



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Each and everyone of us has received an incredible gift - a gift without measure. What exactly is that gift? It's an invitation to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Let us reflect on that gift for a moment. The God who made all that can be seen and all that is unseen created us in love. The God who created the beauty of the stars and galaxies knows our name. The God who brought into being the wonder of the mountains and seas knows our strengths and the God who made the complexities of life knows our weaknesses. But the most important thing for Him is for us to be with Him forever in paradise.

Today's Gospel reminds us, however, that that gift is not for us to hide away and keep all to ourselves. Instead, Jesus reminds us that we are called to share that gift with others by living a life that allows the light of Christ to shine through us!

oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was born on the 3rd of May 1991 in London.

From an early age, he had a love of all things technology related and is best known for documenting Eucharistic Miracles and approved Marian apparitions on a website he created. He constantly updated this website until his death from leukemia.

Throughout his short life, Blessed Carl was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, and deep love of Jesus in the Eucharist. He is also known for his deep desire to lead others to know the love and mercy of God.

He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10th October 2020 and is currently on track to be the first canonised millennial in the Catholic Church!

Blessed Carlo Acutis - pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Wednesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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PARISH FEAST DAY CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the Radio One Big Weekend that is taking place from Friday 24th May - Sunday 26th May at Stockwood Park and the resulting closing of roads and areas, the Parish Feast Day celebrations will be postponed.

They will now take place on Friday 6th September at 7 pm.

Bishop David will be offering a Votive Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians and the event will still celebrate the 140th anniversary of the establishment of the Parish.

The postponement will allow us even more time to prepare for this great milestone!

VINNY'S PANTRY

Vinny's Pantry will be open on Tuesdays between 6 pm - 8 pm.

The Pantry is open to anyone and everyone who may be in need of essential items as well as a place to have a cup of tea or coffee and speak with one of our incredible SVP Members.

The Pantry is currently in great need of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, cereal, coffee, soaps, and cleaning products.

If you are able to provide any of these items, please leave them in the sacristy before or after Mass.

EMMAUS COURSE

Mission Northampton are running a course that helps open up the Scriptures. For more details please check out the website:

www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/a-weekend-journey-to-emmaus-july-2024-luton/

THURSDAY MASS

Please note that there will now be public Mass at 12.45 pm on Thursdays. This Mass will be offered by Fr Eustace in his role as Chaplain to the University of Bedfordshire.

LEGION OF MARY

Next Sunday, there will be a presentation on the Legion of Mary and an appeal for members to join a new group here at Our Lady's.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

To mark the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, there will be Mass on Thursday 9th of May at 12.45 pm.

The Ascension is one of the Holy Days of Obligation when all Catholics are encouraged to participate in Mass.

OFFERTORY GIVING ENVELOPES

New Offertory Giving Envelopes have now been delivered to most of those in the programme. A small number still remain undelivered and can be collected from the Parish Office. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact the Parish Office.

FRIDAY VISITS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The monthly Friday visits will take place **THIS FRIDAY 10th May** between 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

If you would like to receive Holy Communion or know of a parishioner who is housebound, please let the Parish Office know by Wednesday 8th May using the parish email address:

parish.ourladyhelpofchristiansluton@northamptondiocese.org

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>)

FRASSATI GROUP

Beginning in a few weeks, there will be a monthly gathering for young adults aged between 18 - 30 to learn more about the faith and engage with other young Catholics.

LIFE TEEN

Beginning later this month we will be launching a Life Teen Youth Group for young people aged between 11 - 16. Keep an eye out for more details in the next few weeks!

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm every Sunday. All are welcome to join!

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

There will be an opportunity every Sunday to pray the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and receive benediction from the Blessed Sacrament at 4.30 pm.

The liturgy is short but, a beautiful way to make Sunday a day even dedicated to the Lord.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

To celebrate the vocation of Marriage, there will be a Mass on Saturday 1st June at 12 pm. There will be an opportunity to renew wedding vows and receive a special blessing asking the Lord to continue to bless the Marriage.

There will be a reception afterwards in the Parish Centre.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

The self defence classes continue **THIS WEDNESDAY** at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

This is a fantastic opportunity to keep fit, meet new friends, and learn some valuable skills.

All are welcome, regardless of ability!

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This year's Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14th September.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Fr Liam Castle on 01582 663706

CONFIRMATION MASS

Please pray for our young people as they prepare to receive the gift of Confirmation on Friday through the laying on of hands by Bishop David.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The newspaper is priced at £3.50 and contains information and news from across the Catholic World.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Seamus Wilhare, Sally Rhodes, Tommy Hannigan, Connor McFadden, Margaret Malone, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnilszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Maureen Friels, Jim Seery, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara and all our loved ones who have died.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There is an escorted pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo on the 26th May 2024.

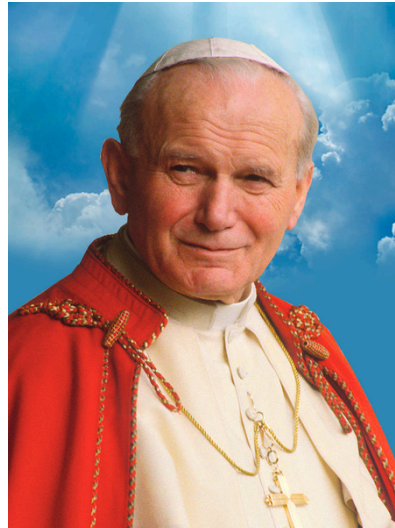
The cost of the pilgrimage is £899.00 pps. and includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A letter requesting a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been submitted to the postulator in Assisi. It is hoped that we will receive this incredible gift in the next few months.

When we have a date for the arrival of the relic, we will organise a number of events and information evenings.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“When freedom does not have a purpose, when it does not wish to know anything about the rule of law engraved in the hearts of men and women, when it does not listen to the voice of conscience, it turns against humanity and society!”

-St John Paul II

ROTAS FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The new rotas for Lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are now available for collection from the sacristy on Sundays.

If you are unable to collect them on Sundays, please collect them from the Parish Office during opening hours.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Canon Tony Brennan, our Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, invites anyone interested in finding out more about serving as a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese and the discernment involved to come along to St Mary's Catholic Church in Dunstable on **Saturday 8th June** from **10am-12noon**.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

£2023.91

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 5th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4.30 pm Vespers and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Kathleen Healy Int., Dpreen Frances Int., William Brooks RIP, Gwen& Geoff Webb RIP, Ron Simmons RIP, John Cronin RIP.</p> <p>Mrs David Family Int., Nevin Family Remembrance, Helen Nevin RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 6th May</p>	<p>10 am MASS</p>	<p>Arron Ghatt & Emma Smith Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 7th May</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 8th May</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Deceased Members of the Canon Law Society.</p> <p>Danny & Anne Harding Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 9th May Ascension of the Lord</p>	<p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>University of Bedfordshire</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 10th May</p>	<p>7 pm MASS with the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation</p>	<p>Confirmation Candidates Int., William & Betty O'Donnell RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 11th May</p>	<p>9am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11 am - 12.30 pm FHC</p> <p>1 pm Mass in Shona</p>	<p>Ellen Fitzgerald RIP, Margaret O'Donoghue RIP, Mary Gallagher RIP.</p> <p>Zimbabwean Community</p>