

Our Lady of Walsingham Corby
St Paul the Apostle Thrapston
Most Holy Name of Jesus Oundle
St Thomas More Raunds
St John Ogilvie Danesholme

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When and Where is Public Mass this week?

Saturday 5th September: 6.30pm Our Lady's Corby: Kathleen McAteer and Pat Savage A
Sunday 6th September 10am Our Lady's Corby: Ellie Cleary RIP
11.30am St Paul's Thrapston: Paddy O'Rorke RIP
5pm St John Ogilvie's: Ena Howard RIP / Jan Mason RIP

Monday 7th September: Private Mass for School Year 6 only: Oliver Walsh RIP
Tuesday 8th September 9.30am: Our Lady's Corby: Borthwick Family RIP
Wednesday 9th September 9.30am: Our Ladys Corby: Valda McClafferty RIP/ Maggie Craddock Int
Thursday 10th September 10am: St Paul's Thrapston: Kenneth Knox RIP
Friday 11th September: St John Ogilvie's 9.30am (*NB Roadworks*): Jean Porter RIP

Saturday 12th September: 6.30pm Our Lady's Corby: Michael David Cronin A
Sunday 13th September: 10am: Our Lady's Corby: Rose and Packie Callaghan A
11.30am St Paul's Thrapston: Kenneth Knox RIP / Jack Purdham RIP
5pm St John Ogilvie's: Pat Thatcher Get Well Int

May They Rest in Peace.

Enid Wootton, aged 93, late of Seagrave Nursing Home whose funeral is at Our Lady's Church next week.

Jack Purdham, aged 78 late of Oundle whose funeral will be at St Paul's Church Thrapston this week.

Giving Tuesday.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. For those who are unable to attend Mass but still want to support financially your parish and clergy, please take advantage of "Giving Tuesday". How does it work? Between 10am and 4pm any Tuesday you can ring 01604 712065 (our Diocesan Finance Office at Bishop's House) and donate to your parish. Just have your credit/debit card details handy and you will be asked your name, address, your parish, your Gift Aid details if any (your envelope number etc if you have one).

Welcome Back Olly! Seminarian Olly Patton is back with us, serving his Propaedeutic Year (Foundation Year) with us in our parishes. I know you will make him welcome.

Our Churches are Filling Up.

Now might be the time to review our Sunday Mass times. Meanwhile, please be guided by the stewards who are there to ensure that we are all safe whilst in church. It is important to keep one metre apart at all times: (easy to forget at Holy Communion time). Don't forget to lower your face covering for Holy Communion.

I was contacted by Environmental Health on Tuesday to ensure we are complying with government guidelines. I told them that I am completely confident that we have all the recommended measures in place, and that many have worked so hard. Please remember the communities of Most Holy Name Oundle and St Thomas More Raunds who have not been able to have Mass since lockdown.

Our Lady's Birthday. Mass on Tuesday is at Our Lady's at 9.30am. Also Fr David and Canon Michael will attend Mass at the Cathedral, the first time since his ordination that Bishop David has welcomed a gathering of clergy.

Confirmation 2020.

We will be contacting the parents of the 32 children who enrolled for Confirmation (which was due to be celebrated in July). The new date is Thursday 15th October at 7pm. Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors is Thursday 8th October at 6pm. Regrettably, numbers of guests will be severely restricted owing to the measures for social distancing within church. Please read your email carefully.

First Holy Communion 2020. We are still consulting about how best to celebrate First Holy Communion this year. More details soon.

Sacraments 2021. Ordinarily we would now be enrolling for next year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Things are different this year. Once we have celebrated with the 2020 children we will advertise enrolment for next year's catechism classes.

Home Visits.

Visiting has always been a traditional aspect of Catholic parish life, but visits have been understandably “on hold” during the recent Pandemic months.

We hope to restart home visits very soon, beginning with visits from the clergy and Seminarian Olly, and then rolling them out to our Eucharistic Ministers and visitors. The current legislation does allow visits (two households meeting indoors) but we completely understand that some may be reluctant or even fearful about people entering their private space. The Catholic Church has issued cautious guidelines to keep us all safe (disinfecting pyxes etc). Social distancing norms will apply and we will wear the expected face covering, gloves etc. Most importantly of all, we will only come if we are specifically invited, we will never turn up unannounced; to invite us and make arrangements please call 01536 203121 or email ourlady.corby@yahoo.co.uk.

Fr David is away this weekend attending **Rachel's Vineyard**, important work as you may have noticed in last week's newsletter.

Blessing of the Graves at Corby's Shire Lodge Cemetery.

Saturday 19th September 12 noon.

Always a popular event. No public prayer service this year, just go straight to your loved-one's grave and await the priest who will methodically work his way along. It is a huge cemetery and even with three priests in action it takes time. Our thanks to Fr Gerard Byrne for organising things.

Off Furlough. We are delighted to have welcomed back Cath our housekeeper and Maggie our secretary after many months on furlough. Rick our Youth Worker remains furloughed until he able to perform his ministry again.

 **Roadworks.** Copenhagen Road, Danesholme is being resurfaced over four days next week: Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th September. This could disrupt access to Friday 9.30am Mass, so please allow extra time for your arrival.

Back to School. A special prayer for all involved. Special thanks to Mrs Hayes and all at our school, Our Lady of Walsingham Primary, who have worked so hard to reorganise the school to get to this day. It was great on Thursday to see so many smiling faces at the school gates: the parents as well as the children! Hopefully this is a turning point.

Car Park. As the infants will now be entering school alongside the church, the area is now a pedestrianised zone, the car park gate locked to traffic at school-run times. Apologies to users of Occupation Road which will experience even more congestion, but we don't want any of our little parishioners getting squished by a reversing 4x4. Please take care, everyone.

May God bless us all,

Canon Michael and Fr David