

Chatswood prepares bumper celebration for canonisations of Blesseds Acutis, Frassati

Chatswood Parish is preparing a bumper celebration in September for the canonisations of Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Following the first Ordinary Public Consistory of his pontificate in June, Pope Leo XIV announced the two saints will be canonised together on 7th September.

Blesseds Acutis and Frassati had both been scheduled to be canonised separately, during the Jubilee of Teenagers and Jubilee of Youth, respectively, however the death of Pope Francis forced their postponement.

Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood houses a relic of Blessed Carlo and will soon become home to a relic of Blessed Pier Giorgio too, meaning the parish will become a focal point during the canonisations and draw in the faithful from well beyond the Diocese.

In preparation for the canonisations, the parish will celebrate a large Mass at 5:30pm on Sunday, 7th September, followed by a live stream of the canonisations in Rome.

The parish will also host its inaugural Parish Film Festival, on four



Fr David Ranson at the installation of the relic of Blessed Carlo.

consecutive Saturday evenings beginning on 23rd August and finishing on the 13th September. It will feature a film on Blessed Carlo and Blessed Pier Giorgio.

The Parish of Chatswood was declared a Shrine of Hope for young people for the 2025 Jubilee, with a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

The relic was installed during a Mass in October 2024 which attracted hundreds of people and made Chatswood a major pilgrimage destination within the Diocese.

The parish has also been working hard to secure a relic of Blessed Pier Giorgio, who also enjoys a strong devotion among young people, and now expect it will be installed by the date of his canonisation.

The presence of both soon-to-be saints in the parish will boost its profile even further and will likely lead it to becoming a popular place of pilgrimage for people well beyond the Diocese.



Blessed Carlo Acutis.



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.