

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ACOMB, YORK & ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GREEN HAMMERTON



24th January 2021 – 3rd Sunday of the Year/Sunday of the Word

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS Mass, Mass Intentions, and other Service times this week

Sunday 24th	10.00am	Mass [streamed] (People of the Parish)
Tuesday 26th		Mass (Private Intention)
Wednesday 27th		Mass (Deceased members of Helps & Turvey families, RIP)
	6.00pm	(Rosary and Novena - live stream)
Thursday 28th		Mass (Private Intention)
Friday 29th		Mass (Roger Sawyer, RIP Anniv)
	7.00pm	Night prayer - live stream
Sunday 31st	10.00am	Mass [streamed] (For the people of the parish)
		<i>4th Sunday of the year</i>

Mass Intentions received this week: Angela Bergstrom-Allen, RIP; Joe Burton, RIP Anniv; Mary Wright, RIP; James Nelson, RIP; Josie Black, RIP Anniv; Private Intention (x2)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions available by appointment with Fr. Tony

FINANCE STEWARDSHIP

Plate collections None at present

Thanks, to those who make their contribution to the parish by standing order, and to those who have put donations or regular giving envelopes through the door of the parish house. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

SCHOOL

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC Primary School & Nursery Headteacher: Mrs. Emma Barrs
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NEWS THIS WEEK

IN YOUR PRAYERS please remember those members of our parish community who are sick, and those who care for them. We also remember in prayer those who have died, those who grieve, and those whose anniversaries occur.

PEACE SUNDAY (Notice missed out last week) *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*. Pope Francis chose this as his Peace Message for 2021. With this theme, we are invited to commit ourselves to care and compassion, to promoting each person's dignity, to being in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable and working towards the common good and concern for creation. He invites us also to think creatively and act on the resources which are spent on funding all kinds of weaponry but especially nuclear weapons and including artillery and small arms which cause loss of life everywhere. We are invited to become "prophetic witnesses of a culture of care" and to follow the non-violent Jesus in seeking a way to challenge structures and actions that are violent. Pope Francis reminds us that only this way is the path to peace. Since we are all children of God, we are all brothers and sisters so let us work together both with and for each other. Let us reach across boundaries and differences in peace and friendship.

SPONSORSHIP. One of our parishioners, Steve Burke, has done a lot of work in raising awareness on the situation of refugees through various arts and theatre projects; telling the human stories of those who have been forced to flee from their homes and families. This means that he has heard these stories first hand. In this new lockdown he has decided to do something positive. He will be cycling the equivalent of the distance from Homs in Syria to York (2250 miles) in 100 days between 11th January - 30th April on a training bike in his garage! If you would like to sponsor him the link to his JustGiving page is: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stephen-Burke25?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Stephen-Burke25&utm_campaign=pfp-tweet&utm_term=120028f6363a4ee489cf68fdd6236f11

COVID TESTING Thanks to our local Councillor, Andrew Waller, for the information that testing will still be available on 25th & 26th January at the testing site at Acorn Rugby Club on Thanet Road between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Booking is possible from the evening before. Please book a test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus [1] or call 119 and select the site at Acorn Rugby Club stating that you have been asked by your local council to have a test.. If you are over 18 with no symptoms please do consider booking. You could well have the virus and, unwittingly, be passing it to others. It is, however, NOT necessary to isolate between having the test and getting the result and you do not need a car to access the testing site.

A WORD OF HOPE The book of Proverbs contains the statement: *Without hope, the people perish!* A new book by Pope Francis *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future* is a helpful read. He writes simply and engagingly, reflecting on the experiences, good and bad, of the pandemic and in the light of his seven years as Pope. It is a word of hope. Well worth a read!

HELP FOR OUR FAMILIES IN NEED Thank you for continuing to support the foodbank and families in need. Food and other items can be left in the porch of the parish house during the day as usual and will be taken down to the school on Thursday mornings. (NB unless you are leaving your gift on a Thursday morning and before 10.00am please don't include fresh food: bread, milk, fruit, vegetables etc as we don't have the capacity to store them.)

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASS AND LITURGIES During these days you can join live-streamed services via our parish's Facebook page (you don't need an account) www.facebook.com/ourladysacomb/live Each service can be watched later via Facebook or www.youtube.com/ourladysacombbyork If you have a webcam, join us after Sunday Mass for 'virtual coffee'.

CHURCH ROOF The planned repairs now need to be approved by the Diocesan Trustees and will be considered at their meeting on 26th January.

YORK HOSPITAL A reminder that a Catholic priest is on call 24 x 7 in case of emergency. Contact is via the hospital so, should a loved one need the sacraments, please ask the nursing staff to page the duty catholic chaplain (this is for use only in case of emergency). For normal visits Sue Ellis is the, temporary, Catholic Lay Chaplain. If anyone has a relative who would like a visit or Holy Communion please contact her on 07748 108253 or via the Chaplains' office number 01904 725579. People can ring either number to inform Sue about people already in hospital or who will be shortly going into hospital. Such visits at the moment cannot be guaranteed, however, as it will depend also on the advice of the medics.