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TWO NEW SAINTS

Two young people will be canonised by Pope Leo XIV on 7th September. They are Carlo Acutis, who lived only 15 years (1991-2006), and Pier Giorgio Frassati who lived to be 24 (1901-1925). Their lack of years proved to be no obstacle to their achieving sainthood. They have much in common. They were both very ordinary active guys who enjoyed life. Carlo liked playing football and computer games. Pier Giorgio liked mountain climbing and pranking his friends. They were both independently minded and developed a great devotion to the Eucharist despite receiving little or no encouragement from their parents to do so. Unlike many perhaps, they were both very open about their close relationship with God and spoke to their friends about it just as easily as they would discuss a football match. They invited friends to attend Mass with them. Carlo Acutis, as we mentioned in the September 2024 Newsletter, became known as God's Influencer because of his work online to promote devotion to God's Real Presence in the Eucharist. He created an online catalogue of Eucharist miracles, presenting scientific evidence to help people to realise that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass. Because of the example of his short life, many people returned to the faith, including his parents, while others were converted. You can find out more at:

As a child, **Pier Georgio** once answered the door to a begging mother and her shoeless son. He immediately handed the boy his own shoes. Later, he frequently gave his bus fare to those in need and walked home instead. At seventeen, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and later, the Third Order of St. Dominic. He was politically active in line with the principles of Rerum Novarum (Pope Leo XIII) and opposed fascism. "No human being should be abandoned, what-

ever his race or religion: charity should overcome all barriers" But most of what he did for the poor was unknown to his family and friends until after his death. He befriended them, keeping track of their needs in notebooks and used money received from his parents and uncle to assist them. His charitable activity was so widespread and performed so quietly that his family were astonished when thousands of Turin's poor showed up at his funeral in gratitude for the help he had given them. Among other things, he is regarded as a patron of students, mainly because he was not good at school and, despite being intelligent, failed exams! You can find out more at: www.piergiorgiofrassati.org

Both Carlo and Pier Georgio have become popular figures among young Catholics for their

Mass Times

Monday — Friday 10am Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday- 11:30am Holy Days –Mass at 10am

Vigil Mass 7pm previous evening.

Confessions before weekend masses or on request.

 $\textbf{Adoration} \ \text{takes place every Thursday morning after 10am}$

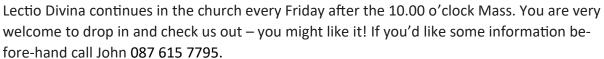
Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

Rosary We say the rosary every morning from 9.35am until Mass at 10am. You are all welcome to come and join in.

In Memory

We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently especially, Dywane
Timmons, Anne O'Reilly, Enda Kenny, Mark Francis Ahearne late of Thomas Moore Rd, Lily Roche,
Frank Nutley, Eithne and Elizabeth (Lilly) Rafferty
We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.

Sunday Gospel Reflection





Baptisms are the **3rd** Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the **Parish Office: 01-4502649**. **Mon - Fri** 9.30am 12.30am. Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. **Parish website; www_walkinstownparish.ie Email; walkinstownchurch@gmail.com Parish Priest.** Fr. Paul Glennon. **089 2389681 Parish Secretary.** Ann Conway **01-4502649**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

On the 15th of August we had the opportunity to honour our Patroness with a vigil mass with Holy Hour the evening before and all day adoration finishing with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament on the feast day. We give praise and thanks to God for our heavenly mother who has looked after us here in Walkinstown over the years. We pray for Her continued help and guidance in our family lives and parish. Our Lady of the Assumption, intercede for us before the Lord.

God bless, Fr Paul Glennon

Jubilee for the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Dublin & Rome)

Dublin: Dear parishioners, at the start of the summer a group of parishioners did the diocesan Jubilee of Hope pilgrim walk of the four churches in the city centre. *

A Plenary Indulgence may be obtained for oneself or for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

I have received many graces through praying for the Holy Souls who can't do any-



thing for themselves but can do much for us in return for our prayers and sacrifices. If we are able to obtain a plenary indulgence for a soul, it's like winning the lottery for them. Well, much more valuable, eternally priceless! But it's not easy to obtain. It takes the commitment of time and the physical effort to do the pilgrimage/walk, then one must receive Holy Communion worthily, make a sacramental confession, offer prayers for the Pope and finally, arguably the most difficult one, to be free of attachment to sin. See www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.

Rome: As part of my holidays I went to Rome to go through the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica. I brought all of you with me. I was with a group from Merrion Rd parish and two priests of Opus Dei, Fr James and Fr Philip. It would be great to run our own parish pilgrimage to some holy site next year. We will discuss it at the parish council. May the Lord continue to bless us in this Jubilee of Hope. God bless, Fr Paul.

(Please see the green leaflets at church doors for route details.)