



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C
14 SEPTEMBER 2025**



TODAY'S READINGS Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 77; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

NEXT WEEK (25th Sunday of Year C) Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AND INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION

Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition 20-24 September: An exhibition including a relic of Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) **will be opened in the Hanly Hall at the parish centre (opposite the church)** running from **20-24 September**,



open from morning to afternoon. All welcome to stroll around the exhibition

and meditate on this remarkable young saint. Fr Nicolas Maurice will give a presentation on Saint Carlo and the Eucharist at the exhibition on 20 Sep at 9.45am and 21 Sep at 10am. Bring a friend. This will be the first time the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition and relic have made their way to Tweed Heads.



YOUTH GROUP

TOP END YOUTH

Top End Youth is an initiative to combine the three parishes of Kingscliff, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads.

It is a bold and inspiring Catholic Youth Ministry initiative designed to unite, uplift and ignite faith in the young people of our parishes.

At a time when many young people are searching for meaning, connection and belonging **Top End Youth** seeks to offer a space where they can encounter Christ, build authentic friendships and grow as confident missionary disciples with the life of the Church.

WHEN: 19 September 5pm

WHERE: 16 Pearl Street, Kingscliff

St Anthony's Parish

topendyouth@outlook.com



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006, was canonized on September 7th. Acutis, a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist, has been the subject of interest around the world. Pope Francis referred to Carlo as a model of holiness in a digital age. Carlo's life should teach today's young people how to properly use and enjoy technology, including the internet and social media.

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan"

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London though his family moved to Milan shortly after. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. His mom said she had been to Mass only for her First Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding but young Carlo's unique and unexplained devotion led to her deep conversion. The priest promoting his cause for sainthood noted that Carlo "managed to drag his relatives, 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 model faith witness to a family!

He had a gift for empathy and was known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. Carlo loved soccer and video games. He had a great devotion to Mary, loved to pray the rosary. He went to Mass and confession as often as he could.

He loved the Eucharist and was fascinated by Eucharistic miracles. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. Using his research, he began creating what would eventually become a website to catalogue and share the information with others. Carlo was concerned by people growing distant to 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."

At age 15, Carlo was diagnosed with an untreatable leukemia. He offered up his suffering for others coping with illness and said, "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." Carlo died from his illness on Oct. 12, 2006. 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 designated "Venerable" in 2018. A healing miracle has been attributed to his intercession and he will be designated "Blessed" October 10.

His tomb has been opened and his intact body lies in repose in a glass tomb where he can be venerated by pilgrims until Oct. 17. He is displayed in jeans and a pair of Nikes, the casual clothes he preferred in life.

PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER The Sundays of ordinary time are interrupted today by the feast marking the Triumph of the Cross. The Cross is more than a well-known symbol, it is a reminder of Jesus' victory over sin and death. The cross reminds us that Jesus died and rose to save us.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross invites the faithful to look upon the One who was lifted up, drawing all people to himself. This liturgical celebration calls for the faithful to gaze upon the Cross and see there the revelation of divine love that embraces all humanity.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH LADIES GROUP

Our next outing is to Alstonville and Lismore on Tuesday 16 September.

Banora Point Departure is 8.15am

Bay Street, Departure is 8.25am.

The trip is full booked. For any information regarding the ladies group activities, please contact Jan 0405448719 or Jenice 0413060290

LEGION OF MARY Senatus Monthly Newsletter is available from the back table.

LEGION of MARY RETREAT



"To Jesus Through Mary"

**The Annual Retreat is on 27 September
at Legion House, 377 St Paul Tce,
Fortitude Valley in Brisbane**

Facilitated by Fr Pius Jones SM, the retreat will be a time of prayer, reflection, meditation, learning and fellowship. It runs from registration at 8.30 until Benediction and Mass scheduled to be finished at 3.30. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

Transport by car to Varsity Lakes then the 50c train to the heart of Brisbane (There's some car pooling available) The venue is 100m from the station. No parking available at the venue.

Contact Lesley Dowling 0419143117 or Philomena Zambelli 0414201940 for more information.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The recently deceased: John Ruddy, Bernard Neal. Norman O'Keefe, Matthew Wilson, Fay Savins, Russell Burns, Cyril Williams, Giovanna Kastelein, Raymond Hummerson, Maureen Williams,

Anniversaries: Alice & William Ingram, Jovito & Maria Legaspi, Pablo & Cielito Santiago, Alfredo & Esther Abeja, Arnel Abeja, Ariel Abeja, Diogenes Legaspi, Roger Legaspi, Daniel Huebner, Raul Villa-Ignacio, Benito Suy, Teresita Legaspi, Ryan Santiago, Aracelio Sarmiento, and for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested.

AND For those who are sick: Leon Darmody, Pat Strotton, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, Donna Anderson, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer, Rae Bliss

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

@6.00 pm

SUNDAY

@7AM @9AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday

9.10AM

Saturday 9AM

ROSARY

Before Mass Monday to Friday

Commencing at 8.40am

Saturday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.00 - 5.30PM

and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office
with any Baptism enquiries.

SACRAMENTS AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Please contact the parish office

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive the
weekly news or any upcoming
events and information via email
please contact the parish office
on 0755367522

Or email
tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ROSTERS 20/21 SEPTEMBER 2025 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YRC

6PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Karen Watson

Adult Servers: Karen Watson

Liturgy Coordinator: Jenny Williams

Commentator: Patricia Cummins

Readers: Jeannette Leach & Mary Lynch

Communion: Carmel Mavor & Norm Mavor

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Vern Burton

Adult Servers: Sally Engle

Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Laarhoven

Commentator: Tina Lewis

Readers: Patricia Bolster & Paul Bolster

Communion: Margaret Harvey & Iris Nathan

9AM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Denise Dunn

Adult Server: Kathy Twohill

Liturgy Coordinators: Pam & Jim Sullivan

Commentator: Pat Twohill

Readers: Helen Gullison & Mary Mason

Communion: Kurian Vaghese & Pat Twohill



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embedding the;**

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Child Safe Standards



Office of the
Children's Guardian

& the

National Catholic Safeguarding
Standards

