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**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – Feast of St Joseph the Worker**

**Safeguarding Reps:**

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Please ring if you have any concerns

**May, Month of Our Lady**

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. In a special way to honour her, one of Our Lady's school children will crown her Statue with flowers at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday.

**May they Rest in Peace**

Frank Malloy, aged 57, late of Blake Road, whose funeral is at Kettering Crematorium on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

Jean Robertson, aged 83, late of Farndale Avenue, whose funeral is at Our Lady's on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am.

Maria Doherty, aged 84, late of Fyfe Road, whose funeral is on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Our Lady's Church at 10 am.

**We keep all the bereaved families in our prayers.**

**Diamond Jubilee**

Congratulations to Fr Gerard Byrne and all the parishioners at St Patrick's parish who celebrate their 60th Anniversary in a couple of weeks' time. We hope that any celebrations go well. St Patrick's is the elder daughter of Our Lady's parish (born 16<sup>th</sup> May 1962); St Brendan's our younger daughter will also be 60 years old this year, born on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1962. St John Ogilvie's Parish is effectively our granddaughter, being born out of St Brendan's parish on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1980. You see how we are inter-related, one big family, and the Catholic community in Corby.

An extract from our Parish logbook makes interesting reading and goes as follows: "16<sup>th</sup> May 1962. This was a great day for the Catholics of Corby. People begin to arrive at 6:00 pm for the ceremony fixed for 7:00 pm. His Lordship, in the presence of Bishop Grant, Provost Davidson, several members of the chapter, and about 40 priests, solemnly blessed the exterior of St Patrick's Church before leading the clergy and people inside to bless the interior. High Mass followed in the presence of the Bishop, sung by the parish priest, the very Reverend Dean Brendan with Rev L O'Toole, the appointed parish priest of the new parish as deacon and the Rev D Cronin as sub-deacon; both former curates of Dean Brennan at Our Lady's. After the gospel the Bishop spoke a few words thanking the priest and people for their great work. He concluded with the announcement that Dean Brennan would be in the future known as Canon Brennan, having just accepted the honour of being an honorary Canon of Northampton chapter. The day ended with a dinner

given by Canon Brennan at the Corby Hotel to the Bishop, Canons and Clergy as well as other guests. So, yet one more parish has been launched in Corby. The mother parish of Our Lady's has given this latest offspring a very handsome dowry, having paid £20,000 towards the new church. St Patrick's Church will be served from Our Lady's until Fr O'Toole takes over in September as the new parish priest. This means that the priests at Our Lady's will have eight Sunday Masses, six at Our Lady's and two at St Patrick's. Now that all the excitement has died down we settle once again to our usual work in which the school building takes pride of place. Plans for a new infant school are before the Ministry and the contract for the two classrooms necessary to complete the secondary modern school is being prepared. And so we go on."

**Detailed below is a passage from a Newspaper dated Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1962-9**

**"Next Wednesday the faith and hard work of Corby's thousands of Roman Catholics will be rewarded at a simple but colourful ceremony on a once barren site off Gainsborough Road.**

*At seven in the evening the Bishop of Northampton, Mgr T. Leo Parker, is to bless the £40,000 Church of St Patrick.*

*Then he'll conduct the first service – a High Mass – in this town's second RC Church, as an act of thanksgiving.*

*The church, a modern single storey building described as being 'in mid-20th century style' is built on a site at the junction of Gainsborough Road and Morland Road.*

*The church is startlingly new in concept. It has a pre-stressed concrete frame, brick walls and a Weldon stone "face". The roof is of felt covered with granite chippings.*

Length: 102 feet, height 28 feet, plus a 16 foot high copper covered spire which will carry a bell at a later date.

The front porch is protected by three concrete canopies and the porch itself is made of Italian green marble with a gold leaf engraved Papal Arms above the door.

Said architect Brian Austin: "We've aimed at producing a modern building. A building of mid-20<sup>th</sup> century ...."

Inside the up-to-date air has been maintained. There's under floor heating and unobtrusive lighting high in the ceiling.

The organ and choir gallery, built directly above the entrance, is plain and functional. The altar, too, has little ornamentation. It's built of Westmorland slate and York stone.

Four tall, arched windows along each side – again plain - provide ample daylight.

But one window, above the door, is different. It's a circular one, seven feet in diameter - with a stained glass cross inserted.

