

PRESS RELEASE

Major Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis welcomed at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

The Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania marked a historic moment on 25 September 2026, welcoming the major relic of Saint Carlo Acutis to Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, Harris Park, as part of the Saint Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission 2026, held from 25–27 September.

Hundreds of faithful gathered for a solemn procession carrying the Relic into the cathedral, followed by a mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, Maronite Bishop of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, and assisted by Fr Danny Nough, parish priest of Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral.

Bishop Tarabay: “Who Are You Following?”

In his homily, Bishop Tarabay reflected on the spiritual legacy of Saint Carlo Acutis and the challenge of Christian discipleship in a digital age, “We live in a world fascinated by followers... But Carlo would have asked a much deeper question: Who are you following?”

He described Carlo’s life as simple yet profoundly centred on Christ, “His programme of life was simple: ‘Always to be united with Jesus.’ Not I, but God.”

Highlighting Carlo’s ability to use technology for evangelisation, Bishop Tarabay added, “The internet could have become a mirror, but Carlo turned it into a window towards Christ.”

He also emphasised the significance of the relic present among the faithful, “We are not simply looking at something connected to Carlo’s heart. We are being asked what filled that heart... The answer was and always will be Jesus Christ.”

Community Recognition and Parish Milestones

Bishop Tarabay also welcomed Kate Hobbes, President of the Friends of Carlo Acutis Australia, who addressed the congregation after the Mass, reflecting on St Carlo Acutis’ mission and the importance of bringing his relic to Australia.

He extended heartfelt thanks to Fr Danny Nough and the parish community, especially Deacon Dominic, Subdeacon Charbel, and all clergy and volunteers for their dedicated work in preparing for the relic’s visit.

He also announced an important milestone for the parish, “On the evening of 12 October, we will bless the new chapel dedicated to Saint Carlo Acutis here at OLOL, located on Level 1 of our Pastoral Centre.”

Bishop Tarabay noted the special joy of seeing young people request a chapel dedicated to a young saint who continues to inspire them.