

2023: 24th
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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NB: Closed between 25th December and 28th December

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To fulfil the Holy Day Obligation we need
to participate in a Mass of Christmas Day:

SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December

4:00pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS of Christmas Day: Family

Intention - Priest 1: Gordon Muldownie, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Deceased members of the Friel family, RIP

6:00pm (SJO) VIGIL MASS of Christmas Day

Intention - Priest 1: Pro Populo

Intention - Priest 2: Michael McDonagh and Martin McDonagh, RIP

8:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS of Christmas Day

Intention - Priest 1: Hugh McAteer, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Chris Colgan, RIP (90th Birthday)

Intention - Priest 3: Thanksgiving for Maggie, Cath & Kay

MONDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December

8:30am (OLW) MASS of Christmas Day

Intention - Priest 1: May Hughes, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Catherine Maguire (Intention)

10:00am (OLW) MASS of Christmas Day

Intention - Priest 1: Bridget Killeen, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Jordan and Gollolly families, RIP

12:00pm (OLW) MASS of Christmas Day: Telugu

Intention: The local Catholic Indian community

Tuesday *Feast: St Stephen, First Martyr* 26th December

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Mary Rodgers (Intention)

Intention - Priest 2: Maureen Davies, RIP

Wednesday *Feast: St John, Apostle & Evangelist* 27th December

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Cleary family (Intention)

Intention - Priest 2: Patrick Killeen, RIP

Thursday *Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs* 28th December

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Frank Maguire, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Colin McGinley, RIP

Friday *Feast: St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr* 29th December

9:30am (SJO) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Emmie Davey, RIP (1st Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Patrick Harrington, RIP (Anniv.)

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

Saturday *Sixth Day within the Christmas Octave* 30th December

9:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Therese & Len Berry, RIP (30th Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Thanksgiving from the parish clergy

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

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

SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY 31st December

Parish Mass Book: Page 105 for OLW / Page 41 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Hugh Murphy, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Bill, Annie, Patsy & William Currie, RIP

8:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Sadie Chalmer, RIP (2nd Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: James Brook, RIP

10:00am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Frank Maguire, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Catherine Duncan, RIP (Anniv.)

5:00pm (SJO) MASS

Intention: Pro Populo

The Birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem:

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled” (Lk2:1). With these words, Luke introduces his account of the birth of Jesus and explains how it came to take place in Bethlehem. A population census, for purposes of determining and collecting taxes, was what prompted Joseph to set off from Nazareth for Bethlehem, together with Mary, his betrothed, who was expecting a child. The birth of Jesus in the city of David is placed within the overarching framework of world history, even though Caesar was quite unaware of the difficult journey that these ordinary people were making on his account. And so it is that the child Jesus is born, seemingly by chance, in the place of the promise. The context in world history is important for Luke.”

Pope Benedict XVI

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

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

To fulfil the Sunday Holy Day Obligation we need to
participate in a Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Liturgies this Week

SUNDAY: ADVENT FOUR 24th December

Parish Mass Book: Page 90 for OLW / Page 32 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS of Advent Four

Intention - Priest 1: Patrick, Agnes and Amos McDaid, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Shirley & Bernard Brady, RIP (Anniv.)

8:30am (OLW) MASS of Advent Four

Intention - Priest 1: Mary and James Griffin, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Pro Populo

9:15am (SJO) MASS of Advent Four

Intention: Emmie Davey, RIP (1st Anniv.)

10:00am (OLW) MASS of Advent Four

Intention - Priest 1: Jordan and Gollolly Families, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Sadie, Les and Podger Chalmers, RIP

SUNDAY: THE HOLY FAMILY 31st December

Parish Mass Book: Page 105 for OLW / Page 41 for SJO

5:30pm (OLW) VIGIL MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Hugh Murphy, RIP

Intention - Priest 2: Bill, Annie, Patsy & William Currie, RIP

8:30am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Sadie Chalmer, RIP (2nd Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: James Brook, RIP

10:00am (OLW) MASS

Intention - Priest 1: Frank Maguire, RIP (Anniv.)

Intention - Priest 2: Catherine Duncan, RIP (Anniv.)

5:00pm (SJO) MASS

Intention: Pro Populo

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Maureen Anne Davies whose Funeral Mass is at OLW Church, on Friday, 5th January AD 2024 at 12:00pm. The Reception of the Body into Church will take place on 4th January at 4:00pm.

Paul Anthony O'Neill whose Funeral is at OLW Church, on Tuesday, 9th January AD 2024 at 11:00am.

**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

Cross Stitches: There has been some interest shown in restarting this craft group (whose activities included knitting, sewing, crochet, etc.); if you would like to be a part of this new group, or have questions, contact Maggie in the Parish Office.

The **Parish Office** is closed between 25th and 28th December.

Video messages from **Bishop David** for the:

Fourth Sunday of Advent can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/lvM82SCCT6w?si=TyjbXIET-vGOKQmn>

Christmas Season can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/zayN3NZttul?si=BW2HXpMspDnYCqXy>

St John Ogilvie: Pray for us!



New: Bethlehem in AD 2023 is in turmoil. The town has taken down its historic Christmas decorations in solidarity with those who are suffering, the ancient bazaars have been called off and all hotel bookings have been cancelled; even the traditional tree lighting ceremony won't go ahead this year in Manger Square. The situation for our Christian family in the Holy Land is critical and we face the possibility of the last members of the ancient Christian community leaving the homeland of our Faith forever. **Any financial offering made at the Christmas Crib will be given to "Friends of the Holy Land" to support those most in need.**

Everyone is invited to donate a **poinsettia** to decorate our churches. Please add a label with the name of a departed loved on and hand this to a steward at SJO or place in the Walsingham Chapel at OLW. Mass will be offered for our departed loved ones.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood: Our first 'Priest Calendar' is for sale for £5 at the back of the Church.

Friday, 29th December - St Thomas of Canterbury: This is not a Day of Abstinence; that is, we can eat meat on this day!

Mary, the Holy Mother of God: 1st January 2024

8:15am to 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:15am to 9:15am	Sacrament of Confession
9:15am	Singing of <i>Veni Creator Spiritus</i>
9:30am	HOLY MASS (with hymns and incense)

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



The stained-glass window in OLW.

Our Priests receive a small 'wage' and thus the collections at Mass on Christmas Day & Easter Sunday form a sizable part of their annual taxable income. **This year:**

The **Christmas collections** will be shared between Fr Christopher and Fr Prasad who, in advance, offer their sincere appreciation for your generosity.

*Our Lady of Walsingham:
Pray for us!*

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day Indulgence:

To gain the indulgence the following conditions must be met:

1. Reception of Confession and Holy Communion within a brief time (that is, about twenty days).
2. Perform the prescribed good work, offer the: *Te Deum* on New Year's Eve / *Veni Creator Spiritus* on New Year's Day.
3. Pray for the Holy Father's intentions, e.g. 1 x Our Father and 1 x Hail Mary.
4. Be detached from sin, even venial sin.

An indulgence can be applied either to oneself or to departed souls but cannot be applied to other living persons. There are two kinds of indulgence: a "partial" indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due for our sins whilst a "plenary" indulgence removes all of it.

*With our prayers on this final day of the Advent season,
Fr Christopher, Fr Prasad & Fr Wayne*

**The lamp in the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham Church burns in prayer for:
The McAuley Family, Intention**



The Star of Bethlehem, 1890 by Sir Edward Burne-Jones