



Our Lady's Catholic Parish, Acomb, York

Worship & Sacraments

Mass dates / intentions and other Services this week

Month dedicated to Our Lady

Sunday 24 th	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Breffni McCormack, RIP Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 25 th		No Mass
Tuesday 26 th		No Mass
Wednesday 27 th		No Mass
Thursday 28 th		No Mass
Friday 29 th		No Mass
Saturday 30 th		No Mass
Sunday 31 st Trinity Sunday	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Deceased members of the Twomey Family, RIP Mass: People of the Parish

Live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ourladysacomb/live

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

Mass intentions: Peter Render, RIP Anniv; Margaret Holliday, RIP; Anne Radford, RIP. Evelyn Ferguson, RIP Anniv.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

Pentecost **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

Here
I am.
Send
me

Your Holy Spirit blows where he will – where he will, not where I will. He is not simply always there, whenever and wherever someone wants him to be. We must go to him, there, where he chooses to give his grace. And that's why your salvation is bound up with your visible Church. That's why your grace comes to us in visible signs.


This is all quite clear to me, Lord, and I'm very happy about this distinctive characteristic of your grace. It's comforting to know that I can approach you... in concrete, tangible, visible signs. It warms my heart to know that I can be sure of your power and presence in my life through the water of baptism, or by the audible

word of forgiveness spoken by the priest, or in the holy bread of the altar...

Can one pass on your truth without having fully grasped it himself? Can I preach your Gospel, if it has not struck deep roots in my own heart? Can I pass on your life, if I am not alive with it myself? Your holy signs can produce grace of their own power, it's true...

Thus, I shall be happy to set out again and again on my messenger's rounds to my fellow men and women. You have sent me, and so I go in your name, not my own. Let your power triumph through my weakness, whenever you desire it to do so.

Karl Rahner SJ,
Encounters with Silence

Spirit of love and peace, humanity is often divided. Unity and understanding can seem so distant as innocent people become victims of injustice and cruelty. Help me to radiate love to my own little world. Make me an instrument of your peace.  Amen.

Blessing of St Clare of Assisi

What you hold, may you always hold.

What you do, may you always do and never abandon. But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust, may you go forward securely, joyfully and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness, not believing anything, not agreeing with anything, that would dissuade you from this resolution or that would place a stumbling block for you on the way, so that you may offer your vows to the Most High in the pursuit of that perfection to which the Spirit of God has called you.

St Clare of Assisi

Today, as in the days after Pentecost, the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, pursues her journey through history with trust, joy and courage as she proclaims the name of Jesus and the salvation born of faith in the saving truth of the Gospel.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week Wednesday 27 May

St Augustine of Canterbury (d. 604)

St Augustine landed in Anglo-Saxon Britain after Pope Gregory the Great met some slaves on sale in the market in Rome. The experience catalysed him to send Augustine to people who were, "Not Angles but angels!"

The Romans brought Christianity to Britain. St Alban, the first-recorded British Christian martyr, died in 305, 590 years before Augustine landed on Kentish shores. The Glastonbury Legend says that Joseph of Arimathea set up the first British Christian community at Glastonbury. After the departure of the Romans, small pockets of Christianity survived until Augustine's arrival, although there is little evidence that Romano-British Christians tried to bring the Anglo-Saxons into the fold.

After Kent's King Ethelbert became a Christian, Augustine reported that ten thousand of his subjects followed the king.

Augustine's limited understanding of the culture, traditions and thinking of the people he had come to evangelise possibly explains his limited effectiveness in Wales and other parts of England, during his eight years as the first Archbishop of Canterbury.



READINGS

Today:
Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7.
12-13
John 20:19-23

Monday:
Genesis 3:9-15. 20 or
Acts 1:12-14
John 19:25-34

Tuesday:
1 Peter 1:10-16
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday:
1 Peter 1:18-25
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday:
Genesis 22:9-18
Matthew 26:36-42

Friday:
1 Peter 4:7-13
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday:
Jude 17, 20b-25
Mark 11:27-33

Next Sunday:
Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9
2 Corinthians
13:11-13
John 3:16-18

NEWS THIS WEEK

MISSION APPEAL 2026 Thank you for the warm welcome you gave to Fr. Anthony Dampson SMA last Sunday and for your generous response to his appeal for prayers and for practical support. As you will see the second collection raised £1206.00 which will be sent to the Missionaries of Africa to support their ministry.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHANTS Singing is an integral part of the Liturgy in every Christian tradition. Indeed, in the Orthodox Churches every word is sung without accompaniment as the human voice is, itself, a musical instrument created by God. Another of our parish organists will be retiring soon and, being practical, we have to begin to prepare for the day when we may well not have musical accompaniment at every Sunday Mass or holiday of obligation.

At Our Lady's we have a strong tradition of congregational singing which is a great gift to be preserved. So, what we have begun is the introduction of simple chants of the parts of the Mass which can be sung without accompaniment. To date we have a *Glory to God*, a *Lamb of God* and now two sung responses to the intercessions (Bidding Prayers) which have been gradually introduced. Over the next while we hope to learn a simple *Holy, holy*. Simple unaccompanied settings of the *Lord have mercy* are well known so on some Sundays we may sing one of these and not sing the *Glory to God*. Many people are familiar with simple Taize chants so we will be able to make more use of these. The overall aim is to enable us to sing whatever the future may hold, with or without accompaniment.

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL The funeral service for Michael Gavin, RIP, will take place at York Crematorium at a date still to be arranged. In the meantime please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

FOR COMPLETENESS The newsletter last week quoted part of Testament of Dom Christian de Chergé OCSO the prior of a small community of French Trappist monk in Algeria. This testament was composed during December 1993 and completed on 1st January 1994. He knew that he was facing death It was opened on Pentecost Sunday 1996 shortly after Dom Christian and some others of his Trappist community were murdered in Algeria.

...Obviously, my death will justify the opinion of all those who dismissed me as naïve or idealistic: "Let him tell us what he thinks now." But such people should know my death will satisfy my most burning curiosity.

At last, I will be able—if God pleases—to see the children of Islam as he sees them, illuminated in the glory of Christ, sharing in the gift of God's Passion and of the Spirit, whose secret joy will always be to bring forth our common humanity amidst our differences.

I give thanks to God for this life, completely mine yet completely theirs, too, to God, who wanted it for joy against, and in spite of, all odds. In this Thank You—which says everything about my life—I include you, my friends past and present, and those friends who will be here at the side of my mother and father, of my sisters and brothers—thank you a thousandfold.

And to you, too, my friend of the last moment, who will not know what you are doing. Yes, for you, too, I wish this thank-you, this "A-Dieu", whose image is in you also, that we may meet in heaven, like happy thieves, if it pleases God, our common Father. Amen! Insha Allah!

For the complete text: <https://columbanird.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Resources-Gods-and-Men-Testament.pdf>

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	£404.56	Card reader/QR	£166.00
Second collection	£838.00	Card reader/QR	£368.00
<i>Mission appeal</i>			
Roof (gutters & solar)		Card reader/QR	£15.00

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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.myдона.com/our-ladys-church-acomb> Parish costs are a shared responsibility; your ongoing generosity is appreciated.