18th October 2026

29th 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 18th	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Margaret Snowdon, RIP Anniv Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 19th		No Mass
Tuesday 20th		No Mass
Wednesday 21st	9.30am	Mass: William Chapman, RIP
Thursday 22nd	9.30am	Mass: Tom Aylward, RIP
Friday 23rd	12.00noon	Mass: Ann Craven, RIP
Saturday 24th		No Mass
Sunday 25th	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Patrick Kelly, 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: Sr. Jane Norman, RIP; Private intention; William Chapman, RIP.

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News This Week

Remembrance of children lost either during pregnancy or after birth Today at both Masses we will make the yearly remembrance of our children who have died at any stage of life There will be an opportunity for individuals, couples and families to light a candle in memory.

Rosary October is the month of the rosary and Pope Leo has invited us to pray the rosary in October for peace. Next Sunday, 25th October, there will be the opportunity to pray the rosary in church before Mass beginning at 9.00am and 4.30pm.

Report to the Holy Father As promised in his recent pastoral letter Bishop Marcus has now made public the report he submitted to the Holy See on the possible unification of the Diocese of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough. The document in-full can be read/downloaded at: https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/bishop-marcus-consultation-report-to-the-holy-father/

Children's Liturgy We would be grateful if parents, whose children take part, could volunteer on a rota basis to check that the Fr. Kelly Room is clean and tidy after the 9.30am Mass has ended so that it is ready for Mass on Monday morning. There is a sign-up sheet in the corridor.

First Holy Communion Programme Applications for our First Communion Programme are still 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. Details of the programme have been sent by email to all who have applied. There are 13 candidates aged from Year 9 up to 17years of age. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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.

Retiring collection Today 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.

November Dead List Envelopes are now available. Please enter the names of your loved ones who have gone ahead to God. All names received will be entered into our Book of Remembrance and Masses will be offered for them throughout the month of November. To help us get the names right please write clearly, thank you.

Canon Michael's Jubilee You are very welcome to join in celebrating Canon Michael Ryan's 60th anniversary year of priestly ministry. The event, offering a menu of music, poetry and song, will be held at English Martyrs Parish Hall on Friday 13th November. Doors open at 7.30. You may bring your own refreshments. To help planning please fill in the sheet in the porch so that the organisers can be aware of numbers. The closing date is Sunday 1st November 2026.

Choose Life The Bishop to the armed forces in the United States has instructed any Catholic service personnel asked to take part in the forthcoming firing squad to withdraw because it goes against the clear teaching of the Catholic Church.

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
- the use of mobile phones is not allowed
- no photographs/video to be taken
- no food is to be taken into the Fr. Kelly room

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	£300.98	Card reader/QR	£146.00
Second collection		Card reader/QR	
Roof (gutters & solar)		Card reader/QR	

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.

God's world, our world

SUNDAY Plus

18 OCTOBER 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year A

World Mission Sunday

A young catalyst

World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded by Pauline Jaricot in 1819, before she was twenty-one. It is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies.

Pauline [Jaricot's] really distinctive contribution, which gives her claim to the title of foundress of the Society [for the Propagation of the Faith] was the practical, businesslike step of organisation taken in 1819… Each member was to find nine others who would combine with the first into a group of ten. One of the ten would be responsible for collecting a sou [€0.05] from each member. Over every hundred groups was a chief collector, whose responsibility it was to bring or send the thousand sous [€50-€60] to headquarters each week…

Within a few months, however, Pauline Jaricot ran into a storm of abuse and opposition in clerical circles, the first of many such storms she was to encounter in her career. Her pastor ordered her to stop the work because, he said, it was controlled by a laywoman and therefore it was illicit. Pauline appealed to the vicar general of the diocese – there was no bishop in residence at that time – and offered to stop the work if the vicar general thought her pastor right. He answered by telling her not to stop the work but rather to extend it…

The very success of the work caused the opposition to grow more intense and bitter, most of it coming from the pulpit with priests saying that young women should say their prayers and leave other ecclesiastical matters in clerical hands.

Thomas P. Neill, *They Lived the Faith: great lay leaders of modern times*

Ven. Pauline Jaricot © Wikipedia

Here I am, Lord. Send me to my family, community and world as a messenger of your love. ✝ Amen.

They don't forget!

Bishop Joseph Dupont (1897-1911), nicknamed Moto Moto ("fire fire"), was the first Missionary of Africa to arrive in the village of Mashitolo in northern Zambia. He and his companions left Chilubi Island, paddled across the magnificent but hippo- and crocodile-infested waters of Lake Chifunabuli, pulled their canoe onto the shore and set up camp under a large, shady tree. The first white people whom the villagers had ever seen, they attracted considerable attention from the local Chiefs Chitembo, Mwansakombe, Mulongwe and Mwewa and their subjects. Before long, Christianity was established in the region – and thrives today. Two hundred years later, however, those first missionaries are still remembered and celebrated in Lubwe's annual Kwanga ceremony.

I spent six years in Lubwe and the (relatively) nearby Kasaba, on the shores of Lake Chifunabuli and the Kasaba Lagoon – and will never forget being shown the very tree under which those first missionaries camped. People still talk of Moto Moto. They don't forget!

Sr Janet Fearns FMDM

> While the whole Church is missionary, today we pray especially for those men and women who have left everything to bring the Gospel to those who do not know it. They are missionaries of hope among all peoples. May the Lord bless them!
>
> Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Sunday 18 October
St Luke the Evangelist

St Luke was the beloved physician and evangelist whose Gospel reveals the compassionate heart of Christ. Luke's writing is rich with mercy: he alone gives us the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, stories that echo God's boundless love and call us to imitate it.

As a companion of St Paul and a careful historian, Luke bridges faith and reason, showing that the Gospel is not myth but lived truth. His attention to detail and inclusion of women, those who are poor and the marginalised reminds us that the kingdom of God is for all.

Luke's feast invites us to be healers in our own way, through kindness, listening and presence. May we, like him, proclaim Christ not only with words but with lives marked by mercy, inclusion and hope. Let us be Gospel people, writing love into the world one act at a time.

READINGS

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

Monday:
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday:
Ephesians 2:12-22
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday:
Ephesians 3:2-12
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday:
Ephesians 3:14-21
Luke 12:49-53

Friday:
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday:
Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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