

## A community of learners, believers and friends



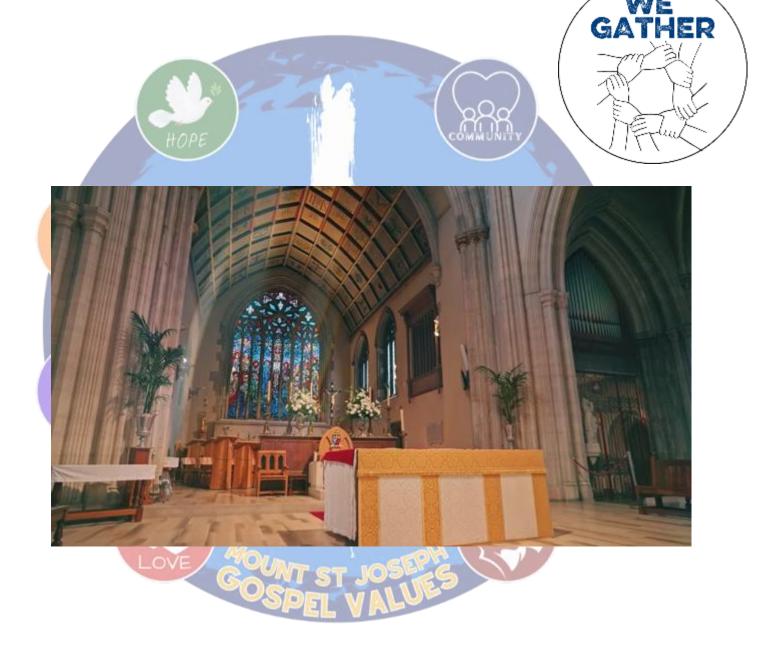
## WB 13th October Collective Worship

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another

1 John 1:7

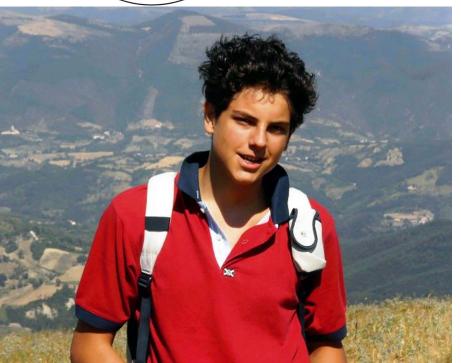


October is traditionally the month of the Rosary — a chance to pause and reflect on how prayer can shape our habits, not just our words



### In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit





October 12th Was the feast of St Carlo Acutis, over the next couple of days we will reflect on some of his words and actions.

This week we'll be inspired by St Carlo
Acutis — a young person, just like us, who
used his gifts, his love of technology, and
his faith to serve God.



Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 and grew up in Italy. From a young age, Carlo had a special devotion to the Eucharist. He went to daily Mass and often prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. He believed that God should be at the centre of life, not "something extra." Carlo was also passionate about technology. He taught himself computer programming and used it to create a website that documented Eucharistic miracles around the world — so others could learn about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Sadly, when he was just 15 years old, Carlo became ill with leukaemia. He offered his suffering for the Pope and for the Church. Before he died, he said: "I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting a minute on things that don't please God." Carlo died in 2006, but his faith continues to inspire millions. In 2020, Pope Francis declared him Blessed, calling him a role model for young people in the digital age.



Let us take a moment of quiet to think about Carlo's example.

Which of Carlo's choices stands out to you — his priorities, his use of tech, or the way he faced suffering? How can we use our gifts — our time, talents, and technology — for good this week?



Loving God, thank you for Carlo's life and for people who use their talents for others. Help us to recognise our gifts, to use skill and time wisely, and to seek the good even when it's hard.

