



## Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham

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### Sunday, 30th May 2021 Trinity Sunday

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Please ring if you have any concerns

"To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often" said St John Henry Newman, our recently canonised English saint. Well, in Our Lady's Parish we must be getting pretty near to perfection, as recent days have seen so many changes here."

Only three weeks ago on the Saturday we bade "Farewell" to Fr David as he headed off to "Mission Northampton", and on the following Monday we bade "Farewell" to our seminarian Olly who headed off to Oscott College; the following Friday we said "Welcome" to Fr Pius, in residence here as the new Parish Priest in Raunds, Thrapston and Oundle.

The latest news: Bishop David has seen fit to appoint me, Canon Michael, as his Vicar General, that is, his Number Two. This is a great honour and I pray that I am worthy of his choice. He wants me to remain in Corby where he knows I am very happy. As the job will entail much responsibility and much time working away from Corby, Bishop David is sending reinforcements in the form of Fr Sujith John MSFS from St Patrick's Parish in Duston, Northampton. The MSFS are Missionaries of St Francis de Sales and are good holy priests; you will remember Fr Benny, Fr Lijo and Fr Wilson, all of whom were from the same Indian congregation and have been popular priests in Our Lady's and St John Ogilvie's. Fr Sujith moved into the Presbytery on Thursday and we wish him a happy stay as Assistant Priest and I know you will give him a big "Corby welcome".

Fr Pius will remain in residence here until accommodation becomes available in Thrapston; meanwhile he is happy to help out here in between his work in East Northants and with the Sion Community and you may have seen him celebrating midweek Masses and working with our youngsters in Our Lady's School.

My appointment as Vicar General takes effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, following on from Mgr Sean Healy who has done sterling work in the role for no fewer than twenty years as right-hand-man to three Bishops: Kevin McDonald, Peter Doyle and lastly David Oakley. We wish him a well-deserved rest after his labours and two decades of devoted

service. His predecessor in the role was, of course, our own Fr Pat McAleenan who performed the role as Vicar General so unassumingly for eleven years alongside Bishop Leo McCartie.

My appointment is a great honour for the people and parishes of Corby.

Phew! Can you keep up? These are exciting times for our parishes.

*"We can't be afraid of change. We may feel very secure of the pond we are in, but if we never venture out of it, we will never discover that there is such a thing as an ocean, a sea", - C Joy Bell. C*

### **Some Things Don't Change**

Our mission is to make Jesus known and loved in our little corner of God's kingdom.

### **Lockdown Rules are still in place**

Please remember to sign in via paper-slip or the NHS App. Face-coverings are compulsory apart from those exempt for health reasons. The ropes remain in place, cordoning off each second bench. Please keep social distance especially when leaving church via the second exit. Please God, come 21<sup>st</sup> June, we can be more relaxed. We look forward to **singing** once again as a congregation. No need to book a place, but please remember that numbers are limited, exact number varies according to "bubble" sizes: to avoid being turned away, arrive in plenty of time.

**Our Sacristies are Small** and can get busy before and after Mass. Please only enter if you have a job to do and/or invited in by the priest. Thank you.

**Please Park Safely** and with courtesy to our neighbours. Don't block anyone's driveway. During the week, we keep the gates closed during the school run; please do not drive down until after 09:00 am: we don't want any children to be squished.

**People Join** our Masses online from all over the world. Positive comments come in about our cantors, our stewards and even our sermons: notably I have been asked for copies of the one about "The Wee Donkey"!

### **Contacting Fr Pius**

He will be getting a contact mobile phone number soon and a website. He can currently be contacted by phone at Our Lady's 01536 203121 and by email on [bilypak2@yahoo.com](mailto:bilypak2@yahoo.com)

**Today's First Holy Communion Children.** Congratulations to Daria, Sari, Ella-Lily, Amelia and Kevin who are all to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist at today's 10:00 am Mass. We will give them a joyous clap at the end of Mass as they receive their certificates.

**Confirmation.** We have sent out the letters to the Candidates about how to access the worksheets and prayers from the website [sdc.me.uk](http://sdc.me.uk) We have received kind permission to access the literature from the website which the young people will complete at home and bring in each Sunday, handing it to the priest or catechist. We hope you enjoy completing the worksheets. Confirmation Day is Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm with Bishop David Oakley, preceded by the rehearsal on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6:00 pm. If you have yet to return your complete application form, please do so as soon as possible so that we can send your letter.

