will be held to honour the memory of your loved ones, who passed away during the past year. If you would like to join Fr John and Fr Evarist to commemorate their lives and share in this meaningful gathering and celebration to Almighty God for their wonderful life, please complete and return the form in the collection box at the church, or send to the Parish Office.

In honour of the canonisation of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, the **Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS)** is launching the **Carlo Acutis Internship Program** and seeking a creative **Volunteer Marketing Intern**. Read the job description and apply at marketing@saintsmeadow.com.

Are you involved in youth ministry in your parish – through altar serving, children's liturgy, or as a catechist – or keen to start something new? Are you a teacher, chaplain, school governor, parent, or carer wanting to know more about opportunities for young people? Join the **Youth Ministry Online Information Evening** on **Tuesday, 23rd September, 7–8 pm** to discover what's available, meet others, and share ideas.

Register at ndcys.com/youth-ministry-networking.

Holy Masses and Services for 20th - 28th September 2025

Saturday 20th September Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, martyrs (memorial)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS;	Pedro and Christine Marquina Dave Muldoon RIP
Sunday 21st September Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 1pm Pilgrim Walk; HS	The People of the Parish Mary Campbell RIP In loving memory of Alf & Co Scollin Keith Lindsell RIP
Monday 22nd September Feria	9.30am Service ; SA 11.30am Requiem ; HS	David Patrick Muldoon RIP
Tuesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest (memorial)	9.30am Mass; SMC	Martin McQuaid Thanksgiving
Wednesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham (Feast)	9.30am Mass; HS	Dave Muldoon RIP
Thursday 25th September Feria	No Mass	
Friday 26th September Feria	12pm Mass; SA 2.30pm Requiem ; HS	Holy Souls Barbara Winskill RIP
Saturday 27th September St Vincent de Paul, priest (memorial)	11am Baptism ; HS 12pm Wedding ; SMC 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Lysandra Perera Sara and Alexander Mr P. D. Joseph RIP (17th Anniversary) Dave Muldoon RIP
Sunday 28th September Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Nicholas Ratnasingham RIP William Cowling RIP Brendan O'Boyle RIP The People of The Parish

Rosary Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9am SMC; Friday 10am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 6pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

After Mass Refreshment Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Friday After Mass/Service; SA.

Calling All Altar Servers You are invited to the **Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers**, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on **Saturday 27th September**. Bring your alb/cassock and cotta, and arrive from 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners **Barbara Winskill, David Muldoon, Eileen Ross and Una (Margaret) Karai**.

- David's Funeral Mass is on Monday 22nd September 11.30am at Holy Spirit.
- Barbara's Funeral Mass is on Friday 26th September 2.30pm at Holy Spirit.
- Eileen's Funeral Mass is on Monday 29th September 12.15pm at Holy Spirit; the reception of her body into Holy Spirit Church is on Sunday 28th September 6.30pm.
- Una's (Margaret) Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 7th October 1.15pm at St Margaret Clitherow.

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



Jubilee of the Diocese of Nottingham The Jubilee of the Diocese of Nottingham is celebrated on Monday **29th September** with Bishop Patrick presiding at a concelebrated Mass at 12.00 noon in our Cathedral, to which all clergy and parishioners are warmly invited and at which our clergy jubilarians will be celebrated.

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Hospitals If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from the chaplain, please call:

QMC: 0115 9249924 (ext. 83799) **City:** 0115 9691169 (ext.837) or email: contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation Programme and Faith Journey Group (RCIA), please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Marriage: six months' notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound: Please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals: organised with local funeral directors, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Priest.

Confessions: Every first and third Saturday at Holy Spirit and St Anne before Mass or by request.

Newsletter inserts please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator. Please send your insert by Wednesday noon.

DONATIONS

We appreciate any donation you wish to give by cash, cheque or via online banking.

♦ **Set up a regular donation via your online banking**

Parish bank details: **Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP** **Account Number: 44603560** **Sort code: 30-96-18**

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♦ **Donation Envelopes Available** They are now available at the back of the church. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please fill in the required information on the envelope to ensure your donation can go further.

♦ The new digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.

Scan the QR code or visit this website
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make your contributions online.

