

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



26th September 2021 – **26th Sunday of the Year**

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Mass, Mass Intentions, and other Service times this week

Sunday 26th	9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm	Mass: McGough Family Mass: Ken Cooper, RIP Anniv Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday 28th	**No Mass**	
Wednesday 29th	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass: John Snowdon, RIP Anniv Rosary and Novena (live-stream only)
Thursday 30th	9.30am	Mass: Dorothy Smith, RIP
Friday 1st	9.30am 7.00pm	Mass: Private Intention Night Prayer (live-stream only)
Sunday 3rd 27th Sunday of the year	9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm	Mass: Leslie Christopher Dwan, RIP Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Private intention

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Leslie Christopher Dwan, RIP; Kay Chapman, RIP; Private Intention; Ken Cooper, RIP; Bob Emmerson RIP Anniv; Rita Squire, RIP; 5th wedding anniversary thanksgiving; John Snowdon RIP Anniv; Tosh Stokes, RIP.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions available by appointment with Fr. Tony

FINANCE STEWARDSHIP

Parish Plate collection: £370.83; Retiring Collection 270.70 Thank you.

Thanks, to those who make their contribution to the parish at Mass, by standing order, and in any other way. 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.

FOGGER(S) NEEDED! The Church needs to be “fogged” between the 9.30am Mass and the 11.15am Mass. If, as we suspect, more people begin to attend the 9.30am then there will be more conversation time after Mass and I need a short break at least between the two Masses. Fogging removes any trace of Covid and other viruses from surfaces and the atmosphere. It is a simple process and takes around 15 minutes - the fogging machine is simple to operate. If we have a few volunteers then it shares the load and we ensure that the church is safe for those attending the Mass with social distancing. It is a simple act of love and service.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS There is a retiring collection this Sunday (26th) to support the retired priests of the Diocese and next Sunday (3rd) for CAFOD.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 1st October and the envelopes are in the porch. There are all sorts of resources and information on-line and you can make your donation if you wish via the CAFOD webpage at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

HELP FOR OUR FAMILIES IN NEED Food and other items can be left in the porch of the parish house during the day as usual. (These are delivered to the school at 10.00am each Friday morning).

ROOF REPAIRS Work on the first aisle is now complete and the new lighting installed. The scaffolding is now in place for work on the other side of the church to begin in the coming week. Just for clarity the amount we need to raise is to repay the £150,000 loan. The total bill is £262,000.00 but we already have £112,000.00 of that from money which has already been raised/donated, from money we have in the bank and money on loan to the diocese. We are a long way from starting from scratch! If you would be interested in being a part of a fundraising group, or just have ideas on how to raise funds, please let Fr. Tony know.

CARECENT HARVEST APPEAL Each year our parish is generous in supporting Carecent at Harvest Time. As happened last year they are appealing again this year for financial donations rather than food/clothing etc. (See the letter in the porch). The information for donations is now live and can be found at: <https://www.carecent.org.uk/harvest-2021/>

11.15AM SUNDAY MASS The online bookings are available via the website in the usual way at: <https://www.ourladysyork.org.uk/mass.html> To book by phone please ring the Parish Office (01904 791242) between 9.00am - 12.00noon on a Tuesday or Thursday. You can still 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

YORK HOSPITAL In case of urgency please ask the nursing staff or switchboard to page the **duty catholic chaplain** a priest is on call 24/7. For normal visits please contact Sue Ellis the acting Catholic Lay Chaplain either on her mobile 07748 108253 or via the Chaplains' office number 01904 725579.

CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY MASS ARRANGEMENTS

Our revised risk assessment was approved by the diocesan health and safety officer this week. It is valid only for the current circumstances. If things change for the worse then we will need to review it and may well need to go back to social distancing at all Masses. If, as we hope, things continue to improve then we can look at it again. However, one step at a time.

We made the proposal to relax arrangements after consulting people present at Mass and a full discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council. The key question was and is about how safe people would feel attending Mass with no social distancing. The large majority of those asked said that they would feel safe.

So, going forwards, beginning next Sunday 3rd October.

We will continue to live-stream the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Some things will remain unchanged for everybody attending Mass or other services; baptisms, funerals... **Face masks are required (unless someone is medically exempt) and the use of hand-sanitiser entering and leaving the church is also required.** There will still be a one way in and another way out. Holy water stoups remain empty and communion continues under one kind only and only on the hand.

It is important that we think first of those who won't feel safe or comfortable coming into church with no social distancing. So the 11.15am Sunday Mass will provide this for them. It will continue to be necessary to book to attend this Mass as we have up to now (phone or parish website) and people coming will be allocated seats which will continue to be in every other bench. **Please remember the need to book in advance to attend this Mass.**

From 3rd October there will be no need to book to attend the 9.30am Mass and 5.00pm Mass. However, the Diocese wants us to continue with track and trace for all Masses. The simplest way to do this for those with the App is to scan in using the QR code in the porch. For those without the App there will be an attendance sheet to fill in with name and contact details. All the benches will be in use and it is for people to seat themselves and their family. There will be no allocated places.

We will have to see how things go. If everyone tries to book for the 11.15am and nobody comes to the 9.30am or 5.00pm we will know that we have got things wrong! Hopefully, though, the step we are making is prudent and timely.