11th October 2026

28th Sunday of the Year

Lectionary Cycle: Sundays Year A • Weekdays Year 2

Our Lady's Catholic Parish, Acomb, York

Worship & Sacraments

Mass dates / intentions and other Services this week

Month dedicated to the Rosary

Sunday 11th	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Moya Richardson, RIP Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 12th		No Mass
Tuesday 13th		No Mass
Wednesday 14th		No Mass
Thursday 15th		No Mass
Friday 16th	12.00noon	Mass: Mary Dakin, RIP Anniv
Saturday 17th		No Mas
Sunday 18th	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Margaret Snowdon, RIP Anniv Mass: People of the Parish

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

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

Mass intentions: None received

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NEWS THIS WEEK

REMEMBRANCE OF CHILDREN LOST EITHER DURING PREGNANCY OR AFTER BIRTH We will make the yearly remembrance of our children who have died at any stage of life on Sunday 18th October at both Masses. There will be an opportunity for individuals, couples and families to light a candle in memory.

MIDDLESBROUGH DIOCESE LGBT+ SERVICE Monthly Mass today, 11th October, at 3.00pm in the chapel of the Bar Convent. Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sr. Ann Stafford, cj who was a great supporter of the ministry. Mass is followed by refreshments. Doors open at 2.30pm – if you arrive after 3.00pm please ring the bell.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME Applications for our First Communion Programme are open on-line and will close at midday on Sunday 25th October 2026. https://www.ourladysyork.org.uk/first-holy-communion-programme.html The first meeting for parents/carers will take place on the **3rd November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATIONS 2026 Applications for our 2026 programme are now closed. We will be in touch with candidates this week. For those who complete the programme Confirmations will take place at Our Lady's on Saturday 28th November 2026 at 12.00noon.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) The first meeting for those interested in knowing more about the Catholic Christian faith, especially those looking to be baptised, become Catholic, or be confirmed as an adult will take place following the 9.30am Mass on 18th October in the Fr. Kelly Room.

FROM OLQM SCHOOL
Friday 16 October 9:00 in school: Stay and Play. Parents and children considering OLQM are welcome to attend. This event will feature refreshments, the chance to play with school resources and to look around the setting.

RETIRING COLLECTION Next Sunday, 18th October, for *Missio*. Envelopes are available in the porch. This collection is taken in every church and chapel in the world and where people don't have a place to worship in. It is your opportunity to be part of a world-wide moment of outreach and love.

Where the world sees threats, the Church sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome.

Pope Leo XIV

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 at 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 Monday evening at 7.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room
- Life Ascending [not meeting at present]
- Our Lady's Brownies each Wednesday 6 - 7.30pm in the Parish Hall during term-time
- 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	£464.87	Card reader/QR	£181.00
Second collection		Card reader/QR	
Roof (gutters & solar)		Card reader/QR	£113.00

Scan QR code to donate online

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 and necessary.

The least, the last and the lost

SUNDAY Plus

11 OCTOBER 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

E&W: Week of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants

Prisoner for Christ

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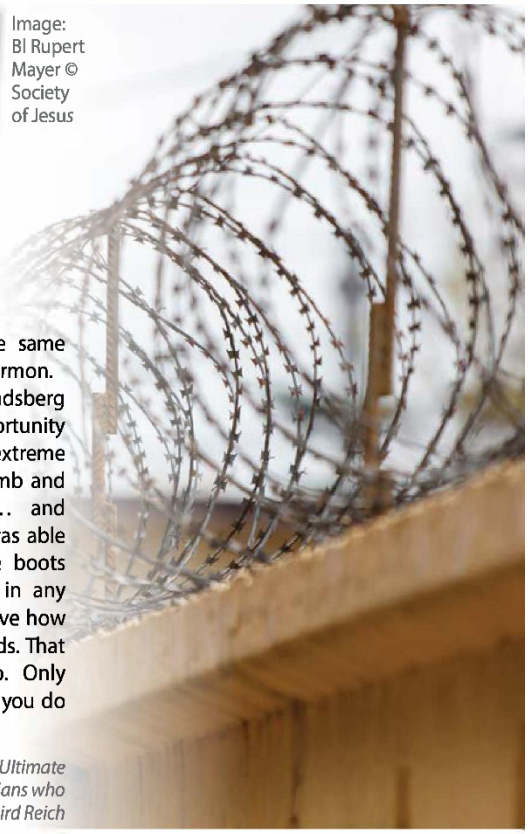

Known as the "apostle of Munich," [Fr Rupert Mayer's] grave draws up to three thousand people a day to the crypt of the Bürgesaal church in downtown Munich… A decorated war veteran and amputee, he had been known for his tireless pastoral and charitable work among the city's poorest and his courage to speak the truth in a kindly straightforward and stubbornly unrelenting way. "They can gun me down," he once said, "but the truth must be told." The truth he proclaimed from Munich's pulpits and chancels, on mission tours in Bavaria and at public gatherings objected to the regime's forceful secularising of Catholic schools on the Nazi's slur campaign against Catholic clergy and the church. Restricted first and eventually forbidden to preach altogether, he was pressured into breaking the confessional's secrecy and refused; arrested repeatedly, he was deported to a concentration camp [Sachsenhausen-Orienburg] and put in solitary confinement, released again, and finally banned to years in isolation at a Benedictine monastery [Ettal] from where, at war's end, he returned to Munich and where he died the same year while delivering a sermon.

[He wrote from the Landsberg Prison], "I have the opportunity here to practise extreme poverty. Toothbrush, comb and soap, rosary, breviary… and were the only things I was able to rescue. Yes, also the boots because I cannot walk in any others. It is hard to believe how little a person really needs. That goes for the food too. Only because I promised it to you do I force myself to eat."

Blessed Rupert Mayer SJ, *Ultimate Price: testimonies of Christians who resisted the Third Reich*

Jesus, you invite everyone to experience and celebrate your incredible love. Let my heart dance for joy at your goodness. ✠ Amen.

Let it be so

Lord, what you will, let it be so.
Where you will, there we will go.
What is your will, help us to know.
Lord, when you will, the time is right.
In you, there's joy in strife.
For your will, I'll give my life.
To ease your burden brings no pain
To forego all for you is gain
As long as I, in you, remain

Bl Rupert Mayer SJ

> [Jesus] presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor.
>
> Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Sunday 11 October
St John XXIII

Today we remember St John XXIII, a humble pope whose heart was open to the Spirit and whose vision reshaped the Church. Known as "Good Pope John," he radiated warmth, simplicity and pastoral care. His most enduring legacy, the Second Vatican Council, was born not of ambition, but of prayerful discernment and trust in God's renewing grace.

St John XXIII believed the Church must not retreat from the world, but engage it with mercy, truth and hope. He called for *aggiornamento* – a bringing up to date – not to dilute the Gospel, but to make it shine more clearly in modern times. His life reminds us that holiness is found in listening, in courage and in joyful service. May we, like him, be open to the Spirit's promptings, ready to build bridges, and eager to share Christ's love with a world longing for peace.

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Monday:
Galatians 4:22-24. 26-27. 31 – 5:1
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday:
Galatians 5:1-6
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday:
Galatians 5:18-25
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday:
Ephesians 1:1-10
Luke 11:47-54

Friday:
Ephesians 1:11-14
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday:
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 12:8-12

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

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