25th October 2026

30th 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 25th	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Patrick Kelly, RIP Anniv Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 26th		No Mass
Tuesday 27th		No Mass
Wednesday 28th	9.30am	Mass: Holy souls
Thursday 29th	9.30am	Mass: Joyce Woods, RIP
Friday 30th	12.00noon	Mass: Bill & Tess O'Reilly, RIP
Saturday 31st		No Mass
Sunday 1st **All Saints Day**	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Sr. Ann Stafford, cj, RIP 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: Donor's intention

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NEWS THIS WEEK

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

GOOD NEWS We are delighted to have received a grant of £12,000.00 from Benefact Trust towards the cost of the guttering and drainage works at Our Lady's Church. Our sincere thanks to Benefact Trust for their generous support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME Applications for our First Communion Programme are still open on-line and will close at midday **today** 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES The first meeting of the OCIA Group takes place today, 25th September at 7.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room. The first meeting for our Confirmation Candidates takes place on Thursday 29th October at 7.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room.

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 for number is Sunday 1st November 2026.

OPENING HYMN

We are one in the Spirt we are one in the Lord (rpt)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Refrain:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand (rpt)
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land *Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side (rpt)
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride *Refrain*

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
and all praise to Christ Jesus his only Son
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one *Refrain*

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	£423.44	Card reader/QR	£154.00
Second collection	£375.00	Card reader/QR	£145.00
Roof (gutters & solar)		Card reader/QR	£ 25.00

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.

Be realistic

SUNDAY Plus

25 OCTOBER 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

It's still true!

We are in the midst of the post-industrial, interplanetary, technological age… Many things are going well, but they're bringing us consequences that are full of problems and dangers. These will have to be corrected and channelled rather better.

Paul VI, for instance has spoken of "hungry peoples, who today are calling dramatically to the rich peoples", and of the "anger of the poor, with its unforeseeable consequences". This is what is happening: in a third of the world there is a remarkable abundance of everything and shameless waste; in two-thirds of the world there is poverty, which is steadily growing worse. If what is spent so easily on armaments was saved and certain luxuries were cut out, technology could soon take the whole human family to a fairly high level, economically, socially and culturally…

I spoke of the "human family". We have never felt, as we do today, how small the world is: we hunger and thirst for unity but are continuously pulled between two opposing forces.

These things make for unity: the amazing network of communications that now binds the world in a hundred ways; the universal longing for peace; the existence of the United Nations Organisation and other supranatural organisations…

These things make for disunity: the waves of exaggerated nationalism, which flare up every now and then here and there, in old peoples and in new ones; the division of the world into opposing blocks led by superpowers: social tensions which are now no longer between classes but between regions and between rich states and poor states.

Illustrissimi : the letters of Pope John Paul I

The world needs more than ever the powerful witness of men and women of all religions living together in unity, friendship and cooperation.

Pope Leo XIV

Come as you are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed, and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

Paul Gurr O. Carm.

Lord, it's not easy to be overlooked and perhaps forgotten, but it's the "little ones" of this world who are closest to your heart. That's where I want to be, for ever and always in your heart. ✠ Amen.

Feast of the week
Thursday 29 October

Blessed Chiara Badano (1971-1990)

Blessed Chiara Badano reminds us that holiness is not reserved for the old or the ordained: it blooms in youthful hearts open to God. Diagnosed with cancer at seventeen, Chiara faced suffering not with despair, but with radiant trust. She said, "If I had to choose between walking or going to heaven, I'd choose heaven."

Her life was marked by joy, generosity and deep love for Christ. She offered her pain as a gift, refusing morphine so she could stay alert and unite her suffering with Jesus. Chiara's witness shows that faith transforms even the darkest valley into a path of light.

Today, we're invited to live with purpose, to embrace each moment with love and to trust God's plan – even when it's hard. Like Chiara, may we say yes to Christ with courage, and let our lives shine with hope for others.

READINGS

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

Monday:
Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday:
Romans 8:18-25
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday:
Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-19

Thursday:
Romans 8:31-39
Luke 13:31-35

Friday:
Romans 9:1-5
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday:
Philippians 1:18-26
Luke 14:1. 7-11

Next Sunday:
Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

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