

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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*St Peter and St Paul, transferred from Monday*

*Red 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.

**Reopening of Churches for Mass and Public Services.**

Catholic Churches across England are rejoicing at the news that public acts of worship may resume on 4<sup>th</sup> July. However, coming out of lockdown will not be as straightforward or as speedy as going into lockdown. No doubt the government will attach a long list of complicated conditions which will have to be fulfilled before we are allowed to reopen for public Mass, funerals, baptisms and weddings. We must wait and see these conditions before we know how and when to proceed.

Bishop David has contacted his clergy to say that relevant departments in Bishop's House are working on a guidance document which will be sent out in due course. So, while we await this guidance there is NO CHANGE; we will not be resuming public acts of worship until further notice. Please join in Mass livestreamed and make a Spiritual Communion.

**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."*

Meanwhile, three of our five churches have been adapted for private prayer which continues as set out below; our thanks to those who have worked hard to adapt our churches and act as stewards.

The dispensation for not attending Sunday Mass, granted by the Bishops, is still in force so there is no obligation for parishioners to attend a Sunday Mass.

I appreciate only too well the desire of every Catholic to attend Mass following this "Eucharistic Fast" that has been imposed upon us. However, in reality, it could be some time before we return to what we once referred to as "normal", so let us be prepared to be patient. May I thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

For more information please go to the website of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ([cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)) where you will find a statement from the four archbishops addressed to the Catholic Community in England. Wales has different rules. You can read the statement on our website.

### **Three of our churches are open on Sundays for private prayer.**

Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament  
Sundays  
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.  
**Also, St John Ogilvie, Danesholme** is open most weekdays, 9am-9.30am

Thank you to all the stewards who made it possible to open up last week. Wasn't it lovely to come back to church? Feedback was exceptionally positive. Praying before the Blessed Sacrament was wonderful; seeing people again and chatting outside was wonderful (but please be aware how our voices can carry).

Some of the comments "It was wonderful, like having a weight lifted"; "it was my first journey out since March, I was apprehensive but so relieved to see that the social distancing was enforced so well"; "it was like coming home"; "the last time we were in church was on Mothers' Day, and now here we are back again on Fathers' Day".

No queues, no rush; I think we paced it well. If we need to change the opening hours we can.

## Welcome Home!

### Important Points for Visitors for Private Prayer:

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.

### **Live-Streaming Mass from Our Lady's Church. Watch this space.**

I know that this headline has been "on repeat" for some weeks, but we really are very close. The ball is in the court of the installation company. I think they must have been waiting for our cheque to clear before they set about installing the camera. It will be located in the choir loft, safely out of reach, homed in on the sanctuary with the facility to "zoom in" on the lectern and altar. Once up and running, we will advertise a timetable of Masses, services, rosaries and talks which you can all watch from your devices at home.

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. Last Sunday, some of you nipped home from private prayer in church to watch Bishop David's Mass online from home at 11am. What a holy bunch you are!

***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.***

Jithu James, our Diocesan Seminarian, has been on placement at St Edward's Kettering during this whole period of lockdown. Yesterday he returned to his parents for the holiday time ahead of resuming his studies at Oscott in September. You can see a very informative and revealing interview between Fr Gregory and Jithu by visiting the St Edward's website. ([stedwardskettering.org.uk](http://stedwardskettering.org.uk))

**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

Edna McLachlan, aged 80, late of Patrick Road

Freda Porzi, aged 79, late of Asfields Avenue, Raunds,

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 and best-known members of our parish family. Agnes sang at nearly every Catholic wedding and funeral over several decades and also, lead the singing at Sunday Mass until very recently.

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

**Fr David on YouTube!** Fr David has now completed his 52 videos on each of the titles of Our Lady as listed in the Litany of Loreto. Would you believe it? As soon as Fr David had called it "a wrap", Pope Francis added three further invocations to the Litany, so he may have more filming to do:

"Mother of mercy" is to be inserted after "Mother of the Church"; "Mother of hope" is to be inserted after "Mother of Divine Grace" and "Solace of migrants" after "Refuge of sinners".

By the way, your Parish Priest makes a guest appearance on video number 52; I guess the royalty cheques will start rolling in!?!

**Connect Group for Young Adults: Sunday nights at 7pm-8.30pm for 18-30's.** Lead by Fr David. 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, with Lydia, 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	Special Intention / William Currie RIP / Sam Macaulay A
Sunday	Our Lady's	Joyce Betts Int / Pat Bailey Int
Monday	Our Lady's	Sam Macaulay A
Tuesday	Our Lady's	Margaret Peterson 1 <sup>st</sup> A / Thomas, Catherine, Frank Duffy A
Wednesday	Our Lady's	John Walker RIP / Sheila Branigan Int
Thursday	Our Lady's	Agnes Gallagher RIP / Shepherd Family Int
Friday:	Our Lady's	Pat King RIP / Smith Family Int
Saturday	Our Lady's	Jack Scales RIP / J. Stobo
Sunday	Our Lady's	Paddy O'Rorke Recovery Int / Agnes Gallagher RIP

*May God Bless us all, Canon Michael & Fr David*

**Visits.** Remember that your priests are unable to make their usual rounds; house visits are restricted to emergencies only. Please God, home visits will resume soon. Meanwhile, 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.

***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***

**The Latest Addition to our Presbytery Garden Wildlife is a solitary Woodpecker.** He (or she) has a red “hairdo” which defines him (or her) as a Green Woodpecker. He (or she) has only been spotted once, but can be heard drilling in the trees or yaffling in flight.

Meanwhile, our one, solitary **baby rabbit** has grown up fast, now twice the size he was when he arrived in the garden (unlike our huge peony shrub which is now half the size it was when the rabbit arrived; is this just a coincidental? Luckily he is still trim enough to outrun the cat which chases him when he comes on the prowl each evening.

## 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.