

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



3rd October 2021 – **Sunday of Creation**

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Mass, Mass Intentions, and other Service times this week

Sunday 3rd	9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm	Mass: Leslie Christopher Dwan, RIP Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Private intention
Tuesday 5th	9.00am *Note change of time*	Mass: Pauline Howarth, RIP
Wednesday 6th	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass: Angela & Teresa Neal, RIP Rosary and Novena (live-stream only)
Thursday 7th	9.30am	Mass: Neil Watson, RIP
Friday 8th	9.30am 7.00pm	Mass: Private Intention Night Prayer (live-stream only)
Sunday 10th 28th Sunday of the year	9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm	Mass: 5th Wedding anniversary thanks Mass: Private intention Mass: People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Ernie Cotterill, RIP Anniv; Margaret Snowdon RIP Anniv; Melinda Phipps, RIP; Sr. Margaret Mary Gormally, RIP; Sr. Margaret Leckenby, RIP Anniv.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions available by appointment with Fr. Tony

FINANCE STEWARDSHIP

Parish Plate collection: £520.83; Retiring Collection £455.00 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.

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL There is an open evening for year 6 children and their parents/carers/guardians on Thursday 14th October from 6.00pm-9.00pm. See the poster in the porch

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021-22 Registration for the next programme will open shortly. There will be two groups - one for children in year 3 and one for children in year four and above. There will be two meetings and parents/guardians/carers can chose to attend either. They will be on 21st and 23rd October. The first meeting for children will be 13th November in the Parish Hall. We are extremely grateful to our catechists who will be running each session twice, one for each group which is a huge commitment. Booking details will be on the parish website as soon as they are in place and in the newsletter next week. They will also be shared in the OLQM newsletter.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019 We hope to complete the programme, which was interrupted by the first lockdown, and have a celebration of the sacrament before Christmas for those young adults who still wish to be confirmed. More details as soon as we have them available.

CHURCH CLEANERS - AN APPEAL Some of our regular cleaners from before the lockdown have not retired. We owe them a real debt of gratitude for many years of loving service to the parish making the church a clean and welcoming place for us. Thanks to them all and especially to Sue who organised the rota. Now that we are returning to normal we need new volunteers to take their place. The practise at Our Lady's has been to have a number of teams so that the load is spread. If you would like to be involved please contact office@ourladysyork.org.uk or drop a note with your name and contact details at the parish house.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS There is a retiring collection this Sunday 3rd October for CAFOD. On Sunday 24th October there will be a retiring collection for Missio.

CAFOD Family Fast Day was Friday 1st October and the envelopes are in the porch. 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).

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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

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 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.

As of Saturday afternoon (2nd October) very few have booked for the 11.15am. We will need then to see if there is sufficient pastoral need for this Mass or whether attending Mass during the week might not be a better solution. **For the moment please remember the need to book in advance to attend this Mass.**

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.

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.