

2023: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December

# The Corby Catholic Parishes of Our Lady of Walsingham and St John Ogilvie

Diocese of Northampton Registered charity No. 234091 / Pastoral Area of St Luke, North Northants

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December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

## Liturgies this Week

OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham Church / SJO: St John Ogilvie Church

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 3<sup>rd</sup> December

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**5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

*Intention - Priest 1: Tony Muir, RIP*

*Intention - Priest 2: Barbara Levins, RIP (Anniv.)*

**8:30am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Tony Muir, RIP*

*Intention - Priest 2: Krishna, RIP*

**10:00am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Thomas Mutemachani, RIP (Anniv.)*

*Intention - Priest 2: Pro Populo*

**5:00pm (SJO) MASS**

*Intention: Donal O'Regan (Int.)*

**Monday** *Feria: Advent* 4<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Barbara, Martin and the Kay Family*

*Intention - Priest 2: Our Lady of Guadalupe Guardians (Bedford)*

**Tuesday** *Optional Memoria: St Birinus* 5<sup>th</sup> December

*NB: There is no public Mass today*

**Wednesday** *Optional Memoria: St Nicolas, Bishop* 6<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Margaret McCahill, RIP (Anniv.)*

*Intention - Priest 2: Patrick Killeen, RIP*

**Thursday** *Memoria: St Ambrose, Bishop* 7<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: John and Mamie Guerin, RIP (Anniv.)*

*Intention - Priest 2: Joyce Connolly, RIP (Anniv.)*

**Friday** *Solemnity: Immaculate Conception* 8<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am (SJO) MASS**

*Intention: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk*

**10:00am (SJO) Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**10:00am (OLW) FUNERAL MASS** of Mary 'Betty' Gerrard

**Saturday** *Opt. Memoria: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlataozin* 9<sup>th</sup> December

**9:30am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Bob Smyth, RIP*

*Intention - Priest 2: Harry Carr, RIP (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)*

**10:00am (OLW) Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

**10:00am (OLW) Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 10<sup>th</sup> December

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**5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

*Intention - Priest 1: Sheila Mills, RIP*

*Intention - Priest 2: Simon Hemmings, RIP (Anniv.)*

**8:30am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Anne Griffin (Intention)*

*Intention - Priest 2: Pro Populo*

**10:00am (OLW) MASS**

*Intention - Priest 1: Helen Fairbairn, RIP*

*Intention - Priest 2: Patrick Killeen, RIP*

**5:00pm (SJO) MASS**

*Intention: Ela Molik, RIP (27<sup>th</sup> Birthday)*

**In Hospital?** Please note: 24/7 emergency sacramental provision continues at Kettering General Hospital. Please ask the ward staff to contact the on-call Catholic Priest.

### Parish School

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### Are You New? Have You Moved?

I am a new parishioner. Please add me to the Parish Census.

**NAME(S):** .....

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**ADDRESS:** .....

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**TEL.:** .....

**EMAIL:** .....

**Data Protection** – The personal details of yourself and family members given above will only be stored and used by the Parish for internal administrative and organisational purposes of the Parish. They will not be disclosed outside the parish. If statistics from the census are shared with the Diocese or anyone else, they will be strictly anonymised. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which may be viewed on the Parish Website or on the notice board at the back of Church.

**I confirm that all individuals whose information has been provided on this form have agreed for it to be provided to the Parish:**

Signed: .....

Name: .....

Date: .....

*Please cut out and return to the Parish Office or hand to the Clergy.*

## Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Mary Elizabeth Gerrard ('Betty')** whose Funeral Mass is at OLW Church, on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am.

**Patrick Killeen** whose Funeral Mass is at OLW Church, on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. The Reception of the Body into OLW Church will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30pm.

*May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself;  
may angels lead you to Abraham's side.*

*Receive their souls and present them to God the Most High.*

*"The Church in the British Isles will only begin to grow when she begins again to venerate her own saints."* St Arsenios of Paros

**Our Bishops** have asked that mobile phones not be taken into the Confessional, by either the Priest or Penitent, so that we might ensure total confidentiality and the sacramental seal.

