

Newsletter for the Catholic Communities of:  
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*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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*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

*White Vestments Today.*

**Welcome to this Newsletter.** This is the best way to keep in touch with your parish during this time of shutdown and lockdown. We hope that all our parishioners and their families are keeping well.

Those we bump into in the street are all missing us, and we are missing everyone too. Please God, we will be able to gather again sometime soon. Until then, keep praying at home staying safe and tuning in to some religious Mass or service on Sunday, thus keeping the Sabbath Day holy.

Coming Soon: livestreamed daily Mass from Our Lady's. Read on.

**Big News! Churches to Reopen!** As you have no doubt heard, the Government have given permission for places of worship to be opened for private prayer. This is welcome news indeed as we know how painful it has been for Catholics, and indeed all people of faith, to be deprived of visiting their regular place of worship. For Catholics in particular, we have been deprived of praying before Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, the greatest treasure which Jesus left his church. That is why we make the sign of the cross whenever we pass a Catholic church; that is why we genuflect as we take our place inside church; that is why we kneel in adoration before the tabernacle or the monstrance which contain the Blessed Sacrament. Other denominations do not have what we have. Jesus himself, body, blood, soul and divinity. How Catholics love coming to church. How misguided are those who say they don't need to come to church to pray to God. Yes, God is everywhere, and we can pray to him anywhere, but how more powerful are the prayers we make in the presence of Jesus himself, God the Son, in the reserved Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Christ which we celebrate especially today on this Feast Day of "**Corpus Christi**".

**Bishop David writes:**

Dear Michael, Many thanks for the reopening details of your churches for private prayer, much appreciated. It was good to visit you recently and encouraging that you were making preparations back then for this happy day, next Monday. I am sure your good people will be very pleased to have an opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We hope and pray they will soon be able to come to church for public liturgy.

Yours devotedly in Christ, +David

**Details of Opening.** At this time we will be opening three of our churches as detailed below. In due course we would like to open all our churches and for longer periods, this is the first step. Our thanks to all who volunteered to act as stewards, without whom reopening would not be possible. Apologies to those over 70 years of age from whom we were unable to accept their kind offer of help. Would all volunteer stewards please attend one of the following training sessions:

**Stewards' Training Sessions.** New volunteers are welcome to attend (as long as under 70 and well).  
For St John Ogilvie's and Our Lady's stewards: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am at Our Lady's Church  
For St Paul's Thrapston stewards: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am at St Paul's, Thrapston.  
For St John Ogilvie's: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June: 1.30pm walk through just prior to opening up.

**Our Road-Map of Reopening:**

**Sundays Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June:**

9.30am Mass in Our Lady's Corby behind locked doors (livestreamed, if we have gone "live" by then).

10.15am Mass finishes

10.30am Our Lady's Corby church opens

10.30am St Paul's Thrapston church opens

12 noon St Paul's church closes

12.30pm Our Lady's church closes

(First week only: 1.30pm Stewards' walk-through at St John Ogilvie's)

2pm St John Ogilvie's church Danesholme opens

4pm St John Ogilvie's church closes

**Important Points for Visitors:**

Everyone is welcome to attend church for private prayer, unless they are shielding or showing symptoms of the virus.

All visitors please remember:

Follow the instructions of the volunteer stewards.

Use sanitising gel at entrance and exit.

No singing, organ playing or anything that looks like a public service is in progress.

Maintain social distance, keeping 2 metres apart (follow signage on the floor and signs).

Those from single households can sit together.

No unaccompanied children under 16 years.

One at a time at the candle shrines, touching only the candle you are lighting.

No touching of statues. No toilets will be available.

Follow the one-way system in place, with one entrance, one exit.

Disabled parishioners please seek help from stewards.

Limited seats are available; you may have to queue outside, so please be patient with each other:

20 at Our Lady of Walsingham; 10 at St Paul's; 9 at St John Ogilvie

Socially-distanced Confession outside may be an option if a priest is available.

**Welcome Home!** Isn't it lovely to be able to come to church again?

Sorry about all the conditions; we must comply to keep everyone safe (and we would not be allowed to reopen if precautions were not in place.)

**New Parishioners.** Our newest parishioners have taken up residence in the back garden over the last fortnight - a baby rabbit, two squirrels and a hedgehog. During this time of lockdown Mother Nature is reclaiming her territory. Perhaps Fr David's next video could be about the adventures of "Rag, Tag and Bobtail"!

**PDF by Request.** By popular demand, we are now saving this newsletter in PDF File format.

### **Our Other Big News:**

**Live-Streaming Mass from Our Lady's Church. Watch this space.** We are almost there! We have paid the deposit to the firm in Dublin, the same firm as used by the Cathedral. Fr David is on the case, negotiating the best deal, seeing which package best suits our needs. It is quite pricey to install (£4,500) and to maintain (£160 per month), but will be an investment, enabling everyone to log on to watch Masses and services held in Our Lady's church, live (just like what currently happens at our Cathedral, but without the recording facility). So many people are missing their local church and clergy. Online Mass from the Cathedral, Walsingham or EWTN is great but not the same. Obviously, and very sadly, our Mass must be celebrated in Our Lady's behind locked doors, as public Mass is still not permitted during this time of lockdown. My hope is that parishioners will want to watch Our Lady's Corby Mass from home (probably at 9.30am), then head out to church for prayer.

