



Our Lady's Catholic Parish, Acomb, York

Worship & Sacraments

Mass dates / intentions and other Services this week

Month dedicated to Our Lady

Sunday 31st	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Deceased members of the Twomey Family, RIP Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 1 st		No Mass
Tuesday 2 nd		No Mass
Wednesday 3 rd		No Mass
Thursday 4 th		No Mass
Friday 5 th	12.00noon	Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick: Emma Palasz, RIP
Saturday 6 th	6.00pm	Mass: Holy Souls (In Italian – all welcome)
Sunday 7 th Corpus Christi	9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Barry Tinning, 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: Ann Coughlin, RIP; Intentions of the Nevin Family. Dr. Martin Iveson, RIP Anniv.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

The Most Holy Trinity **Divine Office Week** | Year A

Before saying his total yes to God, [Augustine's] soul shudders and writhes in painful conflicts. On one side there is God, inviting him; on the other, his old habits, his former "friends," who "tug gently at his clothing of flesh" and whisper to him: "You dismiss us? Remember, the moment we leave you, that certain thing will no longer be allowed you, nor will that other – forever!"

God urges him to hurry and Augustine pleads, "Not at once, just another moment!" And he goes on for weeks, in a state of indecision, in a turmoil, until, assisted by a powerful thrust from God, he summons his courage and makes up his mind...


In the human drama of faith there is a mysterious element: the intervention of God. Paul of Tarsus

experienced it on the road to Damascus and describes it in this way: that day, the Lord "appeared also to me": "by the grace of God, I am what I am..."

The grace of God, in fact, has force, but does not mean to force us; it has a holy violence, but intended to make us fall in love with the truth, not to violate freedom...

The banquet table [of grace] is always laid, open to all. As for me, I try to take daily advantage of it, erecting again today the life of faith knocked down by the sins of yesterday. I wonder if Christians who, like me, feel themselves sometimes good, sometimes sinners, will agree to be "good dinner guests", with me?

Pope John Paul I, *Illustrissimi*

My Lord and my God, I love you and adore you.
Fill me with your love and let me radiate it to
the people around me.  Amen.

Give me yourself

Give me yourself, O my God,
give yourself to me.
Behold I love you,
and if my love is too weak a thing,
grant me to love you more strongly.
I cannot measure my love to know how much
it falls short of being sufficient,
but let my soul hasten to your embrace
and never be turned away until it is hidden
in the secret shelter of your presence.
This only do I know,
that it is not good for me
when you are not with me,
when you are only outside me.
I want you in my very self.

St Augustine

We are used to calculating things – and
at times it is necessary – but this does
not apply in love!

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week
Wednesday 3 May

St Charles Lwanga and companions

Twenty-two Catholics and twenty-three Anglicans died at Namugongo, Uganda, in 1885-1886. Most were adolescent boys and pages at the court of Mwanga II, the Kabaka (King) of Buganda, a kingdom within Uganda. All had refused Mwanga's sexual demands. Joseph Mukasa, a convert to Christianity, tried to protect the boys and was the first to be killed.

Charles Lwanga, aged twenty-six, declared that they refused to obey Mwanga in anything which went against their religious belief. Mwanga sentenced them to be burned alive at Namugongo, a two-day march from the palace. The youngest was Kizito, aged fourteen.

Fr Simeon Lourdel, a French Missionary of Africa who had baptised several of the boys, was forced to accompany the group and watch their executions. He reported that Lwanga's last words were, "Katonda," or "My God." Kizito's were "Good-bye, friends. We are on our way." As the flames rose, all were heard praying and encouraging one another.

READINGS

Today:
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians
13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Monday:
2 Peter 1:2-7
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday:
2 Peter 3:11-15,
17-18
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday:
2 Timothy 1:1-9,
6-12
Mark 12:16-27

Thursday:
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Mark 12:28-34

Friday:
2 Timothy 3:10-17
Mark 12:36-37

Saturday:
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday:
Deuteronomy 8:2-3,
14-18
1 Corinthians
10:16-17
John 6:51-58

NEWS THIS WEEK

CORPUS SANGUINIS CHRISTI Next Sunday we celebrate the beautiful feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. In the past, and before the renewal that continues to flow from the Second Vatican Council, it was extremely rare for most people to receive Holy Communion regularly at Mass. When my mother was a girl Holy Communion wasn't even given at Mass! It was distributed to a small number of people at a special service earlier on a Sunday.

Sometimes *well-meaning* misrepresentations of the teaching of the church led to the popular, but mistaken belief, that it is necessary to go to confession before receiving Holy Communion. This, then, gave rise to all kinds of devotions around the Eucharist which those of us of a certain age are familiar with.

The command of the Lord Jesus at the last supper is clear: take and eat, take and drink. The great Eucharistic discourse in John's Gospel focusses on the eating and drinking of his body and blood which are *real food and real drink*.

The way, then, that we show our love and devotion of the Lord Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament is when, trusting in his love and invitation we take him at his word. Knowing that he is here for us and that receiving Holy Communion is an expression of our need for his help and not some kind of reward for good behaviour.

DIAMOND JUBILEE Canon Michael Ryan is celebrating 60 years of Priesthood with Mass at 12.00noon at English Martyrs Church on Saturday 13th June 2026, with refreshments in the hall afterwards. All very welcome.'

OUR LADY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME The next session for our candidates takes place today, 31st May at 10.45am in the Fr. Kelly Room.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Our monthly Mass takes place this week on Friday 5th June at 12.00noon in the Fr. Kelly Room. Mass is followed by refreshments.

MONTHLY MASS in Italian Saturday 6th June at 6.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room. All welcome.

SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY will be held this year on Sunday, 26th July, the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim (parents of Our Lady and maternal grandparents of the Lord Jesus). The Holy Father has chosen the theme: "I will never forget you" (cf. Is 49:15).

FAIR TRADE STALL next Sunday, 7th June, in the Parish Hall following the 9.30am Mass

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL Fr Bill Surplus from St. Aelred's has sent the following information: Ann Coughlin, a wonderful and faithful parishioner for so many years here at St Aelred's has died. Reception of her body into St. Aelred's church 4.00pm 8th June, Requiem Mass 11.00am 9th June. May she rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Please note that there is nobody available to lead the children's liturgy next Sunday, 7th June.

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	£332.77	Card reader/QR	£139.00
Second collection		Card reader/QR	
Roof (gutters & solar)		Card reader/QR	£30.00

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Thanks to those who contribute via the plate, card reader, standing order, and in any 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.