For the time being the work of the church will be done by Dean D. Brennan and the priests of Our Lady of Walsingham RC Church. Then Father Laurence O'Toole will take over as permanent priest in September."

## **Baptisms**

Welcome to the family of God, Alexis Milan Fraser; Reign Irene ; and Coulter William.

## **First Holy Communions**

Blessings upon Maja, Nathan, Julia and Kacper. All four will receive Jesus for the first time at the 10:00 am Mass today.

**NB** It would be very much appreciated if all children receiving Holy Communion could arrive in church at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

## **Diocesan Priest's Training Fund**

Next week there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Priest's Training Fund.

**Does someone you know struggle with Addiction?** We work closely with those who offer support. Just get in touch and we will point you in their direction.

## **The Holy water Stoups**

These Stoups have been filled again at St John Ogilvie's after an absence of two years. Blessing yourself remains optional but rest assured that the Stoups are cleaned and refilled with fresh Holy Water before each Mass. At Our Lady's we will continue to make use of the automatic contactless Holy Water dispenser.

**Livestreaming** is on 24/7 in Our Lady's Church. A great facility. But please be aware that if you sit in the front pews, you are on camera. To avail the facility, go to [churchservices.tv/corby](https://churchservices.tv/corby). Tell your friends.

**Dona** - Speaking of "Contactless", do not forget that you can make use of the "**Dona**" machine to make your collection, offertory gift contactless. Just tap the amount you wish to give, tap your card and tap "offertory". All done. Thank you.

### **To Book a Baptism**

Please collect your form from the priest after one of the weekend Masses. Return it to Maggie during the week to book your date.

### **School News**

Our Lady's Primary school still has a limited number of places available for any children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and August 2018 to start Reception in September 2022. The school warmly welcomes any families to contact us to come and spend some time visiting the school if you have not yet got a school place or have not been allocated a school of your choice.

In addition, we are aware that there are a number of Corby families who are generously welcoming Ukranian families into their homes and we are happy to provide any advice and support with finding a school place either within our own school or with other schools within the Corby area.

## **ANC EMERGENCY UKRAINE APPEAL**

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ANC) is despatching 1 million Euro (more than £830,000) in emergency help for Church communities responding to the desperate crisis unfolding in Ukraine following Russian invasion.

Bishop's, priests and Sisters across Ukraine are helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities as displaced families take shelter in the basements and other underground shelters of Churches, parish halls and other religious buildings. Please pray for Ukraine. To support the ANC Ukraine emergency appeal, visit [www.ancuk.org](http://www.ancuk.org)

### **Prayer For Ukraine**

O Prince of Peace,  
the guns of war sound once more,  
again we see the faces  
of frightened children.

We pray for the Ukrainian people,  
that they may see peace;  
we pray for the Russian people,  
that they may demand peace;  
we pray for our country,  
that we may lay a positive role  
In peace-making in this world

O Prince of Peace,  
lead us from this time of darkness,  
to a place of deeper understanding,  
to see ourselves as part of the global human family,  
so all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Our Lady's 5:30 - 6:10 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Mass: Laurie McCahill (A) / Norah O'Leary RIP

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Our Lady's 08:30 am Mass: Mary Walsh RIP / Peggy Meyer (Int)

10:00 am Mass: Sheila Mills (int) / Pat Aitken RIP

St John Ogilvie's 5:00 pm Mass: Patricia & David McDonald Jnr RIP

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Our Lady's No Mass Today

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9:30 am Mass:** Mary Walsh RIP / Laurence McCahill (A)

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** Our Lady's 09:30 am Mass: Fr Pat Bailey RIP / Ellie Cleary RIP

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May** Our Lady's 09:30 am Mass: Norah O'Leary RIP / Maria Doherty RIP

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**St John Ogilvie:** No Mass today

Our Lady's 10:30 am Requiem Mass for Jean Robertson RIP.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Lady's 6:30 pm Mass: Margaret Mann (nee Feely) Birthday / John Barrowman (A)

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Lady's 08:30 am Mass: Marie Doherty RIP / Marie Graham (int)

Our Lady's 10:00 am Mass: Susan Glass RIP / Noeline Cumming (A)

St John Ogilvie 5:00 pm Mass: Marie & Richard Mason (Int)

*A Blessed Easter Season to Everyone,*

*Canon Michael and Fr Sujith*