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When Blesseds Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are canonised on Sunday, 7th September in Rome, they will become the Church's two newest saints.

Despite being on the other side of the world from where the canonisations will take place, there will be particular cause for celebration in the Diocese of Broken Bay, with a special Mass taking place at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass for the pair on Sunday evening at 5:30pm, when he will formally install the relic of Blessed Pier Giorgio and bless the church's new Eucharistic Chapel, where a relic of Blessed Carlo is already installed.

Blesseds Pier Giorgio and Carlo led very different lives, but both responded to the call to holiness at a young age. Blessed Pier Giorgio had a love for the less fortunate and spent a lot of his young life serving people through charitable work. Blessed Carlo had a love of the eucharist, which he wanted to share with others and built a website dedicated to eucharistic miracles.

Chatswood Parish Priest, Fr David Ranson said the canonisation of both saints presented a great message that the Spirit of God can inspire young people to great holiness.

"The canonisations highlight for me the power of the Spirit of God to spark the life of discipleship even amongst people who are young in age," he said.

"It is my hope that these two saints will inspire many young people to live their lives with both passion and purpose. They are wonderful role models for our young people."

The relics of both soon-to-be saints will be permanently housed in the new Eucharistic Chapel in Chatswood and available for veneration when the church is open.