

Newsletter for the Catholic Communities of:
Our Lady of Walsingham, Occupation Road, Corby
St John Ogilvie, Copenhagen Road, Danesholme, Corby
Most Holy Name of Jesus, Stoke Hill, Oundle
St Paul the Apostle, Sackville Street, Thrapston
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Dear Parishioners, we miss you! How are you all doing? You are in our prayers everyday. Thank you for reading this newsletter and for wanting to keep in touch with your parish. We know how much you all miss being able to come to church. We are fine here, still locked down like everyone else. Lots to keep us busy. Our garden has received lots of attention from Fr Michael recently. Fr David enjoys cooking, baking and learning new technologies. His meals are delicious, his YouTube Channel is excellent and a Young Adults Online Forum is almost ready to go. Our thanks to all the volunteers in all our churches who are keeping things up and running – running the taps, mowing the lawns etc.

Our Doors are Closed but the Church is Open!

To prevent further spread of the Coronavirus we are obeying government instructions. As you know, we celebrate Mass in Our Lady's church every day, but behind closed doors for the intentions booked by parishioners (see below). We have five Paschal Candles in church. At each Mass we light the one of the particular church(es) in which we would be ordinarily celebrating Mass that day. On Sundays we light all five. We are seriously looking into "live streaming": watch this space. Fr Gerard Byrne's Masses are available from St Brendan's and St Patrick's to view via Facebook and you can see our own Fr David gives us daily reflections on YouTube (see below). Also, many of you continue to enjoy Mass live-streamed from our Cathedral, uniting ourselves with our new Bishop David. To make an **Act of Spiritual Communion** please recite 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."

Opening Our Churches. It has been suggested that we might (*might*) be allowed to open our churches for private prayer long before we can resume public gatherings. If this so, we will require the help of many volunteer stewards. If you would be willing to help in this way, please let us know now by phone or email.

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 make essential visits only to private homes. 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, we cannot administer Holy Communion at this time. Many Care Homes are allowing no visitors at all, not even close family or priests.

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

Do You Hear our Church Bells on Thursday night at 8pm? We applaud the NHS and all key workers.

May They Rest In Peace.

This Week we have funerals for

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

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

David Gollogly, aged 80, 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.

Also, Bishop Leo McCartie, our former bishop was laid to rest in Northampton this week. Bishop Leo was our shepherd for eleven years from 1990, the year he was delighted to ordain five new priests for the diocese, the fifth being your own Parish Priest. Bishop Leo celebrated 70 years of priesthood last year and he was the longest-serving bishop in the country. Mgr Pat McAleenan worked closely by his side for eleven years as his Vicar General and right-hand-man, and described Bishop Leo as a "thoroughly decent human being".
Requiescat in Pace.

The following week we have funerals for

Mae Fullerton, aged 95, late of Glenmoor House, formerly of Eskdale Avenue, Corby

Tim Cornes, aged 63, late of Linslade, Beds

William Clenaghan, aged 79, late of Finland Way, Danesholme

Margaret McGowan McCabe, aged 76, late of Grendon Avenue, Corby

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

Mass Cards during Lockdown: we are here in the presbytery and you are welcome to come for a Mass card as long as we 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 or by email. There is now no waiting list for Mass intentions, although some weekends have been booked for some 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 would have been this weekend, one of the highlights of the year with 48 of our parish little ones decked out in their finery in honour of receiving Jesus for the first time. Jesus will have to wait a little longer before coming to you in Holy Communion.*

Fr David on YouTube! Fr David posts daily videos 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. Fr David comes across extremely well and gives us some food for thought.

All Weddings and Baptisms are all 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.

Thursday is Ascension Day. Forty days since Easter Sunday.

Blessed Peter Wright, our local martyr has his Feastday on Tuesday. Ordinarily we would have celebrated Mass in St Paul's Thrapston that evening, but instead Mass will be behind locked doors in Our Lady's. Blessed Peter would, no doubt, have been very accustomed to celebrating many of his Masses behind locked doors but for very different reasons, living in fear of capture. In his day it was a capital offence to be a Catholic Priest on English soil. Let us praise God through the faith of the martyrs that we have the liberty to practice our Catholic faith in England, free from persecution.

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 (Krona; crown: currency) and pestilence and plague; St Corona is known as the patron saint of epidemic and pandemic. Who knew?

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 Intentions

Saturday	Our Lady's	Dan Connachie A / Will McNulty RIP
Sunday	Our Lady's	Tom Feely RIP / Aggie McDermott RIP
Monday	Our Lady's	Anne Kennedy Int / Ann Hildreth RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady's	Linas Paplauskas A / Margaret Garvey RIP
Wednesday	Our Lady's	Tom Feely RIP / Teresa Hopkins RIP
Ascension Thursday	Our Lady's	David Gollogly RIP / Agnes Lindsay RIP
Friday:	Our Lady's	Carmel Gallagher RIP / Mae Fullerton RIP
Saturday	Our Lady's	Betty Dwyer A / Vincent, Edith and Maureen Hull RIP / Steve McIlvenny RIP
Sunday	Our Lady's	Kay Trigg A / Valda McClafferty RIP

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

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.

1/ Firstly, just save up all your envelopes until such time we can gather again at Mass.

2/ 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").

3/ 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

4/ If you would like to speak to a human being, use 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 thinking of your parish, especially at this time.

