

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ACOMB, YORK



25th February 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Mass dates, Mass intentions, and other Service times this week

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Sunday 25th	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Frank Kirwin, RIP Anniv Mass: People of the Parish
Tuesday 27th		No Mass today
Wednesday 28th	9.30am	Mass: Mary Anne Fiorentini, RIP Anniv
Thursday 29th		No Mass today
Friday 30th	12.00noon	Mass: Mallory Turvey; Elizabeth & Julian Helps, RIP
Sunday 1st 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Noreen Mollan, RIP Mass: People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED

Joanna Keogh, RIP; Nuala Cleaver, RIP, Dr. Martin Iveson, RIP; In Thanksgiving.

SCHOOL

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC Primary School & Nursery Headteacher: Mrs. Emma Barrs
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Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD today at both Masses.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (FOR THOSE WHO WISH). Our regular First Friday Mass will take place this coming Friday, 1st March 2024 at 12.00noon. Mass is followed by refreshments and good company. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS This simple time of prayer following the Lord's footsteps will take place in church on Friday at 7.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024 The fifth session for our children and young adults will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

ADVANCE NOTICE Work to resurface and white-line the parish car park and to repair the tarmac in front of the church is booked in from 12th -15th March 2024. Obviously this will restrict access to the car park whilst the work is being done. We will be adding a second space nearest to the Fr. Kelly Room access for those with disability.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024 Applications will soon be open for the confirmation programme for those young adults who wish to be confirmed this year. The programme is open to those in year 9 and above. Watch this space.

MONDAY MINDFULNESS Meets Monday at 7.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room

BE OUR GUEST Each Thursday in Our Lady's Parish Hall from 11.00am - 3.00pm.

HELP FOR FAMILIES IN NEED FOOD (Not fresh food, please) and other household items can be brought to Sunday Mass and placed in the baskets provided (near the Shrine to Our Lady) or to the Parish House. It helps us all if items are in carrier bags. *[Please ensure that all food donated is well within date]*

RETIRED PRIESTS WELFARE FUND The annual retiring collection for this fund will take place over the weekend of 9th/10th March 2024. With the increase in the number of retired priests in the diocese and the decrease in the number of active priests, and consequent decrease in the number of parishes, demands on the fund are increasing. There will be more information available next week. York is the only city in the Diocese not, so far, to have seen any parishes closed.

A THOUGHT FOR LENT On almost every page of the Gospel, we see the doctors of the law trying to corner the Master with tendentious questions, then muttering indignantly at his freedom overflowing with mercy: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them!" Jesus was ready to run to the house of the centurion in Capernaum to heal his beloved servant, without concern about contaminating himself by entering the home of a pagan. He allowed the sinful woman to wash his feet amid the judgmental and disdainful looks of the guests, unable to understand why he did not send her away. He looked at and called Zacchaeus the tax collector while he clung to the branches of the sycamore tree, without demanding that he convert and change his life before receiving that gaze of mercy. He did not condemn the adulteress who, according to the law, was subject to stoning but disarmed the hands of her executioners, reminding them that they too - like everyone - were sinners. He said he came for the sick and not the healthy, compared himself to the singular figure of a shepherd willing to leave ninety-nine sheep unguarded to search for the one that is lost. He touched the leper, healing him from both illness and the stigma of being an "untouchable" outcast. These "discarded" encountered his gaze and felt loved, recipients of an embrace of mercy given to them without any precondition. Discovering themselves loved and forgiven, they realized what they were: poor sinners like everyone else, in need of conversion, beggars for everything.

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