



Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham

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Sunday 17th January 2021

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Please ring if you have any concerns.

Second Sunday of the Year B

Peace Sunday

Green Vestments Today

This is the Year of St Joseph.

Pope Francis has dedicated 2021 to St Joseph. Here is a prayer we can say everyday:

Holy Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen

Of our Five Churches the following are Open for Public Mass:

St Paul the Apostle, Sackville Street, Thrapston

St John Ogilvie, Copenhagen Road, Danesholme, Corby

Our Lady of Walsingham, Occupation Road, Corby.

Masses and Service Times as on page 4 below.

No need to book a seat, just arrive in good time.

Keep to the regulations including face-covering, track and trace, sanitiser, 1 metre+ rule. Holy Communion in your place and on your hand at arm's length. (please stand to show you desire Holy Communion, then kneel for your prayer).

Limited Numbers for Funerals (30) and Baptisms (6), so only come to those if you have been specifically invited.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

New Mass Time. Please note that from today, Sunday, Mass at St Paul's, Thrapston is at 9.30am and **11am**. This is because it does not take as long to thoroughly cleanse the church between Masses (such is the efficiency of our Stewards!)

May They Rest In Peace

James Treacy aged 73, late of Kenmore Drive, Desborough whose funeral is in Our Lady's, 27th January, 11am

Lucia Lylford, aged 86, late of New Abbott House, Glaphorn Road, Oundle, whose funeral service will be at St Paul's Thrapston on Wednesday 3rd February at 2pm

Funerals are limited to 30 invited named guests in church. Please only attend if you are on the list; if not, you can watch live-streamed (Our Lady's only).

First Holy Communion 2020 Cohort. Today it is the turn of Lilla and Rhiannon to receive Jesus for the first time during the 10:00 am Mass at Our Lady's. Be sure to congratulate the children on their special day.

Baptism. Congratulations and blessings to Pola Matylda who was baptised yesterday at Our Lady's.

Covid 19. Let us be extra vigilant to keep the rules. It is fantastic that the government has allowed places of worship to remain open, but things can change very quickly. Let us keep up our good practices.

Our "Achilles Heel" could be our desire to leave church quickly. Please sit after Mass, saying your prayer of Thanksgiving, thus avoiding creating a queue. There is no rush, you are not going to be locked in! Also, please resist the temptation to socialise outside. Let's all keep safe.

Stay Home and Watch Mass Online. I know it is a poor substitute for being there in person, but if you are shielding or fearful of venturing out, don't worry. **Watch Mass online via churchservices.tv** (search Corby, Catholic Church of Our Lady of Walsingham, then click on the photo of Our Lady's church – a very dramatic photo it is too!). Please remember that the Obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays/Saturdays has been lifted during this time of Pandemic, so no need to even mention it in Confession. Midweek Masses continue to be open to the public, our thanks to the Stewards.

Clap For Our Stewards. One parishioner suggested that we all clap the stewards after Mass as a gesture of our appreciation. A lovely idea, although my view is that they would get embarrassed and probably stop stewarding altogether!?! Instead let's each offer a quiet prayer for them and thank them after Mass as they show us out and sanitise our hands!

Oundle/Thrapston have now declared. Fr David and I thank them very much for the Christmas Day offerings which amounted to £395 each. The Christmas Offering makes up the largest single element of our annual priestly income, so we are very grateful, especially at this time when everyone is watching the pennies.

Would You Like To Chat? A female parishioner has kindly offered to be on the end of the phone, should anyone want a chat during these long dark days. Please drop us a line and we will put you in touch. Your priests are also available for a prayer.

Octave of Christian Unity begins on Monday. We continue to work for ecumenism and pray, as Christ himself prayed, *“that they may be one, Father as you and I are one”*.

Act of Spiritual Communion.

To be said by those who cannot physically attend Mass.

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 me to separated from you.

Amen

Covid Closures. More and more of us, clergy and people alike, are falling foul of the Covid virus, either catching it or having to isolate because we have come into contact with someone who has it. Our Cathedral clergy, Canon Mark Floody and Deacon Andrew Coy had a close shave; they had to self-isolate, almost missing Canon Mark's brother-in-law Bernard's funeral here last Thursday, until a subsequent test overthrew the results of the initial test. In Leighton Buzzard, Fr John Danford had to cancel all his Christmas Masses. In the biggest parish in the diocese, Bletchley, both churches are currently completely closed for the same reason. In Dunstable, Fr Tony Brennan has the virus, so no Masses there either. The Milton Keynes Cluster, where four priests live together and serve eight churches, also had isolation issues. Let us continue to pray for a speedy end to this Pandemic.

Calling Our Young People aged 11-18 years! This year's Lux Residential Weekend has been replaced with an online experience, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January. It is entitled "LUX.Valour" and is accessible COMPLETELY FREE via the Youth Service YouTube Channel: 'luxnymo'.

Amazing talks, fun small groups, moving times of prayer, ridiculous games and a theme night.

You will explore what it means to be a young person of great bravery: how we can walk into the unknown of this New Year confident that we are "not given a spirit of fear but a spirit of power." 2 timothy 1:7

Many of our youngsters get a lot out of our Diocesan Youth Residentials, so it is great to see that they are going ahead online. Don't miss out. Complete the booking form on nymo.org/lux-valour/

May God Bless Us all.

Canon Michael, Fr David and Seminarian Olly

Mass Intention This Week

Saturday 16th January

5.30pm - 6pm: Our Lady's: Confessions

6.30pm Our Lady's: Mass: Patsy Currie RIP / Billy Graham A

Sunday 17th January

8:30 am: Our Lady's: Mass: For the Parishes / Kevin King Int / Marian Watson Int

9:30 am: Thrapston: Mass: Dennis and Linda Wilker Int

10:00 am Our Lady's: Mass: Norton Family Int / James Reilly Int

NB 11.00 am NB Thrapston: Mass: Ints of Family and Friends of the Pandaya Family

5:00 pm St John Ogilvie's: Bridie Gribben and Family Int

Monday: Private Mass: No congregation

Tuesday: Our Lady's: 09:30 am Mass: Mary Conway RIP / Patsy Currie RIP

Wednesday Our Lady's: 09:30 am Mass: Peggy McDevitt A/ Bridgie Sweeney A / Mary George A

Thursday 10am Thrapston: Foundation Mass: Brown / Fr Stan Condon RIP

Friday 9.30am Mass: St John Ogilvie's: Kathleen Brodie RIP

Saturday:

Our Lady's 5.30pm - 6pm: Confessions

6.30pm Mass: Our Lady's: Mirek, Jan and Bogush Nowakowski / Bernard Hales RIP

Sunday 24th January

8:30 am Our Lady's Mass: Bridget Sweeney A/ Marian Watson Int

9:30 am Thrapston Mass: Graham and Rose Smith Intention

10:00 am Our Lady's Mass: Frank Hogan RIP / George & Teresa Goodall Int

11.00 am Thrapston Mass: Gamby Family and Friends Int

5:00 pm St John Ogilvie's Mass: Sean O'Beirne RIP