

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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Sunday 12th and 19th July 2020.

Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Green Vestments Today.

Please Note that this Newsletter Serves for Two Weeks

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th July: Angela Manweiller RIP / Bill Currie A

Sunday 12th July: Nellie and Pat O'Dea A & Ann and John King A / Imperia Cooper Int

Monday 13th July: Miriam Magor RIP

Tuesday 14th July: Eddie Feely RIP

Wednesday 15th July: Harrison Family Int / William Currie RIP

Thursday 16th July: Knox Family Int

Friday 17th July: Sister Rosalie RIP

Saturday 18th July: Perrin Family int

Sunday 19th July: Kempster Family Int / Joseph Kurian

Monday 20th July: Susan Glass Int

Tuesday 21st July: Private Ints / Hugh Mulgrove Int

Wednesday 22nd July: Private Int / Private Int

Thursday 23rd July: James Noone A / Jackie Gudge Int

Friday 24th July: Hannah Brown RIP / Hindwood Family Int

Saturday 25th July: Cathy & Joseph Reilly A

Sunday 26th July: Aileen & Robert Donaldson Diamond Wedding Anniversary int

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.

First Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Blessings upon Fr David who was ordained one year ago on Monday, 20th July 2019. We are still delighted that Bishop Peter decided to send Fr David to Our Lady's, St John's, St Paul's, St Thomas More and Most Holy Name of Jesus for his first appointment. Fr David has had a very successful year, bringing many blessings with him along with youthful enthusiasm in abundance. It has been an intriguing year for him, one he will never forget. Bishop David has indicated that he will leave Fr David with us for the coming year. We pray he will enjoy many more.

School Leavers. What a strange year it has been in our schools. Year 6 students have had a particularly disrupted time of it, and will be deprived of the usual excitement of a conventional end of year celebrations, bringing to a climax up to seven years as part of our Catholic School Family (and it is a family), culminating in their Leavers' Mass. Let us assure them of our prayers as we launch them into the world of secondary school education and we look forward to making a fuss of many of them when they are Confirmed by Bishop David here in Our Lady's church on 15th October at 7pm.

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**Reopening of Churches for Mass and Public Services. A repeat of last week's 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."*

Our housekeeper and secretary are on furlough, so your priests are doing their best to keep things ticking over, alongside all things administrative and domestic. Funerals and emergency calls take priority.

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 soon. Last week a telephone line was installed in the church gallery, which will give wifi internet access in the church, an important step.

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. Adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament gave focus to the time of prayer.

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 and grace of our liturgy. The 2-metre rule was changed recently 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 of England and Wales.** 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, when the time is right.

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 for public Mass 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 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for him on that day, and for his family too. Thank you.

**Our Lady's Catholic Club reopened last weekend.** 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 Adoration before the Exposed 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 John Ogilvie, Danesholme** is open most weekdays, 9am-9.30am

**Also, St Brendan's, Beanfield Avenue, Corby** is trialling public midweek Masses. Consult their website

**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 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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*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.*

**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 Bella Wagner, aged 94, formerly of Brookes Grove, Corby

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

*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 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***

**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](mailto: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](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.