### **"Amen" To That.**

As we move out of lockdown, some restrictions have been relaxed. For example, we are once again allowed to say "The Body of Christ" as we give you Holy Communion. Better still, you are now allowed to respond "Amen" which means: "so be it", or "yes" or in olde English "yea verily". By saying "Amen" you are affirming the preceding statement, that the host is indeed the Body of Christ. Your personal ascent to this wondrous fact is the most sacred moment in your week.

**Baptisms and Confirmations This Weekend.** Blessings upon baby Cillion Michael Ryan Clack who was baptised yesterday. Bookings of Baptisms are rolling in again following lockdown; the current limit of guests is 30.

**Our Lady's Catholic Club** has reopened with table-service for the time being. All well-organised by Bernard and Bridie to keep everyone safe. Don't forget the club has a beautiful "secret garden" tucked away behind the hall for outdoor refreshments.

### **May They Rest In Peace**

Pat Connor, aged 70, late of Ravenscourt, whose funeral is on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10:00 am.

Terry Cunningham, aged 50, late of Pages Walk, whose funeral is on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11:30 am.

Betty Robison, aged 87, late of Nelson Road, whose funeral is on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00 am.

Marie Lynch, late of Shire Lodge Care Home, whose funeral is on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12:00 noon.

### **Live-Streaming**

The camera in Our Lady's church is active 24/7. Go to **churchservices.tv** to take advantage.

### **Youth News**

This year's NYMO Summer Camp at Alton Castle is to proceed: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. Go to [nymo.org/summer-camp/](http://nymo.org/summer-camp/) to book with your £50 deposit. Camping or dormitory options are available.

### **Today is Trinity Sunday**

The Feastday of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **Vaccines**

Canon Michael has now received the second dose of his vaccine, so according to Diocesan Guidelines is once again able to conduct pastoral visits to parishioners in addition to end-of-life situations. He is allowed a maximum of one visit each morning and one each afternoon, as long as those being visited have also had their double dose.

Remember, Catholics have been given the all-clear by the Church to receive the vaccine, although the choice of each individual is respected.

*"Our mother Mary is full of beauty  
because she is full of grace" Pope Francis*



### **Mass Intention This Week**

Saturday 29th May

5.30pm-6pm Our Lady's: Confessions

6.30pm Our Lady's: Mass: Edith Vincent RIP & Maureen Hull RIP / Fr Tony Whitfield RIP

Sunday 30th May

8:30 am: Our Lady's: Mass: Colm McDevitt RIP / Chris Keefe RIP

9:30 am: Thrapston: Mass: Mary & David Moat (Int)

10:00 am Our Lady's: Mass: Kathleen Sheridan RIP/Graham Pailing RIP/In Thanksgiving (Bino+ family)

11.00 am Thrapston: Mass: Catherine Moran RIP

5:00 pm St John Ogilvie's: Joseph (RIP)

BH Monday 31st May: Our Lady's 10am Mass: For the Parish

Tuesday 1st June Our Lady's: 09:30 am Mass: Graham Pailing RIP) / Eileen McMahon (Birthday)

Wednesday 2nd June Our Lady's: 09:00 am Mass: Colm McDevitt RIP / Gordon Muldownie (Int)

10:00 am Funeral Pat Connor RIP

Thursday 3rd June 09:30 am: Our Lady's: Mass: Jean Driver RIP /Nellie Cruse RIP

10.00 am Thrapston Mass:

Friday 4th June 09:30 am: St John Ogilvie's: Mass: Liam McDevitt(int)/ Frank Sheridan (int)

11:30 am: Our Lady's: Funeral Terry Cunningham

Saturday 5th June: Our Lady's: 5.30pm-6pm Confessions;

6.30pm Vigil Mass: Sandra Reid RIP / Philomena Colman (A)

Sunday 6th June

8:30 am Bridgie Sweeney RIP + Patrick Sweeney (A)/ Bridget Killeen RIP

9:30 am Thrapston Mass:

10:00 am Our Lady's Mass: John Cooney RIP / Eileen & Patrick Joseph McCahill (A)

11.00 am Thrapston Mass:

5:00 pm St John Ogilvie's Mass: Peter Loughlin (A)

*May God Bless Us all,  
Canon Michael, Fr Pius and Fr Sujith*