

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
St Thomas More, Marshalls Road, Raunds

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Green Vestments Today.

Hello and 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.

Mass Intentions (Mass is celebrated each day behind closed doors in Our Lady's church).

Saturday 25th July: Cathy & Joseph Reilly A / John Ryan RIP

Sunday 26th July: Peter Power RIP / Aileen & Robert Donaldson Diamond Wedding Anniversary Int /
Jimmy Docherty RIP

Monday 27th July: Harrison Family Int

Tuesday 28th July: Ruth Hobbs RIP / Lily and John Connachie Int

Wednesday 29th July: Maria Stach Int / Yurgen Haus Int

Thursday 30th July: Frank Scahill A / Charlie Kerr RIP

Friday 31st July: Jimmy Geary RIP / Anna Conaghan Int

Saturday 1st August: Alan Booth RIP

Sunday 2nd July: Joseph Kurian

Three of our churches are open on this Sunday (27th July) for private prayer.

Private Adoration before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament

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

Socially-distanced Confession is offered if a priest is available at
both Our Lady's and Thrapston
(Confessional is cleansed between penitents).

Also, St John Ogilvie, Danesholme is open most weekdays, 9am-9.30am

Also, fr Gerard at St Brendan's, Beanfield Avenue, Corby is now celebrating public Masses. Consult their website

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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). 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

Jim Docherty, aged 67, late of Rockingham Road, Corby

Agnes White, aged 84, late of Welland View Road, Cottingham, formerly of Drake Road, Corby.

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

Wedding Bells. Three of our ten couples who have had their wedding plans disrupted by the Coronavirus were married over these few days. We congratulate:

Joseph Brain and Katherine Davidson

Scott McIntyre and Louise Curran

Oliver Weiss and Priscilla Randrianarison

who are all to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Three weddings within one week!

Diamond Wedding. Blessings upon Robert and Aileen Donaldson of Fyfe Road who celebrate 60 years of marriage this weekend. Married in Northampton Cathedral by Canon Jim Galvin all those years ago. Well done!

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.

Reopening of Churches for Mass and Public Services. Update.

Q: Are we having Mass again, Father?

A: Yes, hopefully from 1st August. Read on.

Important Notice. Resumption of Public Masses.

It is hoped that we will once again be offering public Mass. We have to adhere to the guidelines.

The Mass schedule will take into account those of our buildings which are Covid-secure and will follow the pre-existing Mass times: (NB subject to change, funerals etc permitting)

Saturday Vigil: **6.30pm** Our Lady's (possibly preceded by Confessions from 5.30pm-6pm).

Sunday Mass: **10am** Our Lady of Walsingham;

11.30am St Pauls, Thrapston;

5pm St John Ogilvie's.

Tuesday: 9.30am: Our Lady of Walsingham

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Thursday: 10am: St Paul's Thrapston

Friday: 9.30am St John Ogilvie's.

We hope that this new schedule will begin next weekend: Saturday 1st August. But please log-on to this website from next Saturday to be sure.

Recommendations have been issued by the Government and by the Bishop's Conference, but as you know, these change virtually every day. For now, Congregation members please note:

Numbers are limited so please obey the Stewards. The one-way system is to be observed.

1 metre+ will be enforced, please keep social distance.

Please wear a face-covering or mask.

Whilst a cantor is permitted, sadly members of the congregation are not allowed to sing. Background music is permitted during the entrance and recessional, with the organist keeping his social distance.

Holy Communion will be dispensed after the final blessing in silence (please do not say "Amen", after which people will immediately leave church. Holy Communion is only permitted on the hand with arms fully extended, (and not on the tongue for obvious reasons).

Numbers: Our Lady's is by far our biggest church and with 1 metre+ distancing we estimated we can accommodate 60 people safely. (every second row, three per pew). Our other churches are considerably smaller and will take considerably fewer people. Your understanding is appreciated. There will be no Masses in our churches in Raunds and Oundle as they do not yet meet the government requirements for public services.

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**For The Time Being It Is Not a Sin for Catholics to Miss Mass on Sundays** (while the Sunday obligation is suspended). So, if you are not confident enough to come to public Mass along with all the rules and regulations, don't worry, please stay at home and tune in to Mass online.

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."*

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

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.

With our continuing prayers and best wishes,

*Canon Michael and 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***