



Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham

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Also serving the Catholic Communities in Raunds, Thrapston, Oundle and Danesholme

This Is Holy Week

Sunday 5th April 2020, Palm Sunday

IMPORTANT NOTICE. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and to help prevent the further spread of the virus, we are complying with Government guidelines: all places of worship are closed. Mass will be celebrated by your priests every day in Our Lady's Church, but without a congregation. All Mass intentions previously booked will be honoured in these private Masses (see below for the Mass Intentions list). Your obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is removed until further notice, meaning that it is not a sin to miss Sunday Mass during this period.

Special Times for you Pray at Home, uniting yourself in Spiritual Communion:

Palm Sunday: 11am watch live-streamed online as Bishop David celebrates Mass at the Cathedral; northamptondiocese.org

Maundy Thursday: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 8pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: 11am watch Mass from the Cathedral or on EWTN Channel.

We are looking into the possibility of "live-streaming" our services. Watch this space (ie our website).

Act of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit myself to be parted from you. Amen."

Envelopes. Many of you have kindly asked about how to support the church at this time. If you are able to, please save up your envelope/giving until this period is over. Or, we have a form we could forward to you, on request, about how to donate through your bank.

Please do not forget the **Food Bank** at this time. Please do not bring your foods here, but take them directly to: St Peters and St Andrews, Beanfield Avenue, NN18 0EH (Mondays 13.30-1500 and Fridays 11.30-13.00) or St Columba, Studfall Avenue, NN17 1LG: (Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00).

If you know if anyone in need of the Foodbank, please let them know of these times.

Today is Palm Sunday, the gateway into Holy Week, the most important week in the Christian Year, and usually the busiest. Due to the exceptional circumstances in which we find ourselves this year, we are unable to celebrate any of the wonderful liturgies publically. Your priests will celebrate the services “in camera” (behind closed doors), and you are all invited to join yourself in prayer at home and offer your Spiritual Communion (see prayer above).

Your priests are still living in the Presbytery; Fr David was self-isolating for seven days whilst he displayed symptoms, we are pretty certain that it was the Coronavirus. He is better now and Fr Michael has moved back in, having been living in Kettering Presbytery as the guest of Fr Gregory. The Presbytery is closed to visitors but if you need a priest please call 203121. The housekeeper, youth worker and secretaries are staying at home. For Kettering General Hospital emergencies, please ask the ward staff to contact the switch-board who will call out the on-duty priest.

Whilst baptisms and weddings are currently cancelled, funerals are permitted but not in church: that is either at the grave-side at the cemetery or at the crematorium chapel with only close family permitted. Please note that these arrangements change day by day.

If anyone has a wedding or a baptism already booked, please contact us.

Sadly, this year’s First Holy Communion Masses and Confirmation Mass have been postponed “sine die” to a date yet to be arranged, possibly in the Autumn. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Finally, the Church has dispensed us all from making our Easter Duties this year (whereby every Catholic must make a Confession and receive Holy Communion). This year, instead, just make a good Act of Contrition at home, with profound sorrow for sin.

Private Confession is not allowed at the moment, nor General Absolution Services which would involve gathering in church.

Pray each day using your “Walk With Me” Booklet: never before has your £1 been better spent!

Please take care of those who are self-isolating; keep prayerful; keep faithful. Look after yourself and, more importantly, look after each other.

We are living in strange times. God will see us through.

No Public Masses Until Further Notice. Priest’s Private Mass will be for the following pre-booked Intentions

Saturday:	Our Lady’ Raunds:	Ints of Smith and Kierran Families / Norah O’Leary Int Sheila Tier RIP
Sunday	Our Lady’s Oundle: Paul Finn RIP; St John Ogilvie’s	George “Podger” Chalmers RIP / Eve Lyons RIP Thrapston: Ellie De Freitas A
Monday	Oundle	John Joe Fleming RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady’s	Margaret and James McCahill A / Jean Larkin A
Spy Wednesday	Our Lady’s	Bridget and John Lynn a / Benny Savage
Maundy Thursday	Our Lady’s Raunds	Maureen Kitson RIP / Mick Murray A
Good Friday	No Masses	
Saturday	Our Lady’s Peter McCartin RIP	Thrapston Peter and Phil Nicholettos
Sunday	Our Lady’s Oundle: Daisy Neale A; St John Ogilvie’s	James, Catherine and john March A Thrapston: Agnes Timlin A; Raunds: Nicholas Barwood and Hannah Brown RIP

May They Rest In Peace: Anne Cheatham late of Driffield Close, Nora Berridge of Oundle, Thomas Slavin and Bill Quinn of Corby. Private funerals will be arranged for now, with the option of Masses of Memorial at a later date.

Wishing you a Wholly Holy Week, Canon Michael & Fr David