

**Nine-Day Novena Prayers  
for Children and Young People  
in thanksgiving for  
the Canonisation of St. Carlo Acutis  
(Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Prayer on the medal:*

Dear Father, Carlo Acutis, made the Holy Eucharist the core of his life and the strength of his daily commitments, and is now counted among the Saints in Your Church. Give to [Insert Name/ Names] this same desire to always be close to Jesus and to make the Sacrifice of the Mass their highway to Heaven. I ask this of You in the power of the Holy Spirit and through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*On each of the three beads:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...(x3).

Finish with the Apostles' Creed on the crucifix.

**N.B.** the novena will be offered for the first time on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9:45am. Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to bring their child along to pray the novena with and for them.

*If you desire to take part in the Nine-Day Novena, then you can choose for whom you would like to dedicate this prayer:*

- The children and young people of the parishes of Our Lady of Walsingham and St. John Ogilvie...
- My child.../ Grandchild...
- My children.../ Grandchildren...
- A child known to me...



*“To always be close to Jesus,  
that is my life plan.”*

*“By standing before the Eucharistic Christ,  
we become holy.”*

*“I am happy to die because I have lived my  
life without wasting a minute on those things  
which do not please God.”*

*“The only thing we have to ask God for,  
in prayer, is the desire to be holy.”*

*“In eternal life,  
something extraordinary awaits us.”*

**During the Novena**

A portable (30cm x 20cm) image has been obtained. There is an opportunity for a different person each day to have the image for display in their home and passed on.



**Chaplet Beads**

These will be blessed at 10.00 Holy Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April and will be available to buy thereafter at a cost of £2.00.

Please see Janet Northing or email her on [jf.northing@gmail.com](mailto:jf.northing@gmail.com) if you would like to host the image during the Novena or to purchase a Chaplet.



**The Catholic Parishes of Corby:  
Our Lady of Walsingham  
& St John Ogilvie**

**The Canonisation of  
Blessed Carlo Acutis  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



*“Jesus is my great friend,  
and the Eucharist  
is my highway to heaven.”*

**Information & Novena Prayers**

### *Who Was Carlo Acutis?*

Carlo Acutis was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1991, in London, to Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano. From a young age, Carlo displayed a profound love for God and the Church that inspired his parents. “Before Carlo’s birth, I was really caught up in the culture of our time,” his mother says. “I was a prisoner of everything that is relative and limited.” But “Carlo showed me how to live in my



century while turning toward eternity.” His family later moved to Milan, Italy, where Carlo’s passion for computer programming blossomed alongside his deepening faith. Acutis is currently a blessed and on his way to canonization.

### *When Is the Canonisation for Carlo Acutis?*

Carlo Acutis will be canonized on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Acutis, known for his deep devotion to the Catholic faith and his adept use of technology to share religious content, is set to become the first millennial saint. Pope Francis has officially recognized a second miracle attributed to Acutis and approved his canonization. Acutis, who passed away in 2006 at the age of 15 due to leukaemia, has been admired for his work in creating a website documenting Eucharistic miracles worldwide. His beatification took place in October 2020, and the recent recognition of a second miracle—an essential step in the process—marks the final phase

towards sainthood. Acutis is celebrated not only for his piety but also for his ability to integrate his faith with modern technology, resonating deeply with young Catholics around the globe.

### *What Is Carlo Acutis Known For?*

Carlo’s life was characterized by a remarkable integration of faith and reason. Despite his young age, he exhibited an exceptional intellect and a keen interest in understanding the mysteries of technology and Catholicism. He spent many hours honing his skills as a computer programmer while remaining committed to prayer and devotion.

At the age of seven, Carlo began participating in daily Mass and developed a deep love for the Eucharist. “My secret is to contact Jesus every day,” he said. He also prayed the rosary often, demonstrating his profound devotion to Jesus’ Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary: “The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life.”

### *What Were Carlo Acutis’s Contributions to the Catholic Church?*

One of Carlo’s most significant contributions to the Church was the creation of both a portable exhibition and a related website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was able to catalogue 187 Eucharistic miracles during a period of two-and-a-half years. Through his expertise in computer programming, Carlo sought to share the profound reality of the Real Presence with others, inviting them to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. “The Eucharist is the highway to heaven,” Carlo often said. “When we face the sun we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints.”

Despite his untimely death at the age of fifteen from leukaemia in October 2006, Carlo’s legacy endures as a testament to the power of holiness in the digital age. His impact on the Church and the world continues to inspire countless indi-

viduals, particularly young people and computer programmers.

### *Legacy and Influence of Carlo Acutis*

In rejoicing at Carlo’s beatification in October 2020, Pope Francis affirmed his exemplary life of holiness and virtue. His beatification was a moment of great joy for the Church, recognizing the sanctity of a young man who embraced the challenges of his time with courage and faith.

### *How Did Carlo Acutis Inspire Others Through His Life and Actions?*

Today, Blessed Carlo Acutis serves as a model for young people seeking to navigate the complexities of the digital world while remaining faithful to the Gospel. His life reminds us that holiness is attainable for all who seek to follow Christ faithfully, regardless of age or vocation.

Carlo’s example challenges young Catholics to use their talents for the glory of God and the spread of the Gospel. His integration of faith and technology serves as a powerful reminder of the potential for technology to be a force for good in the world, particularly in spreading the message of Christ’s love and mercy.



*“All people are born originals, but many die as photocopies.”*