

Newsletter for the Catholic Communities of:

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Twenty fourth 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.

New Mass schedule. New 8.30am Mass

Because we have almost reached our Covid-friendly maximum numbers in church we are introducing an extra Mass from this weekend: 8.30am Mass at our Lady's, Corby. We hope this will alleviate the numbers at the 10am and encourage even more people to come. It is heartening to see so many people back in church again, but we must continue to be vigilant so as to keep everyone safe (see below). We hope to introduce an extra Sunday mass in Thrapston in October. Watch this space.

Coronavirus Update. We live in an area which is high in the ratings for new cases and we must continue to be vigilant and not let our standards slip.

All Masses this week will be celebrated by Fr David. Canon Michael has until Friday to complete his fourteen days isolation. He is feeling perfectly fine, displaying no symptoms, but has to quarantine because he came into contact with Fr Gregory of Kettering who came to lunch then subsequently tested positive for the virus. Thankfully Fr David was not at the meal and does not have to quarantine, as Canon Michael has no symptoms. We only had to cancel two Masses last week and missed the Jubilarians' Mass, but all the funerals etc were able to go ahead.

Let us keep Fr Gregory in our prayers. Sadly, Kettering Parish has no Masses this weekend but, please God, normal services will resume this week as Fr Gregory emerges from his isolation. This week Canon Michael will celebrate his Mass privately each day for the intentions listed below. Meanwhile he is keeping himself busy reading, praying, doing jigsaws and eating lots of chocolate! Our prayers are with all those who have to isolate and quarantine at this time.

Church Gatherings are exempt from the new **Six-Person Rule**. However, please do not cluster after Mass in groups bigger than six. Thirty persons remains the limit in church for weddings and funerals. For baptisms we have set the limit at ten (in case we are baptising more than one child).

First Holy Communion 2020. No date yet.

Confirmation 2020: Thursday 15th October at 7pm, for those 32 candidates currently under catechesis from Our Lady's who have already enrolled. This Mass will be restricted to candidates, their sponsor and their parents only.

Please attend the rehearsal on Thursday 8th October at 6pm along with your sponsor.

We will email you in a week or two, asking you to look at a link. Fr David will give you some homework to do to prepare you for your special day.

Quiz Question: What is the plural of "Roof"? Is it "roofs" or "rooves"? Well, whatever it is, we have problems with them at our churches in Oundle and Corby. Our Lady's Church roof has been leaking badly since last winter. Scaffolding arrives this Monday and work begins the following Monday. Note to self: when building a church, have a pitched roof, never a flat one.

Oundle Church roof is also being repaired. A much more expensive job: listed building, Collyweston Slate etc. The parish has the funds following the recent sale of the vacant Priest's House.

Blessing of the Graves. This Saturday, 19th September, 12 noon at shire Lodge Cemetery. No initial gathering this year. Just stand at the grave of your loved one; the priest will gradually work his way along the rows, blessing as he goes. Always a popular event, traditionally taking place in November, but we choose September as the weather tends to be more clement. Our thanks to Fr Gerard.

40 Hours Adoration. St Brendan's is hosting this annual event. Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd September. Please attend, obeying the usual new rules for churches, including face coverings.

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.

We are now able to celebrate baptisms in church with a limit of 10 guests. Baptisms are now on Saturdays at 10am. We welcomed **baby Katie** into the family of God last Saturday. To enquire about baptism, please contact the parish for a form or see the priest after Mass.

Deacon Daniel Rooke, 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.

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/visor 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. Sadly the toilet is Out of Bounds.

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

Holy Communion during Mass. We hope to emulate the Cathedral and distribute Communion at its usual time within Mass. If space allows, the priest will come to you in your place. Or, you will be invited to process forward in the usual way, taking care as you return to your place (the exact seat that you do not touch anyone else's space. Holy Communion is to be received on the hand only, not the tongue which the Church has forbidden at this time. Please hold your hands 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).

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.

We are much more relaxed in church than we were six weeks ago when we restarted public devotions. Let us not be complacent, however but rejoice that we are able to come to Mass.

Confessions Saturdays 5.30pm-6pm at Our Lady's Church

Where and When is Public Mass This Week?

Saturday 12th September: Our Lady's Corby: 6.30pm Mass: Michael David Cronin A / Frances Taylor Int

Sunday 13th September: Our Lady's Corby. 8.30am For The Parishes

Our Lady's Corby: 10am: Rose and Packie Callaghan RIP

St Paul's Thrapston: 11.30am Kenneth Knox RIP / Jack Purdham RIP

St John Ogilvie, Corby: 5pm Pat Thatcher Get Well Int

Monday 14th September: Private Masses: Jimmy Docherty RIP / Matthew Family

Tuesday: 9.30am Our Lady's Corby: Agnes Gallagher RIP

Wednesday: *Private Mass: Fr Michael Griffiths RIP* (No public Mass today)

Thursday 17th September: 10am St Paul's Thrapston: Sr Rosalie Temple RIP

Friday 18th September **NB No Mass at St John Ogilvie** due to the funeral at Our Lady's
Private Mass: Cathie Connors RIP

Saturday 19th September:

6.30pm Our Lady's Corby: Winefred Barrowman Int / John McClafferty Int

Sunday 20th September:

8.30am Our Lady's, Corby: Lynn Family

10am: Our Lady's, Corby: Gideon Strachan McLean RIP

11.30am Thrapston: Paddy Tierney RIP

5pm: St John Ogilvie's, Danesholm: Ellie Cleary RIP

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. Fr Joe Walsh advises me that more room is to be found at the Rushden vigil Mass.

St Brendan's Corby have weekend Mass: 6pm Saturday; Sunday; 8am (Latin), 11am.

St Patrick's. Corby: 9am Mass Sunday

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

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 mfincrd@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). With two priests "down", immediate emergency response will be difficult to guarantee, especially at weekends. Please rest assured that emergency calls are always our priority and each priest will do everything they can to provide the sacraments to the dying.

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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***