**"Thank you"** to all who supported the *Rorate Caeli* Mass last Saturday and to everyone who assisted in its preparation; especially the person who polished all the brass candlesticks!

**Fr Christopher** will be away over the coming days visiting his parents in Cornwall; please hold him in your daily prayers.

## Let us pray for:

- Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.
- All persecuted Christians.
- All in our parishes preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

This year **Bishop David** will be releasing four online messages to coincide with the weekly themes of the Advent season: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These can be found here: <https://youtu.be/hT3iebbysDg?si=DcWo4ABCQrIBBA69>

As **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** is a solemnity we do not need to abstain from eating meat! "Friday Abstinence" (from eating meat) was reintroduced by our Bishops in September AD 2011.

On **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** there is no public Mass as the clergy are in Iver Heath for the Advent Day of Recollection.

All are welcome to join Bishop David as he presides at Mass for our **Diocesan Patronal Solemnity** at 7:00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December in Northampton Cathedral; mince pies follow!

*When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England". Pope Leo XIII, 1897*

We shall need to participate in a Mass of the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** to fulfil the Sunday Obligation:

23 <sup>rd</sup> December - <b>Vigil Mass of Advent Four</b>	OLW	5:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Mass of Advent Four</b>	OLW	8:30am
24 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Mass of Advent Four</b>	SJO	9:15am
24 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Mass of Advent Four</b>	OLW	10:00am

We shall need to participate in a Mass of **Christmas Day** to fulfil the Holy Day Obligation:

24 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Vigil Mass of Christmas Day</b>	OLW	4:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Vigil Mass of Christmas Day</b>	SJO	6:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Vigil Mass of Christmas Day</b>	OLW	8:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Mass of Christmas Day</b>	OLW	8:30am
25 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Mass of Christmas Day</b>	OLW	10:00am

## The Bishops Synod on Synodality Resolutions:

### • Steps towards renewal 1:

Echoing our Holy Father's sentiments, we invite every parish, school, and community to look anew at adoration of the Lord, not least through \*Eucharistic Adoration... This deeper relationship with the Lord will enable us to embrace what emerges from the Synod Assembly in October 2024.

\***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place on the Saturdays of Advent (see calendar for details).

### • Steps towards renewal 2:

Renewal requires ongoing conversion, personally and in our communities. The themes of communion, participation and mission have helped us formulate important questions which we invite every Catholic in England and Wales to consider:

1. How can we create and promote space and time for prayer, for spiritual communion, for adoring God, and for listening and responding to God?
2. How can we deepen and broaden opportunities for people to participate in the prayer of adoration, linking this to the service of others?
3. How do we encourage greater participation in the synodal process at the local level, including further reflection on the Synodal Synthesis?
4. How can our experiences of prayer, of thirsting and longing for God, and of gratitude and wonder, give a missionary witness and invitation that is attractive to others?
5. How can the person of Christ be clearly seen at the heart of the service we offer?
6. How can our service to people in need be framed and shaped to increase the widest possible participation?

**St Edward's, Kettering** is seeking to recruit a cleaner for the Presbytery and in the Church Hall (including the office spaces). The role will be for ten hours per week. The closing date for applications is Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Interview dates to be confirmed. More information and an application form can be found here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

**The First Sunday of Advent** this year also begins the "Year of Prayer", focusing on the 'Our Father', in preparation for the Jubilee Year in 2025; in 2024 we were asked to read anew the major documents of the Second Vatican Council.

**OLW Marian Sanctuary Lamp:** If you would like to sponsor this from July 2024 onwards contact the Parish Office.

## See previous parish newsletters for the:

1. Details of the online Advent Retreat: 26/11/23 edition.
2. Bishops Autumn Plenary Resolutions: 26/11/23 edition.
3. Updates from the Synod on Synodality: 12/11/23 edition.
4. Details of the "Thriving or Closing?" online gathering with Bishop David and Fr James Mallon: 26/11/23 edition.

**Thank you** to all who have supported the **Giving Trees** at OLW thus far; this week is your final opportunity to do so.

*With the assurance of our prayers this Advent season,  
Fr Christopher, Fr Prasad & Fr Wayne*

**The lamp in the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham Church burns in prayer for:**

**Ottillie Kiddle, RIP**