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2nd March 2025 – 8th Sunday, Ordinary Time, Yr C

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	
Sat. 6pm	8th Sunday	Pat & John Atkinson	<p>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm</p> <p>ADORATION Wednesday 1.30pm-2pm Thursday 9.30am</p>  <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p>
Sun. 10.30am	8th Sunday	People of the Parish	
Mon. 7.30am		November Dead List	
Tues. 10am		John Gibson	
Wed. 9.15am	Ash Wednesday	Yorkshire Brethren	
Wed. 10.45am		November Dead List	
Wed. 2pm		Canon Joe Taylor	
Wed. 7pm			
Thurs. 10am		Colin & Joyce	
Fri. 9.30am		Special Intention R.L	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent		
Sat. 6pm	1 st Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish	
Sun. 10.30am	1 st Sunday of Lent	Anthony Konwea	

NEXT WEEK, 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

LATELY DEAD, Jean Recchia, Kieran White, ANNIVERSARIES, John Gibson

COLLECTION, £767.20, 100 CLUB, No. 7 Julia Hedley Jones

WELCOME, To Adam Oliver Kosinski who was baptised this weekend.

ASH WEDNESDAY, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day of Fasting and Abstinence. A day we can all reduce our intake of food and to abstain from eating meat. No bacon sandwiches!

We welcome All Saints School in the morning. Timings can be difficult to be exact about, but the aims are 9.15am and 10.45am for Mass. We will have our normal 2pm Mass and there will be a service of the Word at 7pm for anyone who couldn't get to the earlier Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, A short version of the Stations will take place before our weekday Masses.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025, Saturday 8th March, 10am-1pm, Our Lady's Acomb, please join us for a morning of prayer and reflection to explore together how we can: Bring hope in our personal lives and parish, Go out to where hope is needed, share how we might meet this need. Light refreshments are available, please bring a sandwich. For more information and to book: teresa_lyth@hotmail.co.uk, 07885599810. All Welcome.

PURIM, 14th March, 6.30pm-9pm, We are delighted that the York Liberal Jewish Community are hosting their annual Purim Celebration in our Church Hall on Friday 14th March and they would like to invite parishioners and friends to join them. Dinner and entertainment provided - the story of Esther told via The Sound of Music with some of our own English Martyrs singers involved. It promises to be a fun and lively evening. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10/£5 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/purim-in-austria-tickets-1256633437439> or email chair@jewsinyork.org.uk with any questions.

SVP CAMP, 25th - 29th August, this is for York children aged between 9 & 11 who would otherwise not have a holiday. The cost to the SVP for this is around £9,000 and our local SVP groups are making contributions towards this. If you would like to help by making a contribution, details of how to do so are on the notice on the noticeboard. Thanks in advance to anyone who is able to help with a contribution.

SUNDAY PLUS

A good heart

Accepting the real

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

The scene was market day in the city of Athens. Everyone was busy trying to find that elusive commodity called a bargain, and they were not averse to using their tongues and elbows to aid them in the task.

In one corner of the market, however, there was a strange quiet: someone whom most people admired and respected walked among the crowd. He was a famous man, who had condescended to patronise the marketplace. People moved aside to let him have his walkabout. He wasn't a film or television star – the time was still BC. He was an orator renowned for his eloquence and patronage of lost causes.


There was something very odd about his appearance. Despite being a rich man, he wore tattered clothes; he dressed in rags with diligence and care. He was clearly pleased at the theatrical impression he was making on the onlookers, until a voice in the crowd hailed him: "Antisthenes, Antisthenes, I can see your pride through the holes in your cloak." For once, the great orator had nothing to say.

If hypocrisy tries to make a profession out of deceit, humility is a matter of honouring the truth about ourselves. Humility is an acceptance of



reality, an unfussy recognition of what is true. In today's Gospel Jesus names as hypocrites those who notice faults in others but who are blind to their own shortcomings. In his teaching Jesus touches on an important subject in all personal relationships: how self-criticism is an essential part of genuine relations with other people.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk

Remind me, Lord, that you are the door to peace and hope.
Remind me that you are near. Open my eyes to the hope that
you place in the people and the world around me. Let me
channel hope to others.  Amen.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope The Papal Bull

We all know the saying "signed, sealed and delivered". It means that a document is official, finished and has been sent to its intended recipients. The expression effectively dates back at least 2,800 years.

When monarchs signed a super-important document demanding the immediate obedience of their subjects, the wax imprint of their unique, personal seal guaranteed its authenticity. Monarchs and popes went to enormous lengths – and still do – to safeguard their "Great Seal" because a text written "under the Great Seal" is never issued lightly and is an official instruction which comes from them personally as monarch or pope.

The Church uses the word "Bull" for such documents, the word "Bull" coming from the Latin word "bulla" (seal) – hence "Papal Bull".

A Papal Bull announces a Jubilee Year on the feast of the Ascension the previous year. It includes the Jubilee's starting and finishing dates, but also many practical details to be organised and implemented.

Good attracts good

By Natalie Claveria

I always say to my children, good attracts good. We cannot help being drawn to those people who raise us up, listen to our woes, share our achievements and also our sadnesses. I try to encourage them to see the good in all people. Yes, of course, there are those we do not always gel with, or perhaps we do not agree with their values. However, when dealing with tricky characters, we can still stay true to the good in us. Sometimes being "good" to someone who we find particularly challenging

or difficult can be a test of our patience and resolve, but, in my experience, when we present goodness in its purest form it is very hard for it not to be reflected back to us. I remember a passage from a song in the musical *Bugsy Malone*, "You give a little love, and it all comes back to you. You know you are going to be remembered for the things you say and do!"

In addition to being a busy mum and active in her parish, Natalie Claveria is also the Head of Sales, Distribution & Customer Experience for Redemptorist Publications.

All it takes is one good
person to restore hope.

Pope Francis

Today:

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Monday:

Sirach 17:20-29
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday:

Sirach 35:1-15
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

Friday:

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday:

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13