



*September 2025*  
*Feasts and Important Dates*

Date	Feast/Liturgical Occasion	Gospel for Sunday
3	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	
5	St. Teresa of Kolkata	
7	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis	Luke 14:25-33
8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast	
9	St Ciaran, Abbot	
13	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	
14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast	John 3:13-17
15	Our Lady of Sorrows	
21	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 16:1-13
23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	
25	St Finbarr, Bishop	
26	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	
27	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	
28	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luke 16:19-31
29	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels – Feast	
30	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	

01 September – 04 October

## SEASON OF CREATION 2025



The theme for the 2025 Season of Creation, as announced by the Vatican, is "Peace with Creation," with "Seeds of Peace and Hope" as a sub-theme. The Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 to October 4, is an ecumenical initiative focused on prayer and action for the care of our common home. The chosen biblical reference for 2025 is Isaiah 32:14-18. This year's theme reflects the urgency of working 'to create the conditions for peace, a lasting peace built together that inspires hope.'

- **Theme:** "Peace with Creation".
- **Sub-theme:** "Seeds of Peace and Hope".
- **Biblical Reference:** Isaiah 32:14-18.
- **Dates:** September 1 to October 4.
- **Initiative:** An ecumenical initiative promoting prayer and action for the care of creation.

The 2025 celebration of Season of Creation takes on a special character as it coincides with the Jubilee Year of Hope and the 10th anniversary of the encyclical '*Laudato Si'*', the late Pope Francis' magisterial text on the care of our common home.

The biblical reference text chosen, Isaiah 32:14-18, directly links justice, peace, and harmony with creation: "Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. ... My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." The statement also emphasizes that, as the late Pope Francis and his predecessors have emphasized, "there is a close link between peace and care for creation."

The connection between war and violence, on the one hand, and the degradation of the common home and the waste of resources (destruction and armaments), on the other, is very close.

Season of Creation resources will be available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

## 05 September: St. Teresa of Kolkata

**Mother Teresa** (1910 – 1997) was a nun, a missionary, and founder of the Order of Missionaries of Charity, who dedicated her life to serving the poor.

- She was born in Skopje, Macedonia, on 26 August 1910.
- She entered the convent at the age of 18 and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham, Dublin.
- She wanted to help the hungry, homeless, lepers and all who felt unwanted and unloved.
- She started to work in the slums in India and founded the Missionaries of Charity.
- She opened centres for the sick, homeless, unwanted and unloved all over the world
- She had incredible organizational skills along with her compassion and love for humanity
- She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in honour of all she did to help the suffering poor
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Quote



from Mother Teresa:

***“Not all of us can do great things.  
But we can do small things with great love.”***

## 08 September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is usually celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, but because the eighth falls on a Sunday this year, it is not celebrated. However, it can be a reminder to us to place ourselves and our school community under the protection of Our Lady.



## 09 September: St. Ciaran

*St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon around (c.516 – c. 549). He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery, which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built*

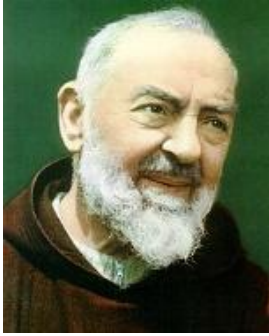
#### **14 September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

#### **15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows**

*The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is usually celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, but as the fifteenth falls on a Sunday this year, it is not celebrated. However, it can be a reminder to us that Mary understands and knows suffering; she will intercede for us, and for the world, that has so much suffering. All we need to do is ask her.*



#### **23 September: St. Padre Pio (Pius of Pietrelcina) (1887 – 1968)**



*Quote from Padre Pio:*

***‘Pray, hope and don’t worry’***

## **25 September: St. Finbarr**

*St. Finbarr (550 – 620) came to Gougane Barra and lived there as a hermit (a person who lives alone and apart from others and devote their time to prayer). When disciples (followers) gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the River Lee where he founded a monastery, which became a famous centre of learning.*



*Gougane Barra, County Cork*



*St. Finbarr’s Cathedral*

## **27 September: St. Vincent de Paul**

*Vincent de Paul (1580 – 1660) came from a poor farming family. He was very clever so his parents made many sacrifices to give him a good education. After leaving school, he became a priest.*

*At the time in France, many people were poor and hungry. Vincent spent his time comforting and supporting the poor and sick. He showed them the love of God through the acts of kindness he performed and by celebrating the sacraments with them. He always remembered what Jesus said: “Love your neighbour as yourself” and that was how he lived his life. He founded the order of priests known as the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity. His work took him to the poorest of homes, prisons and workhouses and he treated everyone with great love and compassion.*

*Vincent was canonised in 1737 and he is known as St. Vincent de Paul. There are numerous parishes all over the world with a St. Vincent de Paul Society, which carry on his work today. Volunteers are always needed to carry on this great work.*



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**A NEW SAINT IN THE CHURCH**

**HIS NAME IS**

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**

**WHO WILL BE CANONISED ON SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025**





## **Facts about Blessed Carlo Acutis**

### **Blessed Carlo Acutis 1991 – 2006**

- Pope Leo XIV announced that Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized on 7 September, 2025.
- Before his death, Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who died in 2006, paving the way for him to be canonised by the Catholic Church. A gamer and computer programmer who loved the Eucharist, he will be the Church's first millennial saint.
- Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.

- Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: “I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the Pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven.”
- From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren’t especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo was born, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her Confirmation, and her wedding. But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo’s love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he “managed to drag his relatives and his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily.” Salzano spoke to “EWTN News Nightly” in October 2023 about her son’s devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: “He used to say, ‘There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don’t see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament’ ... So, for him the Eucharist was the centre of his life.”
- Carlo’s witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptized. Rajesh Mohur, who worked for the Acutis family as an au pair when Carlo was young, converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlo’s witness. Carlo taught Mohur how to pray the rosary and told him about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Mohur said that one of the things that most impressed him as a non-Christian was the witness of Carlo’s love and concern for the poor — how he interacted with the homeless man who would sit at the entrance of the church and would bring tupperware dishes filled with food out to people living on the streets.
- Carlo wasn’t afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Many of Carlo’s high school classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defense for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom discussion about abortion.
- Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for children at school who got bullied, especially children with disabilities. When a friend’s parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis’ family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.
- Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.
- Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession and limited his video game playing to no more than two hours per week. Carlo also liked Spider-Man and Pokémon.



- Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Initially, there were reports that Carlo's body was found to be incorrupt, but the bishop of Assisi clarified before his beatification that his body was not incorrupt. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers. Thousands came to pray at his tomb at the time of his beatification in October 2020.



**Carlo Acutis loved the Eucharist and  
he went to Mass as often as possible.**



**He also loved praying the Rosary.**