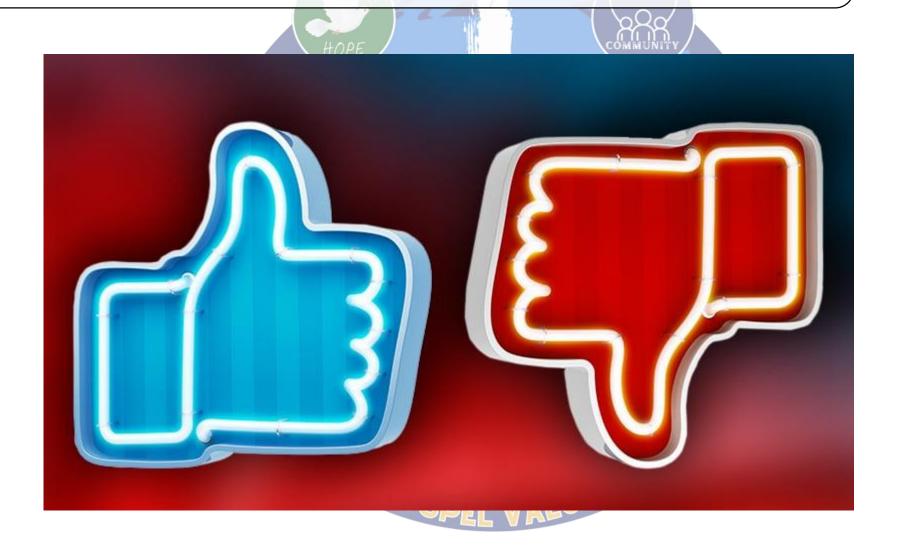


15

### In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



Is the internet good or bad?





# "The internet is a gift from God, but we must use it for good, not waste time on useless things."

St Carlo Acutis

Lord, when we go online...

All: Help us to choose what is good.

When we see something unkind...

All: Help us to speak words of peace.

When we are tempted to waste time...

All: Help us to use our time wisely.

When we share things with others...

All: Help us to share Your love.







### Be kind online. Share positive comments.



God of light, shape our words and actions online and face-toface. Help us live with integrity, to speak truth kindly, and to use our talents to bring hope. Amen.

LEL AVID

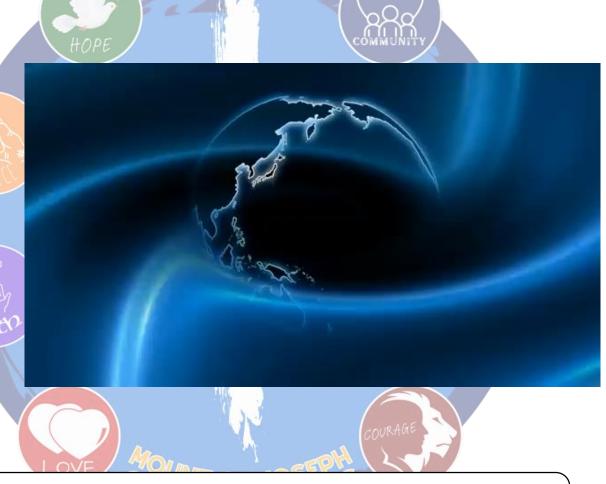
16



### In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



The song challenges us to trust in God beyond comfort. For Carlo, faith included trusting through illness and using his gifts despite uncertainty.





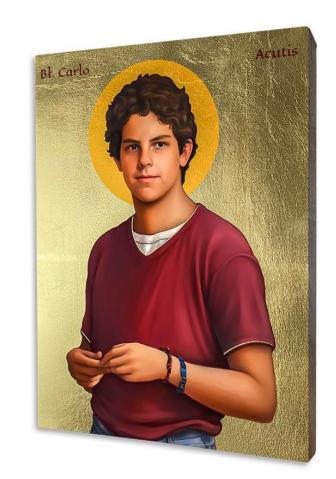
Where do you find it hardest to trust — and what would trusting look like in that area?



### In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



This week's Gospel tells the story of ten people healed by Jesus — but only one returned to say thank you. As we listen and pray, let's think about gratitude — and how St Carlo Acutis showed thankfulness in his own life.





As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he travelled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance and called out, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.



Only one person came back to thank Jesus. Sometimes we're so busy asking for things that we forget to stop and be thankful. Carlo Acutis had a grateful heart. He saw the Eucharist as his "highway to heaven," and every day he thanked God by going to Mass and helping others.

He once said: "Sadness is looking at ourselves."
Happiness is looking toward God."

### Let's pause and reflect quietly:

- •What am I thankful for today?
- •How can I show gratitude in my words, my attitude, and my kindness to others?

Lord Jesus, You healed ten people, and one returned to say thank You. Teach us to be like that one — grateful and joyful in Your presence. Help us, like Blessed Carlo, to see Your gifts and to use them to serve others. St Carlo Acutis, pray for us. St Teresa, pray for us. St Joseph, pray for us.

Amen.

