

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
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Fourteenth 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.

Reopening of Churches for Mass and Public Services. An Update.

Q: Are we having Mass again, Father?

A: Yes, but not quite yet.

Fr David and Canon Michael continue to celebrate Mass for you every day in Our Lady's church behind closed doors. You can be united to us in Spiritual Communion by reciting these words:

Act of Spiritual Communion

"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."

We, your priests, are still not permitted to undertake our regular duties such as house visits. Our housekeeper and secretary are on furlough, so we are doing our best to keep things ticking over, alongside all things administrative and domestic. Funerals and emergency calls are our priority along with the everyday administration of our parishes and club.

We look forward to the resumption of normality, whenever that day may come. There are signs that things are getting better: parishioners are now booking new weddings for 2021, in addition to those three already booked and the nine who had to postpone from 2020. Things are definitely looking up.

I hope you have been logging on to this website and keeping in touch. Our weekly newsletter serves the people of our five church communities.

I hope you have been viewing Fr David's reflections online. Just log onto YouTube and search for Fr David Donaghue. They really are very good.

Also, please continue to watch Mass online. We are ever-hopeful that we will have Mass live-streamed from Our Lady's very, very soon. This week they are coming to install internet access in the church, which is an important step. Above all, please continue to pray at home. We all need to pray hard at this time.

Whilst our churches in Oundle and Raunds have remained closed, we continue to have private prayer on Sundays in our churches in Danesholme, Thrapston and Corby. It is great to see so many of you taking advantage of going to church again. From this week we may even have adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

You are probably aware that the government has now given permission for public worship to resume. You are probably *not* aware of the long list of requirements attached, fourteen pages worth, which need to be implemented prior to reopening. This is in addition to the long list of complex rules which had to be implemented in order to have our churches made ready to open for private prayer: trained stewards, one-way systems, signage, exits, PPE, 2-metre spacing in all directions, sanitisers etc, etc. All done to safeguard those in church, of course, but obstructive in many cases to the beauty of our liturgy. The 2-metre rule was changed last week to 1 metre-plus; however, the "minus about the plus" is that everyone in the church congregation would be required to wear a face covering. Bishop David recommends that we stay with the 2-metre rule which keeps things reverent but restricts our numbers even more. Demand for places will greatly exceed supply.

Remember, the obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays remains suspended by the Bishops. Please do not feel guilty about missing Mass; in effect, there is no Mass for you to miss. In this time of pandemic there is currently no obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass.

For these reasons we are not going to recommence public Masses in our churches at this time. We will do so when the time is right. Until then we will wait. Some of our brother priests in the diocese are recommencing Mass this week; we wish them well and we will monitor how things go for them.

Please watch this space for further developments. Please rest assured; we will have Mass again, but not just yet.

May I thank you for your patience at this time. You are in our prayers, especially those who are in self-isolation and are finding life fearful and stressful. If you would like to ring Fr David or Canon Michael for any reason, even just for a chat or a prayer, please do so on: 01536 203121.

Please God, we will be able to gather again as a worshipping community sometime very soon.

With our continuing prayers and best wishes,

Canon Michael and Fr David

Special Prayer Request: Baby Rowan, who was baptised a few months ago during Sunday Mass in Oundle, is going in for a serious head operation on 14th July. Please pray for him on that day, and for his family too. Thank you.

Pearl Anniversary. On 7th July 1990 Canon Michael was ordained a priest in All Saints Church, Bletchley. This Tuesday marks his Pearl Anniversary. "I thank God for thirty years of priestly ministry, fourteen of them in Corby; for all the blessings and happiness I have received from following His call and for all the good people I have met. I hope I may even have done some good along the way!"

Rev Andrew Coy. Congratulations to Andrew who is to be ordained as a Deacon in the Cathedral today, Sunday. Andrew's first parish placement was with us in Our Lady's and St John Ogilvie's way back in August 2016. You may remember, he was a fine organist and he lifted the roof with his wonderful playing. We obviously did not put him off! Andrew will be placed at the Cathedral for his diaconate year. We wish him every blessing as he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Speaking of Lifting the Roof. Our Lady's church roof has been badly leaking for some time (as you know). This week three sets of roofers have been up and will present their quotations to the Diocesan officials. I think we need to brace ourselves for a big bill.

Our Lady's Catholic Club reopened yesterday. This is great news. There are restrictions, but the club is open for business. During lockdown we have invested heavily in renovations. The club is looking good. Why not take a look?

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

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.

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:

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.

***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.*

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).

First and Last. During the week, Fr David was called upon to give the "Last Rites" over the phone. This was a first for us, unable to attend in person as the Care Home forbids visitors due to the pandemic. It was a moving experience for Fr David; the lady sadly passed away soon afterwards, fortified by his comforting words.

May They Rest In Peace. In the coming days we have funerals for
Edna McLachlan, aged 80, late of Patrick Road, Corby
Jack Scales, late of West Glebe Road who has sadly died, aged only 23.

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

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

Saturday	Our Lady's	Jack Scales RIP / J. Stobo
Sunday	Our Lady's	Paddy O'Rorke Recovery Int / Agnes Gallagher RIP
Monday	Our Lady's	Mae Fullerton RIP
Tuesday	Our Lady's	All Children Returning to School / In Thanksgiving: for 30 years of Priesthood
Wednesday	Our Lady's	Jack Scales RIP
Thursday	Our Lady's	Christie Acenas RIP
Friday:	Our Lady's	Agnes Gallagher RIP
Saturday	Our Lady's	Angela Manweiller RIP / Bill Currie A
Sunday	Our Lady's	Nellie and Pat O'Dea A & Ann and John King A / Imperia Cooper Int

May God Bless us all, Canon Michael & Fr David

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***

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 soon 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 then you can join in.

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 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, 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.