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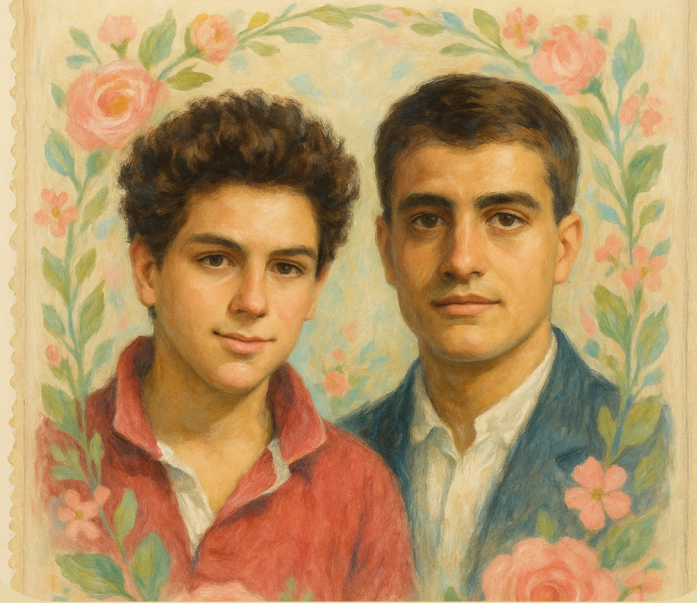
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CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati stand before us today as newly canonised saints—the Church's response to a world hungry for true inspiration. Both young, both millennial in spirit, they challenge an age that chases trends but longs for meaning. For the young people of London, their lives are an invitation not just to admire, but to imitate authenticity and faithfulness in the heart of city life.

Carlo Acutis: London's Own Millennial Saint

Few know that Carlo Acutis was born right here in London in 1991 and was baptised at Our Lady of Dolours, Fulham Road. Though he later lived in Italy, his roots are in our capital—a reminder that holiness can flourish wherever daily life unfolds. Carlo loved coding and gaming, harnessing digital skills to build a website on Eucharistic miracles—using technology not just to distract but to draw others closer to Jesus. His motto, “to always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan,” sounds radical amid a culture of distraction, but it speaks powerfully to anyone navigating the noise of digital London today.

Pier Giorgio Frassati: A Saint in Ordinary Life

Pier Giorgio Frassati's story—unfolding a century before Carlo's—reminds us that joy and service aren't relics of the past. As a university student, mountain climber, and generous friend to the poor, Frassati lived his faith in laughter, justice, and courage. His life insists that sainthood is possible in a life fully lived, deeply rooted in the Beatitudes and tangible community.

A Radical Call for London's Youth

For millennials and Gen Z in London, these saints show that following Christ does not mean withdrawing but engaging with creativity and compassion. Their canonisation is not only recognition—it is a challenge. What if the path to greatness is found in friendship, fidelity, and daring to live one's faith online and off? London's streets could be home to the next generation of saints.

Altar Server Lunch



Dear Parents and Children,

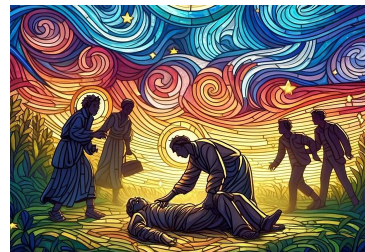
We warmly invite you to consider a wonderful opportunity to take part in our parish life by becoming an Acolyte at St. Joseph's Church. Serving at the altar is a beautiful way to grow in faith, support our priests, and take an active role in our worship. No prior experience is needed—we will provide training and guidance for all.

We are delighted to welcome Valentina Devis, our new Altar Servers' Coordinator, who will help guide and strengthen this special ministry.

In addition, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all Parents, Altar Servers, and their families to join us for a joyful Day of Celebration of our beloved Altar Servers on Sunday, 12th October after the 10am Mass in the Red Room. Come together for fellowship, gratitude, and a chance to celebrate the important contribution of our young servers. Children and families are warmly welcome!

Wine of Hope

Monday 8th December 2025 at 5PM



We warmly invite you to our annual "Wine of Hope" gathering, a cherished event dedicated to celebrating the Christian ministry of healing. This tradition, which began during

the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception amidst the pandemic, finds inspiration in the compassionate narrative of the Good Samaritan. Drawing on St. Augustine's profound insight into the "wine of hope," we are reminded of the transformative power of offering hope and healing to those in need.

In these times, our mission is more important than ever: to instil hope and compassion, especially for those suffering in mind and body. We will have Mass at 5 p.m., followed by a heartwarming gathering with refreshments in the Red Room. Whether you serve in the healthcare profession or care for loved ones at home, your presence is a gift to our community.

Come, be part of this sacred moment of prayer and reflection. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms and hearts.



CHURCH CLEANERS

We wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who generously give their time every Friday to clean our church. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for all that you do to keep our sacred space clean and welcoming.

