

Preparing together to celebrate the
**100th Anniversary
of Cork City
Eucharistic
Procession**



Saint Carlo pray for us
as we prepare for our
Eucharistic Procession
1926 - 2026



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 7th 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 29th 2026

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

Friday, May 29th 2026

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Skibbereen

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

Saturday, May 30th 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 100th 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 100th Anniversary of the
Eucharistic Procession
- 8.20pm** Veneration of Relics and Prayer
- 10.00pm** Conclude veneration

Sunday, May 31st 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 100th 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 1st 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 3rd to 7th 2026

100 Hours Adoration

Ss. Peter and Paul's Church, Cork

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

June 7th 2026

**100th 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.



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 7th 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 100th 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 3rd** and concluding at **10am on June 7th**, 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 100th Anniversary of the
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