

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B, 16 June, 2024

Embracing the communities of
Cherbourg, Goomeri, Murgon,
Proston and Wondai



Unity in Diversity ... being one in Christ through Baptism!



Carlo Acutis to be first millennial Saint:

Pope Francis Recognises Miracle for Canonisation

Pope Francis has recognised a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, paving the way for him to become the first Millennial saint.

The Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006 is known for his great devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The recognition of the second miracle attributed to Acutis' intercession makes it possible that Acutis could be canonised during the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year.

In a decree on 23 May, Pope Francis approved the miraculous healing of a 21 year old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022.

After the girl underwent an emergency craniotomy to reduce intracranial pressure, the family was told that her situation was very critical and that she could die at any moment.

Six days after the accident, Valeria's mother went on a pilgrimage to Assisi to pray for the healing of her daughter

at the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, leaving a written note.

On that same day, Valeria began to breathe on her own and on the following day she recovered the use of her upper limbs and partly recovered her speech.

Valeria was discharged from the intensive care unit 10 days after her mother's pilgrimage and underwent further tests that showed that the hemorrhagic right temporal cortical contusion in her brain had completely disappeared.

Contrary to medical predictions, Valeria spent only one week in physical therapy and on 2 September, 2022, two months after her accident, she went on a pilgrimage to Carlo Acutis' tomb in Assisi with her mother to celebrate her complete healing.

Betrayed by medicine: The unspoken horrors of gender transition

Author and Catholic journalist Mary Margaret Olohan is out with a new book exposing the real harms of 'gender-affirming care.'

The book comes at an all-too-critical time, as WPATH just recently admitted to the fact that the 'science' behind 'gender-affirming care' had been doctored itself. And just as Olohan's book exposes these lies and the butchering they caused of young teens who took the advice from medical professionals to heart. "So-called 'gender-affirming care' is experimental and dangerous and the transgender-promoting 'experts' know it. They knew that testosterone was causing tumors in some female patients. They knew that girls were losing their ability to have kids from these drugs. They knew that some patients were unable to actually give informed consent due to

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Sunday Mass Times

Murgon

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	8.00am

Wondai

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Saturday	5.00pm

Proston

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Saturday	9.00am

Goomeri

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday (except 5th Sunday)	6.00pm

Gayndah

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays	10.30am
every	2nd, 4th Sundays	9.00am

Cherbourg

WEEK	DAY	TIME
5	Sunday	4.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

12 noon, Wednesday, Gayndah

5.00pm, Wednesday, Wondai

9.00am, 2nd, 4th Thursdays,
School/Parish Mass, Murgon

9.00am, 1st, 3rd Thursdays, Castra

Holy Hour for Peace

Wondai, 4.00pm to 5.00pm,
Wednesday, before Mass

El Shaddi Fellowship, Murgon
Parish Hall, 22 June, 11.00am

Today's readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Corinthians 5: 6-10;
Mark 4: 26-34

Response:

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

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their serious mental-health problems. And yet they publicly continue to praise and laud 'gender-affirming care' and claim it is pivotal for youth who identify as transgender. These are incredibly harmful lies to vulnerable minds, and the detransitioners in my book believe they were betrayed and deeply harmed by these lies."

The stories of detransitioners and their families have impacted trans surgeries and so-called trans medicine in the UK – most notably with the closing of Tavistock Clinic, ending these life-altering surgeries for children. A glimmer of hope came last week as some physicians in the US signed a 'Doctors Protecting Children' declaration that expresses "serious concerns" about the treatment of minors who are uncomfortable with their biological sex.

Olohan stated, "Ideology has trumped facts and science in the United States for a number of years now." Even as we see European countries taking steps to protect children from these irreversible procedures, our own medical institutions and medical professionals seem to be turning both a blind eye and ear to what is going on in the world around them as they continue to push these procedures on struggling youth."

And medical professionals are not only selling a remedy such as surgery for a teen struggling with dysphoria. Olohan says it goes much deeper than that.

"I think there's kind of a spiritual promise to all of this. A lot of these detransitioners told me that it wasn't just that they were told that this would cure them of their dysphoria once they were living as a boy. They were told that they would be happy."

And many teens considering transgender surgeries are living in vulnerable situations. The majority of the detransitioners Olohan spoke with came from homes where "most are not practicing a faith, not playing sports, not involved in community in any way," Olohan said. "A mother may be an alcoholic or the parents are struggling in their relationship or leading to divorce. They are lonely, feel like they didn't fit in, and didn't have a lot of friends."

Olohan also observed a consistency among many detransitioners she spoke with: They were on the autism spectrum but were never diagnosed until after the life-altering hormones and surgery. "They said that if they would've been diagnosed, they probably wouldn't have transitioned, as many of the questions they had about themselves might have made sense."

Two red sirens for adults to be mindful of in this era of trans medicine are the role that phones and social media play in coercing more youth into this dangerous mindset.

"If a teenager has the ability to go upstairs and lock their bedroom door and access the internet, they are absolutely exposed to gender ideology and activists and a whole world of harmful content that parents wouldn't even begin to know how to identify. We have already seen major media outlets document the harmful effects of social media on our youth."

Olohan's book vividly describes the vulnerability of teens and tech when discussing how detransitioners bought into the lies being fed on social media. As Olohan recounts: "Young women accessing social media at a young age, are looking for who they are supposed to be when they compare themselves to images of women online. As they are exposed to picture after picture of perfectly sculpted, seductive but demure women on Instagram, they begin to feel that they cannot match up to these ideas of womanhood. And at the same time, they are being exposed to pornographic material on the internet, which depicts women in very degrading and humiliating ways. This makes some of these girls shy away from the idea of sexual intimacy as a woman and all too easy prey for the gender activists who question, 'Maybe you're not a girl, maybe you are a boy!'"

The impact of pornography cannot be undermined either. With the accessibility to smartphones and tablets, Olohan shares some shocking statistics in her book.

"93 percent of boys and 62 percent of girls are exposed to pornography during their youth, according to a 2018 research summary on pornography and public health.



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WE PRAY for all those participating in SYNOD24:

I Am Making All Things New.

May their hearts and minds be opened to the needs of the Archdiocese and the bold creativity of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit make all things new within them so that they may be in service of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We pray for those who are sick:
Orlando Dyrity; Wendy Heidemann;
David McIntosh.

The exposure at such a young age to such graphic images that typically show women in demeaning and degrading, often violent, situations but shown "experiencing pleasure from it," is concerning. "Anti-pornography activists argue that this content promotes sexual violence and severely dehumanises the consumer, who will desire more and more aggressive content to get the same rush as before."

And as patients go down this road, they are told that they will feel better and what they want is achievable, but what is not told are the horror stories that this book eloquently explores with compassion: mental-health issues on top of severe pain and organ malfunction from surgeries; but through it all, Olohan said she's hopeful the book will expose the true dangers of trans science.