

Newsletter for the Catholic Communities of:
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Most Holy Name of Jesus, Stoke Hill, Oundle
St Paul the Apostle, Sackville Street, Thrapston
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Sunday 10th May 2020. May, the Month of Our Lady.

Dear Parishioners, thank you for reading this newsletter and for wanting to keep in touch with your parish. We miss you all! As we go to press we await the announcement from our Prime Minister, the “Road Map” which will hopefully give some indication as to when churches may reopen for public worship and Mass. Please God, he might see fit to allow us to at least unlock our church doors to enable people to pop in to light a candle and say a prayer (whilst keeping antisocial distancing, of course). To pray at home is admirable, but to visit the Blessed Sacrament is something special. We live on a busy residential road and I often see people bless themselves as they pass the church, reverently acknowledging the presence of Jesus within. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in each of our five churches.

We celebrate Mass in Our Lady’s church every day, but behind closed doors for the intentions booked by parishioners (see below). At each Mass we light one of the five paschal candles, representing the particular church(es) in which we would be ordinarily celebrating Mass that day. On Sundays we light all five. We did not get around to “live streaming” as we had hoped, but Fr Gerard Byrne’s Masses are available to view via Facebook and our own Fr David is on YouTube (see below). Also, many continue to enjoy Mass live-streamed from our Cathedral, uniting ourselves with our Bishop who leads us in an **Act of Spiritual Communion** with these words:

“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.”

Is Your Relationship Under Stress During the Lock-down? Smartloving Breakthrough is there to help. A three-hour session to take simple steps to heal wounds and restore hope. Cost: £24 (financial help is available via mfinrcd@gmail.com). See <https://smartloving.org/bto-uk> Private, confidential and effective.

Visits. Your priests are able to visit private homes but only in a life-or-death scenario. We wear the appropriate protective apparel including mask and gloves. We anoint by way of cotton wool, to avoid making physical contact. Please feel free to ring us on 01536 203121. For Hospital cases, please ask the ward staff to contact switchboard who will call the priest on duty. Sadly, many Care Homes are allowing no visitors, not even priests.

Do you want a Chat with Canon Michael or Fr David? Please feel free to phone 203121, even if just to say "hello".

Did You Hear the Church Bells? At 8pm on Thursdays we join in the local cheering-on and banging of saucepans for our NHS and key workers by setting our bells-a-pealing!

May They Rest In Peace.

This Week we have funerals for

Agnes Casey, aged 97, late of Cheaney Court Nursing Home, Desborough, previously of Westfields Road, Corby,

David Taylor, aged 74, late of Kirby Close, Corby,

William Savage, aged 81, late of Tanfields Grove, Corby

Charles McDonald of Wellingborough.

The following week we will have funerals for

Anastasia (Ann) Hildreth, aged 95, late of Maple Court, previously of Wharfedale Road, Corby

Agnes Restorick aged 92, late of Occupation Road, Corby,

David Gollogly late of Annandale Road, Corby

Terence Moran, aged 75, late of Shire Lodge Nursing Home Corby

and Marian Miller, aged 71 late of Ravenscourt, Corby.

All are private funerals with limited numbers, with the option of a Memorial Mass in church at a later date.

Mass Cards. We have received enquiries about how to obtain a Mass card during Lockdown: we are here in the presbytery and you are welcome to come for a Mass card as long as you keep our antisocial distance. You may wish to ring us on 203121 to ensure we are in, before setting out. You can book an Anniversary Mass over the telephone.

Legacy. Our thanks to the family of Ann Cheatham, recently deceased, who left a legacy of £500 to Our Lady's parish, the parish she loved.

Especially in Need of your Prayers at this time: Agnes Gallagher (now in Cransley Hospice), her husband Michael, Mae Fullerton and Cathie Connors (now living in the South East). Also, those in our many care homes, and their loved-ones who are unable to visit them at this time.

New Date for Confirmation. Bishop David Oakley will come to Confirm our young people on Thursday 15th October at 7pm. The date for First Holy Communion has not yet been finalised, but will probably be around that time. (*Our Lady's First Holy Communion Masses had originally been planned for this coming Saturday*).

