



# 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st September 2024



*Please pray The Rosary for a revival of faith in our parish and return to mass.*

**Today is Patron Offering Day**

## Mass Times & Intentions:

Mass – Monday to Friday Clonmellon 10am

**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am

**CLONMELLON** Sun 11.30am: M.M. Michael Hetherton, Ann. Maureen Hetherton & Fr Seamus Hetherton, , Ann. Pat & Elizabeth Shaw & dfm Ann. James & Annie Fitzsimons & dfm

**Thur** – St Teresa of Calcutta    **Fri** – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday –Masses for List of the Dead    Mass in Killallon 7.30pm

**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am & **CLONMELLON** Sun 11.30am

**Communion Calls:** Tues –Archerstown, Rathbrack, Herbertstown & Wed – Delvin Rd, Cloran, Killua



Carlo Acutis was born in London on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1991 to Italian parents. However shortly after they moved back to Milan & from very young age Carlo had an extraordinary belief in God. This was evident to his parent's even though neither practised their faith regularly. It was unexpected that Carlo would develop such a deep Catholic Faith from a non-practising home. However Gods plans were different.

His Polish nanny Beata had a special devotion to St John Paul & she deeply inspired Carlo and set him on a path towards heaven. It was in this way Carlo received the faith and in some way passes it on to others. He developed a strong spiritual life and a deep love and understanding of the Mass and the Eucharist, urging his parents to take him to mass. His Mother says they resisted at first but the conviction of their little son was so convincing they

could not deny his request and agreed. With equal passion he begged his parents to allow him to receive his First Holy Communion and on that very happy day in his life he wrote "To always be united with Jesus this is my programme of life "

Another aspect of Carlos spirituality was his deep love for the Blessed Virgin Mary from a very young age. At the age of 5, he consecrated himself to Mary and later developed a profound devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and Lourdes, shrines he visited with his parents. He was passionate about the 3 little shepherds of Fatima & Saint Bernadette Soubirous. He never missed the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary. He told his parents with a smile on his face "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life". His devout practice of the faith was not an obstacle to him living an ordinary life among his young friends. On the contrary as his mother said "he was an ordinary boy with an extraordinary life" because from a very young age he placed God at the centre of his life. He engaged in sports & took part in school plays with his classmates.

Carlo is fondly remembered by his teachers & classmates as a very cheerful boy with a great sense of humour. He was also noted for his sensitivity to those who were weaker, bullied or disabled. His charisma was such that he not only convinced his parents to return to the faith but did the same with everyone he met. His friends recall how Carlo spoke to them about the importance of the sacraments and how to please God. In Milan where he lived it was common to see homeless people His mother spoke of his love for the poor and how he would feed the homeless.

Carlo was a computer prodigy. At 11years he developed coding skills. He was convinced that scientific evidence from the Eucharistic miracles could help people understand the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. His legacy is a website showcasing and promoting all the Eucharistic miracles & has been approved by the church worldwide. He was diagnosed with leukaemia at the age of 15 and offered his sufferings for the pope and the Church. He died on October 12 2006. His final wish was to be buried in Assisi due to his deep devotion to Saint Francis.

It will be from Assisi that his **relics** will be brought to St Marys Church, Navan from **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16th Sept.** He will be canonised by Pope Francis in 2025 (Jubilee year)

## Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes:



In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.

They will be in Mullingar on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** October in the Cathedral of Christ the King.

Visit <https://stbernadette.ie/pilgrimage-details/> for more details on Relic Tour Schedule & Venues