



Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham

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10:15 am Mass Duties.

Readers: This week: - Oscar and Jim - Next Week Eamonn and Jeff

Ministers: This Week: - Jane and Renee - Next Week: Margaret and Pat

Sunday, 5th January 2020. The Epiphany.

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, often known as 'Little Christmas Day' or the 'Feast of the Wise Men.' Today is the day we place the three Kings in our cribs. Be sure to pay a visit to our beautiful crib today and say a prayer to the Christ Child in the manger for your own private intentions.

Year of the Word - Readers Please pick up your free 2020 Missal, so that you can practise your readings at home. Also, new rotas are available in the Sacristy. Lastly, don't forget your Training Session on Thursday, 6th February, 7:00-8:00 pm in church – we will then commission you the following weekend during Mass. We all appreciate your important ministry, helping us to hear the Word of God.

Weddings 2020 All couples please attend the important meeting on Tuesday, 11th February at 7:30 pm in Our Lady's Catholic Club (K.K.). This meeting is for couples getting married in our five churches and elsewhere.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This Tuesday and Thursday, 8am-9am, with Benediction at 8.50am.

May They Rest In Peace.

John McLelland, aged 94, late of Baysdale Ave, whose funeral is on Thursday 9th January at 11:00 am.

Joseph Patrick Lynch, aged 77, late of Chelveston Drive, whose funeral is on Monday, 13th January at 3pm at Kettering Crematorium.

Loretta Ruddick, aged 73, late of Southbrook, whose funeral is on Thursday 16th January at 10am.

Margaret (Patricia) Lawrence late of Glenmoor House whose funeral is at Kettering Crematorium on Friday, 17th January, 11.30am.

Bernard Brady, aged 86 years, late of Rannoch Way, whose funeral is on Wednesday 22nd January at 10:00 am.

Baptisms Welcome to Alan Holka and Letty Pachacz baptised yesterday at Our Lady's.

Parish Statistics 2019

Funerals: 46; Baptisms: 60 ; Weddings: 3 (plus 2 in Thrapston, 1 in St John Ogilvie and 3 in Oundle)

1st Holy Communicants: 57; Confirmations: 37 (plus 6 from Oundle & Thrapston)

Mass Attendance: 429 weekly

Confirmation 2020 For children of School Year 6 and over. Keep bringing your Commitment Cards for signing after Mass. Bring your card to the Confirmation enrolment Service at 11:00 am on Saturday, 25th January in Our Lady's Church (N.B. new date!)

For *First Holy Communion*, we are taking no new names; the deadline is long-passed and First Confessions are on Friday, 24th January at 5:00 pm (Our Lady's School children) and 6:00 pm for all others.

Masses This Week

Saturday:	5:30 – 6:10 pm	Confessions
	Our Lady's	6:30 pm Mass: Kathleen Cahill RIP / Betty Dwyer RIP (Birthday)
Sunday	Our Lady's	10:15 am Mass: Lorna Kelly RIP / Robert Kelly RIP
Monday	Oundle	10:00 am Mass
Tuesday	Our Lady's	08:00 am Adoration
		09:30 am Mass Margaret Peterson RIP / John Galling
	Raunds	10:00 am Mass
Wednesday	Our Lady's	09:30 am Mass Breege Mullan / Alex Green RIP
Thursday:	Our Lady's	8:00 am Adoration and Benediction;
		09:30 am Mass Mary Morrissey RIP / Bino & Jophy: In thanksgiving.
	Thrapston	10:00 am Mass
	Our Lady's	11am : Funeral John McClelland RIP
Friday	St John Ogilvie's:	9.30am Mass
Saturday	Our Lady's	5:30 – 6:10 pm Confession
		6:30 pm Mass Hugh Larkin RIP / Fr Pat RIP
Sunday	Our Lady's	10.15am Mass: Anna Adams (Int) - Joe Moone RIP

Farewell Jithu. Jithu's time with us is drawing to a close. This will be his last weekend in East Northants, next week his final weekend will be spent in our Corby parishes. Jithu has been with us on his extended Parish Placement (E.P.P.) since August and it has been great having him. He has brought youthful enthusiasm and energy into our Presbytery life! The E.P.P is the chance for seminarians to take a break in the midst of their seven long years of study, prayer and discernment, to take a look at Parish Life, to see if it is for them. Priesthood is a noble calling, but it is a life-long vocation and any young man who thinks God may be calling him in that direction needs to be sure, before taking his promises which are life-long. Jithu has worked hard and had a vast array of experiences, including conducting several funerals. We hope that Jithu has enjoyed his time with us and that we have opened his eyes to the joys and heartbreaks that go with being a priest of Jesus Christ. We assure him of our prayers as he continues his fifth year of preparation at Oscott. We hope he will find time to pop in and see us. God bless you, Jithu!

Looking Back

2019 was another year of change in our parishes. We waved "Goodbye" to Canon John Koenig as he begins his well-earned retirement, although once he gets settled into accommodation in Kettering, he will not be very far away. More sad was the untimely death of Fr Wilson Sebastian who died suddenly in his room in St Edward's Presbytery. His Requiem Mass was a moving occasion indeed. Our good friend Fr Gregory Marchwinski had only just taken over as Priest in Charge in Kettering when the tragedy occurred. Even more sad is the fact that Bishop Peter does not have a priest to replace Fr Wilson; Fr Gregory is now running Kettering Parish alone, and the churches in Burton Latimer, Rothwell and Desborough now have Mass monthly instead of weekly, the congregations joining St Edward's parishioners for the other three Sundays of the month. We live in unsettled times. On a happy note, we joyfully welcomed Fr David Donaghue to our parishes in September, for his first parish placement following his ordination in July. We feel very blessed to have Fr David, and feel affirmed that he has been entrusted into our care. A priest never forgets his first appointment! He is doing very well and bringing many blessings. The four active priests in our Pastoral Area are now meeting regularly to provide mutual support and to plan strategies. We are working well as a team, especially in providing 24 hour emergency cover at Kettering General Hospital (with the help of Fr Paul Inman of Wellingborough on Mondays). On a practical level, our three vacant presbyteries have been either sold or let out. We continue to be flexible amidst the changing flow of parish life. We also enjoy the support and hard work of dedicated parishioners whose help is invaluable in keeping all our parishes going. Our thanks to you all. The New Year is bound to be another year of change, as a new Bishop is due. He faces many challenges, but we pledge him our support. We entrust 2020 into the care of our patrons: St Paul, St Thomas More and St John Ogilvie, invoking the Holy Name of Jesus, under the care of Our Lady of Walsingham. May God bless our year ahead,
Canon Michael.

*A Happy New Year to all our Parishioners,
Canon Michael, Fr David and Seminarian Jithu*