1st November 2026

Feast of All Saints

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 of prayer for the Holy Souls

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

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

Sunday 1st	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Sr. Ann Stafford, cj RIP Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 2nd **All Souls Day**	LIVE 10.00am 7.00pm	Mass: Holy souls Mass: Holy souls
Tuesday 3rd		No Mass
Wednesday 4th	9.30am	Mass: Holy souls
Thursday 5th	9.30am	Mass: Holy souls
Friday 6th	12.00noon	Mass: Holy souls
Saturday 7th	6.00pm	Mass: Holy souls (In Italian) all welcome
Sunday 8th **32nd Sunday**	LIVE 9.30am 5.00pm	Mass: Holy souls Mass: People of the Parish

Mass intentions received: Noreen Mollan, RIP birthday remembrance

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News This Week

All Souls Day There will be two Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm – The 10.00am Mass will be live streamed.

First Holy Communion Programme The first meeting for parents/carers will take place on the **3rd November at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall.

OCIA Group next meets on Sunday 8th November 2026 at 7.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room looking at the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

Confirmation Programme meets Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7.00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room.

Monthly Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick Friday 6th November at 12.00noon in the Fr. Kelly Room and followed by refreshments.

Diocesan LGBT+ Ministry Monthly Mass Sunday 8th November at 3.00pm in the Chapel of the Bar Convent followed by refreshments in the atrium. All are welcome to both or either.

Parish remembrance of those who have died This will take place at both Masses on Sunday 15th November and there will be the possibility for all who wish to light a candle in memory and prayer for those who have gone before us.

Building works Following conversation with the Diocesan Buildings Manager this week we have agreed that unfortunately it is not possible to proceed with the installation of solar panels on the church roof at the present time. The main reason is that the roof tiles are now too fragile to stand either the weight of the panels or the weight of the workers involved in installing them. As we reported the recent survey indicated that the tiles have an estimated 10 years life left if they aren't touched. The tiles used back in 1955 aren't made any more. It would not be possible just to replace some broken tiles. If we were to proceed then we would, in all probability find that we need to completely re-roof the Church. This would far exceed our finances. Whilst solar would provide cheaper energy it would take decades for the savings made to cover the total costs of installation and would leave the parish in debt. It is a disappointment, and a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes, but we have to be practical and use what resources we have prudently. Ongoing thanks to all who have and who still are donating to support the project for the gutters, downpipes and drains which, whilst less exciting than solar panels, had to be the first priority in maintaining our building.

November Dead List Envelopes are still 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.

Mass Count The diocese asks that we count everyone at Sunday Mass on the last two weeks of September and the first two weeks of October each year. The 2025 count was 1280 (320 x week) and in 2026 it was 1314 (329 x week). These figures do not include those who take part via the live-stream.

Fair trade stall In the parish hall following the 9.30am Mass today.

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 numbers is today, Sunday 1st November 2026.

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	£456.98	Card reader/QR	£171.00
Second collection		Card reader/QR	
Roof		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.

Called to holiness

SUNDAY Plus

1 NOVEMBER 2026

All Saints **Divine Office Week III** Year A

Recognise God's love

Ceiling in the Church of All Saints with fresco paintings of all saints, Minsk, Belarus © Jasen Wright, Shutterstock

The Saints are not supermen, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, like each one of us. They are people who, before reaching the glory of heaven, lived normal lives with joys and sorrows, struggles and hopes. What changed their lives? When they recognised God's love, they followed it with all their heart without reserve or hypocrisy. They spent their lives serving others, they endured suffering and adversity without hatred and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace. This is the life of a saint. Saints are people who, for love of God, did not put conditions on him in their life; they were not hypocrites; they spent their lives at the service of others…

Being holy is not a privilege for the few, as if someone had a large inheritance… We are all called to walk on the path of holiness, and this path has a name and a face: the face of Jesus Christ. He teaches us to become saints… In fact, the Kingdom of Heaven is for those who do not place their security in material things but in love for God, for those who have a simple, humble heart that does not presume to be just and does not judge others, for those who know how to suffer with those who suffer and how to rejoice when others rejoice. They are not violent but merciful and strive to be instruments for reconciliation and peace. Saints, whether men or women, are instruments for reconciliation and peace.

Pope Francis

> The more we taste the mystery of God, the more we are attracted to it.
>
> Pope Leo XIV

Our love continues

The real intent of our prayer for the dead is for us to stay in touch with them, to continue to be in a conscious communication, to maintain our relationship of love, to finish unfinished business, to apologise to them, to forgive them, to ask them to forgive us, to remain mindful of the special oxygen they breathed into the planet during their lives, and to occasionally share a celebratory glass of wine with them...

So, if you've lost a loved one in a situation where there was still something unresolved, where there was still a tension that needed easing, where you should have been more attentive or where you feel badly because you never adequately expressed the affirmation and affection that you might have, know it's not too late. It can still be done!

And, in having that make-up conversation, don't be afraid to share a laugh about how the inadequacy of our human situation has the devilish habit of fudging our best intentions.

Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Lord, people aren't born saints: they become saints. May every breath I breathe be an act of love for you. ✝ Amen.

Feast of the week
Monday 2 November
All Souls

The feast of All Souls is special for all of us because we are all thinking about people who have died, people whom we've known and loved, sometimes very dearly. Most of us can identify an aching corner of our heart which is occupied by memories of one or more very special individuals. However, All Souls' Day is a day of hope: the resurrection means that we will be together again, never to be parted. Love does not end at the grave: those who have died are enjoying life with God, but they are also living in our hearts and are only a thought's distance away.

We pray for those who have died – those we have loved and lost, and those known only to God. May they rest in the peace and joy of eternal life with God.

READINGS

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

Monday:
Isaiah 25:6-9
Romans 5:5-11
Matthew 11:25-30

Tuesday:
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday:
Philippians 2:12-18
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday:
Philippians 3:3-8
Luke 15:1-10

Friday:
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday:
Philippians 4:10-19
Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday:
Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

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