

Newsletter for the Catholic Communities of:  
*Our Lady of Walsingham, Occupation Road, Corby, NN17 1EE*  
*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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*Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Green 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 have one newsletter for all our churches and parishes. 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. We are opening three churches for private prayer this weekend. Please God, we will be able to gather again for Mass sometime soon.

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

**Hurray! Three of our churches will be open Sundays from today.**

Our Lady's Corby church open: 10.30am-12.30pm  
St Paul's Thrapston church open; 10.30am-12noon  
St John Ogilvie's church Danesholme open: 2pm-4pm

**Also, St Brendan's, Beanfield Avenue, Corby is open 12noon-2pm on both Saturdays and Sundays.**

This is great news. At long last, people can come to church again. The government has realised the importance of the spiritual life of their subjects. I see a direct link between the lack of prayer and the rise of bad things in our world. Let us pray fervently for harmony and concord amongst all peoples. All lives matter. The world needs God. 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. Let us make a special effort to come back to church if we can.

## Welcome Home!

### Important Points for Visitors:

Everyone is welcome to attend church for private prayer, unless they are shielding or showing symptoms of the virus or unaccompanied under 16 year olds.

#### 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.

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.

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.) Thanks to all our volunteer stewards.

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**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. Although we did not appeal for funds, we have received donations from parishioners towards the cost. We are very grateful; it shows what value you see in this new venture. Thank you.

**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.

**Booking Masses.** Our reservoir of Mass intentions has all but run dry. You can book an Anniversary Mass over the telephone or by email. **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.

*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 John McGregor, aged 77, late of Willowbrook House Care Home, Corby  
Jack Scales, late of West Glebe Road who has sadly died, aged only 23.  
Agnes Gallagher, aged 81, late of Dovedale Road. Agnes was a bit of an institution in Our Lady’s parish; one of the most-loved member of our parish family, best known for leading the singing at Mass, and for being an ever-present at parish liturgies and events.  
All are private funerals with limited numbers, with the option of a later Memorial Mass in church.

**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 succinct thoughts for the day based on the titles of Our Lady, he has recorded no fewer than 52 of them! 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 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv / John Francis Guerin A
Sunday	Our Lady’s	George “Podger” Chalmers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv / Eve Lyons RIP
Monday	Our Lady’s	Maureen Kitson A
Tuesday	Our Lady’s	George “Podger” Chalmers 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv / Smith Family int
Wednesday	Our Lady’s	James Geary A / In Thanksgiving (Fr Michael)
Thursday	Our Lady’s	David Gollogly RIP / Mae Fullerton RIP
Friday:	Our Lady’s	Agnes Gallagher RIP / Mary Moat Int
Saturday	Our Lady’s	Special Intention / William Currie RIP
Sunday	Our Lady’s	Joyce Betts Int / Pat Bailey Int

*May God Bless us all, 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 for 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**

## CAFOD NEWS

### 1/ CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal:

These are difficult times. Many of us in the UK have suffered terribly because of the coronavirus, coping with grief, anxiety and hardship. In the world's poorest countries, health care systems are not coping with the coronavirus and families are going hungry because people cannot go out to earn money, and no furlough schemes are in operation. CAFOD is helping protect and improve the lives of our sisters and brothers during this global emergency. If you are in a position to support our Coronavirus Appeal, you can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) Thank you.

**2/ CAFOD Petition.** Out of love for our brothers and sisters overseas please sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home: <https://e-activist.co./page/59334/petition/1>

### 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.