

Vox Populi

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As the Jubilee of Hope 2025 approaches, the Diocese of Broken Bay is making preparations to bring this spirit of hope into each of our three deaneries.

Last week, Bishop Anthony Randazzo announced there would be three diocesan "Jubilee Shrines of Hope" ready for 2025 which will form significant places of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God's people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year.

- The Parish of Gosford with Relic of Saint John Paul II will be a Shrine of Hope for our families.
- The Parish of Chatswood with the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be a Shrine of Hope for our young people.
- The Parish of Manly-Freshwater with the Relic of Saint John Vianney will be a Shrine of Hope for our Priests and Vocations.

The Relic of Saint John Paul II was installed on 22 October 2022 and the Parish of Gosford will celebrate the second anniversary of its installation this month.

But next week, the faithful from across the Diocese and beyond will have their first chance to view and venerate the second of these relics, the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood.

Blessed Carlo was baptised in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chelsea and as a church surrounded by over 2,000 students each day, it is hoped Blessed Carlo will be an inspiration to all young people.

Very Reverend Dr David Ranson VG, Parish Priest of Chatswood, is warmly welcoming everyone to join the parish on the evening of Friday 11 October, the Vigil of the Feast Day of Blessed Carlo, as the parish formally receives his relic and assumes its new task as a shrine of Hope.

A Vigil Mass will begin at 7pm and then there will be an opportunity for veneration of the Relic, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament overnight until 9am.