**Our ongoing thanks** to all the volunteers in our five churches who are keeping things up and running – running the taps, mowing the lawns etc. Our buildings may be closed but the Church is open.

**Booking Masses.** 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.

**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 beforehand to ensure we are in.

**Fr Michael's 2020 Celebrations** have been postponed. He will still be 30 years ordained on 7<sup>th</sup> July and he will still be 60 years of age on 17<sup>th</sup> August, but the combined celebrations planned for 10<sup>th</sup> July in church and club have been postponed. Something to with a virus. We hope to have a new date soon. Also, Fr Michael was to mark these milestones in his life with a visit to the famous 10-yearly Passion Play at Oberammergau, the small village in Bavaria, Germany. The Oberammergau Passion Play has been performed every ten years (years ending with a 0) since 1634 by the inhabitants in thanksgiving for deliverance from the bubonic plague. Sadly, and somewhat ironically, the Passion Play has also sadly been postponed to 2022, due to the Pandemic.

***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](mailto:mfinrcd@gmail.com)). See <https://smartloving.org/bto-uk> Private, confidential and effective.***

**Visits.** Remember that your priests are unable to make their usual rounds; house visits are restricted to emergencies only. If you would like a chat with Canon Michael or Fr David or would like us to say a prayer with you over the phone, please ring 203121, even just to say "hello" and let us know how you are.

**Hospital:** Thankfully Kettering General is allowing priests to visit, many hospitals are not. Our rota to provide call-out care from priests 24/7 is still operational, and I thank the local clergy for their support. For Hospital calls, please ask the ward staff to contact switchboard who know which priest is on call (it differs each day).

**May They Rest In Peace.**

In the coming days we have funerals for

Ellen Massingham, aged 91, late of Bramblewood Road, Weldon, one-time Matron at Laxton Hall Catholic School when it was run by the Dominicans.

Bridget Anne Brady, aged 68, late of Medway House, Oundle

John McGregor, aged 77, late of Willowbrook House Care Home, Corby

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

**Fr David on YouTube!** Don't miss Fr David's daily online posts, recorded in the church, the Presbytery, his room or the garden. Feedback is very positive; many of you are appreciating Fr David's thoughts for the day, currently going through the many titles of Our Lady. To find him, simply search for "Fr David Donaghue" in YouTube. Fr David is "a natural communicator", coming across extremely well and gives us plenty of food for thought.

**Fr David is leading a Connect Group for Young Adults:** Sunday nights at 7pm for 18-30's. Spend time and make friends online via Zoom with other young Catholic adults like yourself, connecting and growing in faith with music, guest speakers and testimony and good company. Rick is there too, so you are amongst friends. You need to enrol first with Fr Brendan Seery: [brendan@mk-cluster.co.uk](mailto:brendan@mk-cluster.co.uk) then you can join in.

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

Saturday	Our Lady's	William Currie A / Dan Kelly A
Corpus Christi Sunday	Our Lady's	Private Intention / Henry and Margaret Irwin A
Monday	Our Lady's	Eve Lyons A
Tuesday	Our Lady's	Martha Turbett Int / Laurence McCahill RIP
Wednesday	Our Lady's	Seamus Walsh RIP / Mrs T. Cawley
Thursday	Our Lady's	Teresa Hopkins RIP / Phil and Molly O'Hagen A
Friday:	Our Lady's	Andrew Mitchell RIP / John Walker RIP
Saturday	Our Lady's	William Currie 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv / John Francis Guerin A
Sunday	Our Lady's	George "Podger" Chalmers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv / Eve Lyons RIP

*May God Bless us all,*

*Wishing you a Happy, Corpus Christi, Canon Michael & Fr David*

**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."*

*Or, why not try this beautiful prayer: **Prayer to Our Guardian Angel When We Cannot Attend Mass.***

***O HOLY ANGEL at my side,  
Go to Church for me.  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass.  
Where I desire to be.***

***At Offertory, in my stead,  
Take all I am and own.  
And place it as a sacrifice  
Upon the altar throne.***

***At Holy Consecration's bell,  
Adore with Seraph's love.  
My Jesus present in the host,  
Come down from heaven above.***

***Then pray fro those I dearly love,  
And those who cause me grief.  
That Jesus' blood may cleanse all hearts  
And suffering souls relieve.***

***And when the priest Communion takes  
O bring my Lord to me.  
That his sweet heart may rest on mine,  
And I his temple be.***

***Pray that this Sacrifice Divine  
May mankind's sins efface.  
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home  
The pledge of every grace. Amen***

**And Finally,**

**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 to help.

1/ Firstly, just pop your offering through our letterbox at the Presbytery, or 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](http://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. If engaged, just ring back as there is only one person "manning" the line.

These are difficult times for everyone, so thank you for thinking of your parish.

