

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 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020.*

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*White Vestments Today.*

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020*

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year: Green Vestments Today*

**Please Note that this Newsletter is for TWO WEEKS. Next weekend, please listen out for Announcements, in case of last-minute changes**

**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.

**Isn't it Great to have Sunday Mass again?** This is the third Sunday for us and it is such a joy for your priest to celebrate Mass with a congregation and a joy for each and every one to come again to Mass, and for those who are able, to receive the Lord in Holy Communion after the imposed "Eucharistic Fast" of four and a half months. So far, everyone has been kept safe as we obey all the rules, there has been room for everyone in church and nobody had to be turned away.

We are getting more relaxed, although the atmosphere is different to usual. Social distancing, no congregational singing, no sign of peace, no precious blood for the congregation, leaving church straight after Holy Communion. Face-coverings make us feel uncomfortable but keep us all safe. Our Stewards are a God-send: we need them every time we open church: baptisms, weddings, funerals, Confessions etc, etc: we have a good team, but require more: please see Fr Michael if you would like to help (dropping him an email is the best way).

It was great to see people from Oundle and Raunds at the Thrapston Masses and people from Kettering at Mass in Corby.

All in all, our first Masses went well. Please spread the word, the Good News that **Mass is back!**

**We are now able to offer funerals in Our Lady's, St Paul's and St John Ogilvie's churches.** The legal limit is set at 30 mourners in church. Very soon we will celebrate our first baptisms in church (limit of 10 guests), on Saturday mornings, to enable the church to be cleaned afterwards.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation.** We are giving thought as to how we are going to be able to celebrate these occasions amidst all the restrictions. We may have to be imaginative and break with the traditional ways. Your ideas would be welcomed. Please watch this space.

**Happy holidays.** If you are heading off yourselves, we wish you the same. Come back safe and sound and tell us all about it.

**Canon Michael writes:** "Thank you for all the kind cards, gifts, Masses, prayers and good wishes upon the occasion of my 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> August. There is something about being 60 and having been born in '60. Sorry that the parish "do" has to be cancelled (something to do with a virus?). But never mind. I will just have to stay in my 50's for a little longer! See you in a couple of weeks when I come back from seeing my family and taking some annual leave.

**Rules, Rules Rules. (A Reminder from last week, but there are New Rules too.)**

Our Celebration of Mass is affected by pages and pages and pages of government restrictions and guidelines from the Church. Your patience is appreciated.

**Face coverings are compulsory for everyone in church,** including Altar Servers. The only exceptions are those who legally do not need to (including young children), the celebrant, the reader when reading and the cantor when singing. New rules say that the priest must don his mask when he gives out Holy Communion; please remove yours briefly before you receive.

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).

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. Holy Communion is to be received on the hand only, not the tongue which the Church has forbidden. Please hold your hand up high, one on top of the other, 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" (we will say a communal "Amen" earlier in Mass).

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). Don't go home without greeting each other (from a safe distance), an essential element of communal worship, especially important during these isolated times.

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. We are in good hands and everyone felt safe. Our thanks to them for giving up their time.

Isn't it great to have Mass again? Even the Co op Funeral Directors commented: "it's lovely to be back in church"!

## **Where and When is Public Mass Over the Next Two Weeks?**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby, 6.30pm; with Confessions 5.30pm-6pm

Sunday 16<sup>th</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!).

(No Public Masses in Our Lady's during the week, due to the funerals).

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August: 10am St Paul's Thrapston

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August: 9.30am St John Ogilvie's, Danesholme

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby, 6.30pm; with Confessions 5.30pm-6pm

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby: 9.30am Mass

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August: St John Ogilvie's, Corby: 9.30am Mass

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby, 6.30pm; with Confessions 5.30pm-6pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady's Corby 10am (Note earlier time)

St Paul's Thrapston 11.30am

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## **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 has weekend Masses 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). Fr Joe tells me that the Saturday vigil Mass has space to accommodate more people.

St Edwards, Kettering will reopen for public Mass next Sunday (book your place via specific mobile phone, number available on St Edward's Parish website, following heating system upgrade and redecoration work in the church. Fr Gregory has done a great job, the church looks fantastic.

