



# Our Lady's Catholic Parish, Acomb, York

## Worship & Sacraments

Mass dates / intentions and other Services this week

### Month dedicated to Our Lady

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Chrissie Longwith, RIP Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>		No Mass
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		No Mass
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		No Mass
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Breffni McCormack, RIP People of the Parish

**Live-streamed** at [www.facebook.com/ourladysacomb/live](http://www.facebook.com/ourladysacomb/live)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 4.15 - 4.45pm Sunday (or any time by appointment)

**Mass intentions:** Pam Davidson, RIP Anniv.

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### Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC Primary School & Nursery

For admissions/enquiries please contact the School Office 01904 806093

Headteacher: Mrs. S. Adams

[enquiries@olqm.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olqm.npcat.org.uk)

### All Saints RC Secondary School & Sixth Form

For admissions/enquiries please contact the Lower School 01904 647877

Headteacher: Mrs. S. Keelan-Beardsley

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Parish WhatsApp group: to join please message Johan 07782 782692



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# SUNDAY *Plus*

7th Sunday of Easter **Divine Office Week III Year A**

**World Communications Day**

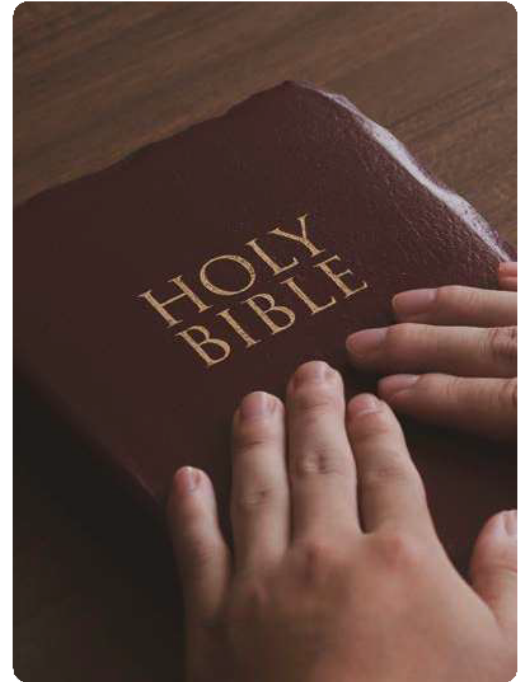
## Tell the Good News

If a chance occurs [to] explain our faith; at all events we shall be able to. We shall have to know it so well that it is in our blood, and to adhere to it so well that we can, in a certain way, give it, just by being what we are. Thus, we must be the book of the Gospels ourselves, with the words and teachings of Christ in our minds, but also in our hearts, and whenever the occasion demands, upon our lips...

Thus, we return to the primitive Christianity of the apostles, and having, as Christ had, only ourselves, we require no more. All that was false or doubtful will drop off like a dead branch, the wheat will be made white in the

fire. It is Christ's passion, and his resurrection is just as certain as it was when he went up to the cross. But his resurrection, like his passion, will not vary from what it was like in his own life. He will not rise in us through force... He will not rise through legislation, or powerful movements, or brilliant organisation, and his rising will not be delayed until there is peace in Europe. He will rise in the humility, the courage and love of those few Christians who will keep his kingdom in their individual souls.

Caryll Houselander, *This War is the Passion*



Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.

Pope Leo XIV


### The voice of an angel

A mother found a note written by her child, who was deaf. It went something like this: "Dear God: I don't want to hurt your feelings but I wish you hadn't made me deaf. Could you change me back? [signed] Sue. PS Say hello to my guardian angel."

The next day, Sue found a note. It was written in gold ink and went something like this: "Dear Sue: I am your guardian angel, and I asked God if I could

answer your note. You see, God made me deaf, too. But God did give me two fast legs, so I can run like the wind; two lovely arms, so I can hug everybody; and an imagination, so I can fly anywhere. What I really like most, however, is being able to turn off my hearing aid when the other angels are yelling. It makes things quiet so I can better hear God singing love songs to me in my heart. [signed] Your guardian angel. PS We love more and more every day!"

Mark Link SJ, *Jesus 2000: a contemporary walk with Jesus*

Lord, when I was a child, I took risks that, years later, I would never dare consider. Yet it's good to sometimes step out into the unknown without fearing the consequences. Lord, take my hand and let me walk with you.  Amen.



Feast of the week  
Sunday 17 May

### Monks of Tibhirine

"I should like, when the time comes, to have a clear space which would allow me to beg forgiveness of God and of all my fellow human beings, and at the same time to forgive with all my heart the one who would strike me down"...

"For this life given up, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God who seems to have wished it entirely for the sake of that joy in everything and in spite of everything. In this 'thank you,' which is said for everything in my life from now on, I certainly include you, friends of yesterday and today, and you my friends of this place, along with my mother and father, my brothers and sisters and their families – the hundredfold granted as was promised!"

