

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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Twenty Second 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.

Isn't it great to have Sunday Mass again? Such a joy for the 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. There was room for everyone in church and nobody had to be turned away.

Understandably, many appeared rather nervous. The atmosphere was 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: 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 Pauls's and St John Ogilvie's churches. The legal limit is set at 30 mourners in church.

We are now able to celebrate baptisms in church with a limit of 10 guests. **We welcome** baby Joshua Zaharia into the Church, baptised last Saturday and Kyle Radu and Alora Neale baptised this week. To enquire about baptism, please contact the parish or see the priest after Mass.

Rachel's Vineyard. Fr David is ministering at a healing retreat next weekend. This organisation offer support and the first steps of recovery to women and men affected by the sensitive issue of abortion. There are several retreats throughout the year. If you feel this may be of help to you or someone you love, please see Fr David. There is a leaflet about Rachel's Vineyard on the notice board at the back of Our Lady's Church.

Canon Michael is currently on holiday and returns early this week. We welcome Oli (seminarian) to the parish next weekend for a long placement with us. We also, welcome back our parish secretary and housekeeper this week. It's all go in September!

Deacon Daniel Rooke, who was a seminarian on placement at Our Lady's three years back, will be ordained priest on 26th September in St Joseph's Bedford. We send out prayers and congratulations to Daniel.

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.

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

Where and When is Public Mass This Week?

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

Sunday 30th 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 1st August: 9.30am Our Lady's Corby

Wednesday 2nd August: 9.30am Our Lady's Corby

Thursday 3rd August: 10am St Paul's Thrapston

Friday 4th 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 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.

St Edwards, Kettering are now celebrating public Mass on a booking system.

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.

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: Thursday 15th October at 7pm, for those candidates currently under catechesis from Our Lady's. NB for Thrapston, Oundle and Raunds children, we have decided to postpone; the Coronavirus took hold just after you began your catechesis and you will need more time to prepare for this special Sacrament.

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

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

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

11.30am Thrapston: Paddy O'Rorke RIP

5pm St John Ogilvie's: Mary May RIP

Monday 31st August: Private Mass: The Smith Family Int

Tuesday 1st September: 9.30am Public Mass: Our Lady's: Maggie Craddock Int

Wednesday 2nd September: 9.30am Public Mass: Our Lady's: John Massey RIP

Thursday 3rd September: 10am St Paul's Thrapston Public Mass: Bill & Margaret Lewins RIP

Friday 4th September; 9.30am St John Ogilvie's Public Mass: Agnes Gallagher RIP

Saturday 5th September: Our Lady's: 5.30pm-6pm Confessions; 6.30pm Public Mass: Cathy McAteer & Pat Savage A

Sunday 6th September: 10am Our Lady's: Teresa Hart RIP

11.30am Thrapston: Nicholas Barwood RIP

5pm St John Ogilvie's: Sheila Tier RIP

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).

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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***