

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8th September2024

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

Mass Times & Intentions: Mass - Monday to Friday Clonmellon 10am

KILLALLON: Sun 10am: CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am: 1st Ann. Fr. Sean Smith

Mon – St. Ciaran of Clonmacnoise Thurs - The Most Holy Name of Mary **Sat** - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

KILLALLON: Sun 10am: CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am: Ann. Michael & Elizabeth Tighe.

A Word of Thanks (from M.M.M. Drogheda with whom Eamonn & Moira Brehony are lay

missionaries): "Dear Fr. Garland, A very big thank you to you and your parishioners for your donation to our work in Arusha, Tanzania. The money will be used for education. As we all know, it is the key to alleviating poverty. Sincerely, Eamonn & Moira Brehony"

Carlo Acutis "Signs that I am with God" - By Mgr. Figueiredo:

Rosie O' Connor, 14yrs old, was in the Children's Unit of the Royal Victoria, Hospital, Belfast, receiving treatment for a serious condition. She was continually throwing up her food. It required a feeding tube in her nose, permanently. The medical team had tried everything & were considering a more permanent option of inserting a feeding peg into her stomach. She was very poorly. The family knew and was drawn to Blessed Carlo, because since 2020 a retired priest at their parish, Fr. Owens had been encouraging prayer for Carlo's canonisation. When I brought the Heart Relic, on my initial mission to Ireland in June 2023, to St. Paul's Church on the Falls Road, Belfast, Rosie was among the huge crowds that came on 13th & 14th June. She visited and prayed twice for Carlo's intersession. On both occasions I blessed Rosie with Carlo's Heart relic. After the blessings, Fr. Owens encouraged the family to pray the Novena to Blessed Carlo. The recovery began quickly. Within 2 days of those blessings & prayers, Rosie started to realise that food was staying down. The nasal feeding tube was removed. No feeding peg was needed in the stomach. She returned to school, just 3 months later, in Sept 2023. Since then, she has made a full recovery and can now take part in sport, leading a normal life once more.

Rosie's cure is similar to 2 miracles that have been officially recognised. The 1st concerns the miracle that lead to the beatification of Carlo in Assisi on 10th Oct. 2020. It regarded the healing of a gravely ill Brazilian boy on the verge of death. Matheus Vianna, barely 4yrs old, weighing just 20lbs, like Rosie, he could not keep food down. In the arms of his grandfather, Matheus touched the relic of Carlo as it was being venerated at the church in Brazil, 12th Oct 2013, the very day that Carlo died 7yrs earlier. Just like in Rosie's case, healing began immediately. On his way back from the mass, Matheus told is mother that he had been healed. Once home he asked his mother for french fries, rice, beans and steak. He ate everything without vomiting & has not vomited since. The 2nd officially recognised miracle which opens the way to canonisation came on 23rd May 2024, a young person Valeria Valverde, a 21yr old student from Costa Rica, studying in Florence, Italy, she fell from her bicycle in the city centre, rushed to hospital, the diagnosis was very serious. She had suffered severe head trauma that required immediate craniotomy surgery & the removal of the right occipital bone to reduce brain pressure. For the medical profession, there was a very low chance of survival and she could die at any moment. Valeria's mother, Liliana, began praying fervently to Blessed Carlo Acutis. She made a pilgrimage to his tomb in the city. There she prayed all day on her knees, before Carlo, leaving a letter with her plea for his intercession. That very evening, Liliana received a call from the hospital to tell her that Valeria had begun to breathe spontaneously on her own. The next day she recovered the use of her upper limbs, began to move & partially regained her speech. On July 18th a CAT scan proved that her haemorrhage had completely disappeared and on Aug 11th she was discharged from the intensive care unit and moved to rehab. She spent only 1 week there. She made remarkably quick progress and on Sept. 2nd with her mother, made another pilgrimage to Assisi, to thank Blessed Carlo for his intercession in her complete healing. From heaven, Carlo Acutis, "the kid in jeans & sneakers", soon to be proclaimed the first millennial saint, is continuing to send miraculous "Signs that I am with God"

"Mamma, I will give you signs that I am with God"

Carlos' *relics* will be brought from Assisi to St Marys Church, Navan from Sunday 15th 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. 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 21st & Tuesday 22nd October in the Cathedral of Christ the King.



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

Rest in Peace:

Delia Daly (nee Reilly) Trim Mary Richter (nee Browne) U.S.A.

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