"And you also, the friend of my final moment, who would not be aware of what you were doing. Yes, for you also I wish this 'thank you' – and this adieu – to commend you to the God whose face I see in yours."

"And may we find each other, happy 'good thieves,' in Paradise, if it pleases God, the Father of us both, Amen."

*From the Last Testament of Fr Christian de Chergé*

### READINGS

Today:  
Acts 1:12-14  
1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11

Monday:  
Acts 19:1-8  
John 18:29-33

Tuesday:  
Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11

Wednesday:  
Acts 19:1-8  
John 18:29-33

Thursday:  
Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11

Friday:  
Acts 20:28-38  
John 17:11-19

Saturday:  
Acts 22:30-  
23:6-11  
John 17:20-26

Next Sunday:  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians  
12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

## NEWS THIS WEEK

**MISSION APPEAL 2026** Today we welcome Fr. Anthony Dampson SMA who will make the annual mission appeal, Fr. Antony is from The Missionaries of Africa (formerly the White Fathers) who are making the appeal in all the parishes of the Diocese this year. The retiring collection will be to support their ministry.

**POPE LEO** [has called this week for Christians and Muslims to work together](#); “to revive humanity where it has grown cold” and “transform indifference into solidarity”. How as a parish, might we begin to explore ways to do this? How many of us have visited the mosque on Bull Lane? Pope Leo has also granted the Vatican’s highest diplomatic award to Dr. Mohammad Hossein Mokhtari, Iran's ambassador to the Vatican along with a number of other diplomats.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES UNITE TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE** Stella Maris, Aid to the Church in Need, CAFOD and Missio invite us to join them online at 7.00pm on 20<sup>th</sup> May to pray the Rosary. To register to join the event see [rosary link](https://tinyurl.com/57f7vbyy) (https://tinyurl.com/57f7vbyy)

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER** Between Ascension and Pentecost the Church prays for the renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. You may find the following prayer one you might pray this week either alone or with your family.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

In our labour, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend:

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!

Give us virtue's sure reward;  
Give us your salvation, Lord;  
Give us joys that never end.

Amen

## REGULAR ITEMS

**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.

**YORK HOSPITAL.** If you or a loved-one is going into hospital and would like a visit, the Sacrament of the Sick, or Holy Communion, please do let Fr. Tony know in advance, or contact Sue Ellis the acting Catholic Lay Chaplain either on her mobile 07748 108253 or via the Chaplains' Office 01904 725579. (Under GDPR we can no longer routinely access details of Catholic patients). In case of urgency, and if you cannot contact Fr. Tony, please ask the nursing staff or switchboard to page the on-call Catholic chaplain; a Catholic priest is on-call 24/7 (for urgent/emergency visits, not general pastoral visits).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY.** Children are welcome to take part in an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word each Sunday during the 9.30am Mass. For Safeguarding purposes, **children must be accompanied by a parent, carer, or appropriate adult**, and the use of mobile phones is not allowed.

### RECURRING ADDITIONAL MASSES

- Italian: normally first Saturday of the month at 6pm in the Father Kelly Room
- Peacock Manor Nursing Home, Whixley: normally second Saturday of the month at 6pm
- [Diocesan LGBT+ Ministry](#): second Sunday of the month at 3pm in The Bar Convent Chapel
- [Polish](#): first and third Sundays of the month at 3.15pm in Our Lady's Church
- Mass with Sacrament of the Sick: first Friday of the month at 12 noon in the Father Kelly Room

### REGULAR GROUPS

- [Monday Mindfulness](#) each Monday at 7pm in the Father Kelly Room
- [Life Ascending](#) on second Tuesday of the month in the Father Kelly Room [currently not meeting]
- [Our Lady's Brownies](#) each Wednesday 6 - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
- [Liturgical Music Planning Group](#) meets monthly – contact the parish administrator for details.

**VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH.** There are many ways to be involved: altar servers; readers; eucharistic ministers; music ministry, organists, and music planning group; live-streaming team; Sunday morning coffee; church cleaners; church flowers; catechists for children/adults; gardening group. Please contact the parish administrator if you are interested and she can put you in touch with the relevant person.

**FAMILIES IN NEED.** Our parish collects food (within sell-by-date please) and other household items for families in need that is distributed by Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School. Donations can be: left in the baskets in church; in the porch of the parish house; or delivered directly to the school when open.

## Finance stewardship

### Last week's collections

Parish Plate	£473.64	Card reader/QR	£184.00
Second collection	£287.80	Card reader/QR	£8.00
<i>Catholic Comms</i>			
Roof (gutters & solar)		Card reader/QR	£220.00

Scan QR code  
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Thanks to those who contribute via the plate, card reader, standing order, and in any other way. White Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church. You may donate electronically at <https://donate.mydona.com/our-ladys-church-acomb> Parish costs are a shared responsibility; your ongoing generosity is appreciated.