Supporting Your Parish Financially. Thank you to those who have been concerned about how your parish can keep going financially without the regular income from the collection. There is a variety of ways in which you can help. Firstly, just save up all your envelopes until such time we can gather again at Mass. Or, you may wish to donate/set up a standing order to your chosen parish via the Diocesan Website northamptondiocese.org, the same website you use to follow Mass with Bishop David (just click on "Donate"). Or, more immediately and conveniently, you can do a bank transfer to your parish account:

Account Name: Our Lady of Walsingham; Account No: 91052165; NatWest Corby Branch; Sort Code: 60-06-11

St John Ogilvie; Account No: 82644993; NatWest Corby Branch; Sort Code: 60-06-11

St Paul the Apostle; A/c No: 65068874; NatWest Corby Branch; Sort Code: 60-06-11

Most Holy Name of Jesus: A/c Number: 46714626; NatWest Corby Branch: 60-06-11

Another option is the new initiative by our Diocese called "**Giving Tuesday**". Each Tuesday, between 10am and 4pm, you can ring 01604 712065 to donate to your specified parish. Have your debit or credit card handy. You can make a one-off donation for the Sundays you have missed, or do it weekly, it is up to you. If engaged, just ring back as there is only one person "manning" the line. Thank you for the support of your parish, especially needed at this time.

Have You Seen Fr David's YouTube Channel? Don't miss out. He posts daily videos of himself with a thought for the day, currently going through the titles of Our Lady. To find the channel simply search for "Fr David Donaghue" in YouTube. Much good feedback has been received so far. Happy watching.

Weddings and Baptisms are having to be postponed until we are allowed to celebrate them. Our prayers are with couples and families whose plans have been disrupted. Don't worry, we will celebrate all the more when we are permitted.

Bishop David has written some comforting and encouraging words for us all on our Diocesan e-news. A special word of encouragement for those whose first Sacraments have been postponed at this time. You can see the letters online plus see how to receive future e-news by going to our Diocesan Website northamptondiocese.org

St Corona is a little-known saint. Tradition has it that she was a young girl, aged about 16, horribly martyred in or around 177 AD for her Christian faith. Revered in Italy, Bavaria and in Austria, her name "Corona" means "crown", as in the crown of sainthood. That her name has similarities with the name of the virus causing the current pandemic is pure coincidence, the virus being named "Corona" due to the crown-like appearance of its structure. However, what is not coincidence is that people have traditionally turned to St Corona at times of economic crisis (crown: coin) and pestilence and plague; St Corona is known as the patron saint of epidemic and pandemic. Who knew?

And there is more: her Feast Day, shared with apostle St Matthias, is this Thursday, May 14th a timely feast day for us all; on Thursday, as well as banging our saucepan for the NHS and key workers, let us all pray for St Corona's intercession that it may release us from this time of pandemic. ***Saint Corona, Pray For Us.***

Other Patron Saints of Pandemics include St Roch and our own local saint, Englishman St Edmund king and martyr (of Bury St Edmunds).

No Public Masses at Present. Priest's Private Mass will be for the following pre-booked Intentions

Saturday	Our Lady's	Nan Brady RIP / John Barrowman A
Sunday	Our Lady's	Noeline Cummins A / Jimmy Brown Int
Monday	Our Lady's	Tommy McManus RIP / Bill Quinn RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady's	Agnes Casey / David Gollogly RIP
Wednesday	Our Lady's	Special In (50 th Birthday) / Teresa Hopkins RIP
Thursday	Our Lady's	Sharon Hannah nee Glen A / Terence Glen RIP
Friday:	Our Lady's	Peggy and Brian Dobbs RIP / Special Int
Saturday	Our Lady's	Dan Connachie A / Will McNulty RIP
Sunday	Our Lady's	Tom Feely RIP / Aggie McDermott RIP

Wishing you a Happy, Joyful Eastertide, Canon Michael & Fr David