St Brendan's Corby have weekend Mass: 6pm Saturday and 11am Sunday.

St Patrick's, Corby reopens this week with Sunday Mass at 9am.

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

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

NB: In church: Maximum ten guests at a Baptism; Maximum thirty guests at a wedding or funeral.

**Welcome Back Olly.** In September we will welcome Oliver Patton (Olly) on his Seminarian placement. You will remember Olly as he was with us two years ago and returns on his Propaedeutic (Foundation) Year. Meanwhile, please keep **Rev Daniel Rooke** in your prayers; Daniel was with us on extended placement three years ago and is to be ordained priest next month in St Joseph's, Bedford.

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

Saturday 15th August, 6.30pm Our Lady's: Bill & Agnes Laney, Fran Kane RIP

Sunday 16th August, 10am Our Lady's: Jack Scales RIP

11.30am Thrapston: Ints of Wilker Family/ Foundation Mass: Marsland & Burton families

5pm St John Ogilvie's: Allison Hindwood RIP

Monday 17th: Private Mass: Canon Michael Harrison 60th Birthday Intentions

Tuesday 18th August: (Private Mass owing to the funeral): Agnes Flannery RIP

Wednesday 19th August: (Private Mass owing to the funeral): Cathie Connors RIP

Thursday 20th August: 10am St Paul's Thrapston Public Mass: Robert and June Garvey 60th Wedding Anniversary / Patrick McNulty & Margaret Connachie A

Friday 21st August; 9.30am St John Ogilvie's Public Mass: Agnes Gallagher RIP

Saturday 22nd August: Our Lady's: 5.30pm-6pm Confessions; 6.30pm Public Mass: Bernard Brady RIP

Sunday 23rd August: 10am Our Lady's: Bridget Fox A / Rosina Skelton A

11.30am Thrapston: Paddy O'Rorke RIP

5pm St John Ogilvie's: Ellen & David Allison Snr RIP

Monday 24th August: Private Mass: Ellie Cleary RIP

Tuesday 25th August: Our Lady's Corby: 9.30am Mass: Charlie Kerr RIP

Wednesday 26th August: No Mass

Thursday 27th August (No Thrapston Mass: Private Mass owing to the Funeral): SVP Beneficiaries

Friday 28th August: St John Ogilvie's: Jimmy Docherty RIP

Saturday 29th August: Our Lady's 6.30pm: Mervyn D'Souza RIP / In Thanksgiving

Sunday 30th August: Our Lady's 10am: Bill Beddie A / Jacinta McCahill Int

Thrapston 11.30am: Paddy O'Rorke RIP

St John Ogilvie's 5pm: Mary May RIP

### **Parish Office During the Summer.**

Great News: Our Secretary and Housekeeper will be returning from furlough in September. Until then, please be patient with us, as there will be only Fr David in residence, Canon Michael being on leave. You may have to leave a message on the answerphone, or ring back later. 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.

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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).

**Home Visits** are still off the agenda. Our housebound parishioners would love to be visited by our ministers and our ministers would dearly love to visit people in their homes. Sadly, this is still not possible. Only the priest can visit in emergency or exceptional pastoral circumstances. Would our ministers please keep in touch with their regulars by telephone, ensuring they are kept up to date with all the parish news.

**May They Rest In Peace.** In the coming days we have funerals for

Cathie Connors, aged 90, formerly of Corby, former Deputy-Head of Our Lady's School.

Colin Durkin, aged 80, formerly of Corby

Tommy Devlin, late of Stephenson Way, Corby

Christopher McCann, aged 54, late of Rannoch Way, Corby

Emmett Piggott, late of Pennine Way, Kettering

Anna-Marie Hannafin, formerly of Collingwood Avenue, Corby: funeral elsewhere.

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

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**For The Time Being the Sunday Obligation is Suspended**). This means, that for the duration of the period of Pandemic, it is not a sin for Catholics to miss Sunday Mass. So, if you do not yet feel confident enough to come to public Mass don't worry, please stay at home, pray at home and possibly 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.

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***