

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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*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020.*

*Eighteenth 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.

**It is with great joy** that we can announce that public Mass and ceremonies have resumed. Some have referred to this recent time of pandemic as a “Eucharistic Fast”. Some may wish to go to Confession, which is commendable. However, please note that missing Sunday Mass is not currently sinful, as the obligation has been suspended by the Church for the duration of this time of pandemic.

#### **Rules, Rules Rules.**

Our Celebration of Mass will be affected by quite a few government restrictions. Your patience is appreciated.

Face coverings should be worn in church (but removed just before you receive Holy Communion). Face coverings will be absolutely compulsory next weekend but for now are highly, highly recommended by the Bishops of England and Wales. We therefore encourage you to wear one, in order to safeguard our neighbour.

All the current requirements of social distance must be maintained. Please sit only in the marked seats (with one metre space between you, unless you are a household group). This is usually four in a pew, with every second pew roped off.

Sanitise hands upon entry and exit; please give contact details for “Track and Trace” purposes (these are retained confidentially for 21 days and are then destroyed in line with GDPR rules. Please do not move around in church, and follow the one-way system.

No congregational singing in church, cantor solos and background music only.

Holy Communion will be distributed immediately after the final blessing. The idea is that you receive Holy Communion and then exit the church. If you wish to say a prayer of thanksgiving, please use the church grounds (in Our Lady’s the garden is available, accessible from the rear car park).

**Holy Communion** is to be received on the hand only, not the tongue which the Church has forbidden for obvious hygiene reasons (to prevent the priest accidentally transferring spittle onto your tongue from the previous communicant). Please hold your hand up high with your arms fully extended (a barrier will be in place to prevent us getting too close). The host will be given to you in silence, please do not say "Amen".

Finally, sadly the public toilet is "out of bounds".

Please be assured that the church is thoroughly cleaned before and after use.

Sorry to harp on about these restrictions, but we are not allowed to open for public ceremonies unless they are adhered to. Let us start as we intend to go on.

We rely on the good will of the stewards. Our thanks to them for giving up their time.

Being positive, isn't it great to have Mass again?

### **Where and When is Public Mass This Week?**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby, 6.30pm; with Confessions 5.30pm-6pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby 10am (Note earlier time)

St Paul's Thrapston 11.30am (note slightly later time).

St John Ogilvie, Corby: 5pm (note the exact same time!).

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby 9.30am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August: Private Funeral of Agnes White, NB: no visitors allowed.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August: 10am St Paul's Thrapston

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August: 9.30am St John Ogilvie's, Danesholme

### **Mass In Nearby Churches**

It is hoped that parishioners in Oundle will attend Mass in Thrapston (7 miles away) or Corby (12 miles away) and that parishioners in Raunds will attend Mass in Thrapston (5 miles away) or Corby (17 miles away) or Rushden\* (5 miles away).

\*St Peter's Rushden is reopening for Mass this weekend but according to their website you need to message their facebook page in advance to book your place and give your details for "Track and Trace" purposes: Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sundays at 10am. Check their website: [rushdencatholicchurch.co.uk](http://rushdencatholicchurch.co.uk).

St Edwards, Kettering will reopen for public Mass very soon, following heating system upgrade and redecoration work in the church. Fr Gregory has done a great job, utilising this period of lockdown to get work done.

St Brendan's Corby have weekend Mass: 6pm Saturday; 10am and 11.30am Sunday.

In Wellingborough, Fr Paul has lots of weekend Masses in both churches.

### **What About Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms?**

Government guidelines allow **30 people** to attend such occasions (why 30? I don't know, you will have to ask someone in Whitehall. It seems a random number to me), and it includes the minister, photographer, stewards etc etc. Again, the guidelines must be followed at all times.

**NB for Baptisms** we suggest that you bring no more than **10 guests**, in case we need to accommodate more than one family. Baptisms will probably be celebrated on Saturday Mornings.

To book a Baptism or a Wedding, please telephone or email the Parish Office for an application form.

**First Holy Communion 2020.** No date yet.

**Confirmation 2020:** 1th October at 7pm, for those candidates currently under catechesis.

**Parish Office During the Summer.**

Please be patient with us. For many weeks now, our Secretary and Housekeeper have been furloughed. For the next six weeks only one priest will be in residence, due to clergy leave, ordinations, supply work etc. Therefore, please do not expect the usual high standards of service; you may have to leave a message on the answerphone, or ring back later. Full service will be resumed when our staff return from furlough. Your local priests have co-operated to ensure 24/7 emergency cover for Catholic patients at Kettering General Hospital. For domestic emergencies try us first on 203121; Fr Gerard Byrne is on 202879. If you can't get through to a priest immediately, don't worry, one is not far away. Keep trying.

**Mass Intentions** (Some Masses will be public, others private behind closed doors).

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 6.30pm Our Lady's: Alan Booth RIP

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 10am Our Lady's: Joseph Kurian

11.30am Thrapston: Guild of Blessed Peter Wright

5pm St John Ogilvie's: Tessie Reynolds RIP

Monday: Private Mass: Tommy Sweeny 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Int

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August: 9.30am Public Mass: Our Lady's: Charlie Kerr RIP

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August: Private Mass: Mary Atnally RIP

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August: 10am St Paul's Thrapston Public Mass: Margaret & Phil Callaghan A

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August; 9.30am St John Ogilvie's public Mass: Canon Michael Harrison Int

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady's: 5.30pm-6pm Confessions; 6.30pm Public Mass: Kenneth Knox RIP

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August: 10am Our Lady's: John Haggarty RIP

11.30am Thrapston; Jamie Gudge 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv

5pm St John Ogilvie's: In Thanksgiving



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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

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

Ellie Cleary, aged 92, late of Lyveden Way, Corby (mother of Peter and mother-in law of our Secretary Maggie).

John Raftery, aged 87 years, late of Oundle Road, Thrapston

Cathie Connors, formerly of Corby, wife of Jack, well-known supporters of Our Lady's parish.

Colin Durkin, aged 80, of Orton Medbourne, formerly of Corby

All are private funerals with guests limited to invited family and friends only.

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

Joseph Brain and Katherine Davidson, married in St Thomas Aquinas, Laxton Hall

Scott McIntyre and Louise Curran, married in Our Lady's, Corby

Oliver Weiss and Priscilla Randrianarison, married in Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle.

who all received the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Three weddings within one week!

**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.

**Numbers:** Our Lady's is by far our biggest church and with 1 metre+ distancing we estimated we can accommodate 82 people safely. (every second row, three per pew). Our other churches are considerably smaller and will take considerably fewer people: Thrapston 30; St John Ogilvie's 38. 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***