

## A Two-Week Mission

Cork and Ross young adults with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) staff and student missionaries are looking forward to growing in faith, building meaningful friendships, and sharing the joy of the Gospel with others as they visit Primary Schools and Parishes and animate different events during our two-week mission.

### Who is Saint Carlo?

Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 and grew up in Milan and Assisi, Italy. From a young age, he showed a deep faith and a special love for the Eucharist, attending Mass frequently and spending time in prayer.

Carlo was like any other teenager. He loved football, animals, playing the saxophone, and eating sweets. More importantly he had a deep friendship with Jesus.



Carlo died of leukaemia in 2006 at the age of 15. He offered his suffering for the Church and for the Pope. Known for his kindness, generosity, and concern for the poor, he has inspired many, especially young people, to live their faith in everyday life. He was canonised on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### What is a Relic?

A relic is a simple, physical reminder of a saint, helping to point us to God. The relic of Saint Carlo Acutis — part of his pericardium, the thin sac that surrounds and protects the heart — invites us to prayer and encourages us to follow his example of holiness.



Saint Carlo had a deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist, which he called his “highway to heaven” and his life reminds us that holiness begins in the heart, where we meet Jesus, receive his love and share it with others.

## Cork City Eucharistic Procession 1926-2026

The first Cork Eucharistic Procession took place in 1926, when the people of Cork asked Bishop Cohalan to organise it as a way of bringing healing and unity to communities still affected by the divisions of the War of Independence and Civil War.



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Since then, the procession has remained an important and enduring tradition in the life of the city and our Diocese.

## 100 Hours for 100 Years

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Eucharistic Procession you are invited to take part in 100 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration in Ss. Peter and Paul’s Church, Cork City, beginning at **1.30am on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** and concluding at **10am on June 7<sup>th</sup>**, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Come and spend an hour and be part of this special time of prayer of thanksgiving.



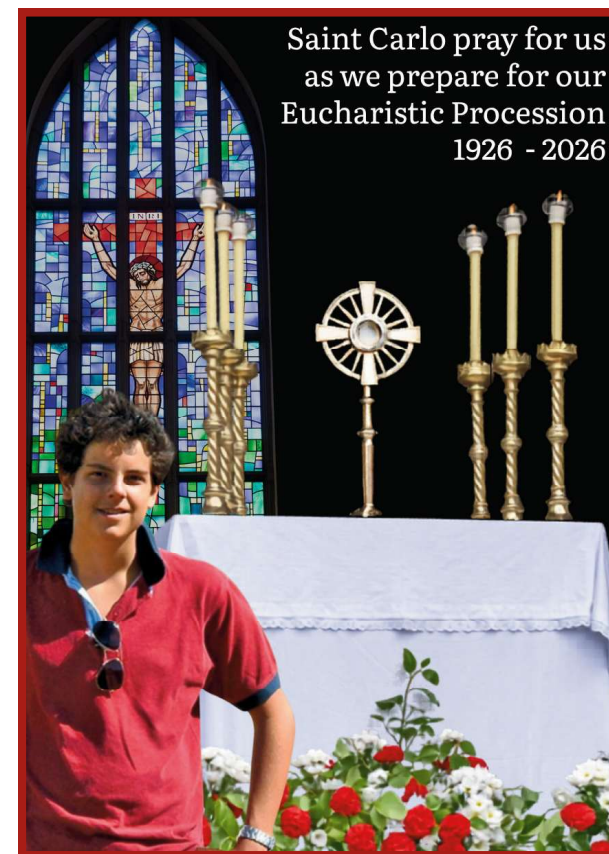
**For more information on events leading up and helping us to prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eucharistic Procession Scan the QR Code**



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Preparing together to celebrate the

# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cork City Eucharistic Procession



Diocese of Cork and Ross

# An Invitation from Bishop Fintan

Please join us as we prepare for a very special and historic celebration in our diocese and city, as we commemorate the centenary of the first Eucharistic Procession in Cork on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026.



In preparation for this milestone event, a two-week diocesan mission will take place. Young people from Cork and Ross will join with a mission team from Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) to form a joint Mission Team. Together, they will visit schools and parishes, speak at Masses, and animate “Light Fever” moments in the lead-up to the procession.

We will also be blessed with the visit of the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis, along with 100 hours of Eucharistic Adoration — marking a century of walking with Jesus in our city and renewing our faith for the future.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey in life, I warmly invite you to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime mission. It is an opportunity for all of us to deepen our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, and with one another as a community of faith.

## Programme

### Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2026

**9.00am - 3.30pm** Primary Schools Programme (not open to the public)

### Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen

**7.00pm** Welcome Mass  
**8.00pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**Midnight** Conclude veneration

### Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork

**9.00am** Welcome Mass  
**10.00am** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**12.30pm** Talk by Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo: Saint Carlo Acutis: Helping us Prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eucharistic Procession  
**12.50pm** Eucharistic Adoration  
**1.30pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**5.00pm** Vigil Mass  
**6.00pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**8.00pm** Talk by Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo: Saint Carlo Acutis: Helping us Prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eucharistic Procession  
**8.20pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**10.00pm** Conclude veneration

### Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Cork

**7.00am** Mass to facilitate participants of Cork City Marathon (including a blessing with Relic)  
**8.00am** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**4.00pm** Talk by Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo: Saint Carlo Acutis: Helping us Prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eucharistic Procession  
**4.20pm** Eucharistic Adoration  
**5.00pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**7.00pm** Mass Animated by Young Adults followed by hospitality  
**9.00pm** Talk by Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo: Saint Carlo Acutis: Inspiring Young Adult Missionary Disciples Today  
**10.00pm** Conclude veneration

### Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork

**9.00am** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**12 noon** Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
**2.00pm** Reserved time for Priests  
Talk by Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo: Saint Carlo Acutis: An Encouragement for Diocesan Priests Today  
**3.00pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer  
**5.00pm** Closing Mass of Thanksgiving

**Please note there will be no further veneration of the Relics after this Mass.**

### June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 100 Hours Adoration Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Cork

100 hours Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 1.30am on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and conclude at 10.00am on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will also be Light Fever and other events taking place during this time. Please check our socials and website for more information.

### June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Eucharistic Procession

Gathering at 2.30pm, we will process from the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne at **3.00pm** with Outdoor Benediction at Grand Parade.