We also wanted to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining this wonderful ministry. Your help would be greatly appreciated as we strive to ensure that our church is a beautiful and clean place for all who enter. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the parish office.

Thank you again to all of our current volunteers for your continued service to our parish. Your commitment is truly inspiring.

Celebrate Life's Special Moments at St. Joseph's Parish Centre

From christenings to weddings, birthdays to anniversaries, our parish centre offers the perfect space for your most cherished celebrations. Surrounded by faith, love, and community, let us be part of your joyful memories.

Book your special event with us today — your parish family is here to welcome you.

100 Club Results

The draw for August was held at the Monastery on 4th September. The number of entries was 96 and the winners were: **£400 Elizabeth Eidinow (35), £100 George Farrelly (145), £50 Dominic Juckes (102)**. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1524. Your kindness

and support empower us to serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together, we make a significant impact on our community and beyond. May God's blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you sincerely for your support.

Save the Date - **Lectio Divina**
Tue. 7pm-8pm at Red Room
Wed. 10:30am-12 at Bupa

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025

Save the Date: Saturday, 15th November 2025, from 12pm to 4pm

Join us as we unwrap the magic of the season at the St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar! With hearts brimming with joy and gratitude, we extend a warm invitation to everyone for a day teeming with festive cheer and community spirit.

Celebrate the Season with Us!

Our beloved Bazaar, brought to life by the inspiring dedication of Abuk, Cheryl, Diana, Roni, Bernard, Fessehayee, and Gerald, promises an enchanting experience for all. Your participation and support will help us craft beautiful holiday memories together.

How You Can Help:

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Friday, 14th November: Lend a hand as we set up stalls and prepare the venue for a magical day.
- Saturday, 15th November: Dive into the festivities by volunteering at various stalls and activities.



Donations Needed:

Your generous contributions are the heart of our event:

- Delicious cakes and mince pies (to be delivered on the day)



- Hampers and quality toys
- Bottles for our Tombola
- Bric-a-brac, jewellery, and accessories
- Plants and kitchenware
- Crafts and raffle items from local businesses.

Please drop off

all donations in the sacristy. Your contributions are vital for our event's success!



Exciting Raffle!

Get your raffle tickets from the month of September—just £1 each or £10 for a book of ten. Don't miss the grand draw at the Bazaar featuring fantastic prizes like gift vouchers and luxurious hampers! Your unwavering support and kindness make all the difference. Together, let's make this year's Christmas Bazaar a memorable celebration. All proceeds will lovingly support our cherished church needs.

For more details or to sign up as a volunteer, please connect with our priests or the Bazaar team after every Mass. Mark your calendars and join this joyful occasion! We can't wait to celebrate with you!



St. Joseph's Parish Hall
— Let the Spirit of Christmas Shine Bright!

Mass intentions from 6th September 2025

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 6 Sep 2025	07.00 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sun, 7 Sep 2025	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Elena (Sick), Bridie O'Donoghue	Anniversary
	12 noon	Adeo Cuong, Anna La, Maria Ngan, Maria Tong, Theresa Thuy	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Thomas Devitt, Gerry Devitt-Family (celeb.) James Feely	Lately Dead
Mon, 8 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Eileen & Patrick Connole (Anni.), Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Tues, 9 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 10 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Piero Quaradeghini	Anniversary
Thur, 11 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Jefin and Arya(celebration)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 12 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Sat, 13 Sep 2025	09.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead.
If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 9: 13-18b/ Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14: 25-33, 2025 Sep 8 **Mon: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary F**, Mi 5: 1-4a or Rom 8: 28-30/ Ps 13: 6ab, 6c/ Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23, 2025 Sep 9 **Tue: Peter Claver, p, r, ms M**, Col 2: 6-15/ Ps 145: 1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/ Lk 6: 12-19, 2025 Sep 10 **Wed: Ordinary Weekday**, Col 3: 1-11/ Ps 145: 2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/ Lk 6: 20-26, 2025 Sep 11 **Thu: Ordinary Weekday**, Col 3: 12-17/ Ps 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 6: 27-38, 2025 Sep 12 **Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Holy Name of Mary**, 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14/ Ps 16: 1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/ Lk 6: 39-42, 2025 Sep 13 **Sat: John Chrysostom, bp, dr M**, 1 Tm 1: 15-17/ Ps 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/ Lk 6: 43-49, 2025 Sep 14 **SUN: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS F** Nm 21: 4b-9/ Ps 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Jn 3: 13-17

Welcome to St. Joseph

God loves everyone. No exceptions.

St. Joseph's Welcomes You. We are here for you! We Invite you to join us on the spiritual journey as we learn and grow together, and as we seek to help and serve others.

MASS TIMES - Weekdays: 9:30am, 6:30pm, Saturdays: 9:30am followed by adoration until 11am, 7pm Vigil Mass. Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 10am to 10:30am and from 6:30pm to 6:45pm. Weekdays on request