

The Catholic Churches in Corby

✠Our Lady of Walsingham
Occupation Road, Corby, NN17 1EE

✠St Brendan & St Patrick
Beanfield Avenue, Corby, NN18 0AZ

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
2nd August 2026**

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Sunday Psalm Response:

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

**Holy Father's Prayer of Intention:
August**

For evangelization in the city
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by
anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim
the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build
community.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

PARISH DIRECTORY

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At Our Lady's: Monday & Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm

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At Our Lady's: Tuesday & Thursday 1.15pm – 4.00pm

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Masses & Devotions Celebrated this Week

1st AUGUST SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady's	5:00pm	Mary Hurst RIP; People of the Parish
St Brendan's	6:00pm	Ron, Pat, Clive Davies RIP; Pauline Fahy RIP Mary Hurst RIP

2ND AUGUST SUNDAY MASSES 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Brendan's	8:45am	Marion Thomson RIP Winnie White RIP
Our Lady's	10:00am	Charlie Lynn RIP Michael Lindsay Fay Reilly Int
St Brendan's	11:30am	Paddy Carr RIP Mary Hurst RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES & DEVOTIONS 18th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday – Feria

Our Lady's	9.30am Followed by confessions	Helen McEleney RIP Bob Garvey RIP Jim Reilly RIP
St Brendan's	6.00pm 7:00pm	Exposition & Confessions Angela O'Neill RIP Kevin Cutcliffe RIP

Tuesday – St. John Mary Vianney

St Brendan's	9:30am	Eric Legg RIP Margaret Watson RIP Doherty & Lynch Families Int
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Wednesday – Feria

Our Lady's	9:30am 10.00am	Margaret Watson RIP Peace in Ukraine Holy Rosary
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Thursday – The Transfiguration of the Lord – Feast

St Brendan's	9.05 am 9.30am	Holy Rosary Barry Conroy RIP John Garvey RIP
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Friday – Feria

St Brendan's	10.30 am	Requiem Mass: Marion Thomson RIP
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8TH AUGUST SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lady's	5:00pm	Frank Harding RIP Julie McAuley Int
St Brendan's	6:00pm	Richard Mitchell Jnr RIP Bozena Bates RIP Bridie Coyle RIP

9TH AUGUST SUNDAY MASSES 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Brendan's	8:45am	Bob Garvey RIP
Our Lady's	10.00am	Harry Connelly RIP Ciaran Warren RIP
St Brendan's	11:30am	Betty McIvor RIP Marie Kennedy RIP Dorota Garnham B'day Int



Seven-Day Candles

Our Lady of Walsingham: Ross Northing Int.
Our Lady of Grace: Tracey Chalmers Sheerin RIP
Sacred Heart (statue): Eamonn McAuley & Family Int.
Please contact the office if you would like to sponsor a seven-day candle for a loved one or a special intention.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Marion Thomson RIP – Received into St Brendan's on Thursday 6 August at 4.30 pm – funeral service at St Brendan's on Friday 7 August at 10.30 am
Patricia McSherry RIP – Funeral service at Kettering Crematorium on Wednesday 12 August at 2.30 pm
James Cox RIP – Received into Our Lady's on Wednesday 12 August at 4.30 pm – funeral service at Our Lady's on Thursday 13 August at 10.00 am
Please pray for their families at this sad time

THE NEW PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CORBY

In the coming weeks, the parishes in Corby will unite to form the new Parish of the Good Shepherd, with our two churches: Our Lady of Walsingham and St Brendan's. Fr Mark will continue to keep everyone updated as we move through this exciting time of transition. Together, we look forward to shaping the mission of our new parish, building on the faith, witness, and dedication of the four former parishes: Our Lady of Walsingham, St Brendan's, St Patrick's, and St John Ogilvie's. The way our parish communities have come together throughout this process has been a powerful sign of the strength of the Catholic community in Corby. While some of the changes have been difficult, the spirit of cooperation, generosity, and shared faith has given us every reason to be hopeful for the future. As we continue this journey together, we do so with confidence, trusting in the Lord to guide and strengthen us. May we embrace the opportunities ahead with faith, hope, and a renewed commitment to serving one another and our wider community. Please continue to keep one another, and our new Parish of the Good Shepherd, in your thoughts and prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

We will continue to follow the diocesan approach of preparing children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation within the parish, supported by our catechists and clergy.

Children attending both Catholic and state schools will prepare together through Saturday morning sessions. This was introduced last year and has been a wonderful opportunity for children from across Corby to learn, grow in faith and get to know one another.

I invite you to attend the relevant meeting, where the programme and expectations will be explained in more detail.

First Holy Communion (Year 3): Thursday 10 September at 7.00 pm, St Brendan's Church

Confirmation (Year 6): Wednesday 16 September at 7.00 pm, Our Lady's Church

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: We are holding a meeting for all readers and Eucharistic ministers from both churches at Our Lady's on Tuesday 22 September. If you would like to become a reader in either church, please let us know. Fr Mark and Fr Chris will also invite parishioners to become Eucharistic ministers.

CLEANERS AT OUR LADY'S: The cleaners at Our Lady's have asked for help (they clean on a Thursday morning). Thank you to the new volunteers who came forward and started last week. We are indebted to the volunteer cleaners at both churches, who help to keep our churches clean and welcoming. Fr Mark often says that the cleaners are far more important than they realise as they help create a wonderful first impression when people visit. So, if anyone in either church can help, please let us know. To those who already clean our churches – a huge thank you!

SVP: The SVP runs a food bank, as sadly the number of people in need continues to grow throughout the year. All our food parcels are distributed to those who need them in our Catholic schools and parishes. If you can donate, please leave your items with a steward at the back of the church.

PRAYER GROUP: The Gift Prayer Group, which meets on Tuesdays, will resume on 1 September after the school holidays.

SUMMERTIME: We know some parishioners have started going away for their summer holidays and many more will head off now the schools have started their summer break. Whatever your plans are, if you're going away or staying at home to enjoy your break, let's hope it is a time when everyone can recharge their batteries and enjoy some downtime. God bless, Fr Mark and Fr Chris.

PLANS FOR OUR NEW PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CORBY

As we come together as one parish, we are looking at ways to improve the facilities at both Our Lady's and St Brendan's so that they better support our parish community and our mission for the future. At Our Lady's, work is already under way in the presbytery to create a larger parish office. This will allow the administration from our former four parishes to be brought together in one place, providing a suitable workspace for Anne, our parish secretary, the priests, and Liz, Chair of the Finance Committee. We hope this work will be completed by the end of September. At St Brendan's, more substantial improvements are being planned. These include a disabled toilet at the back of the church for general use, helping to reduce movement and distraction during Mass. We also hope to modernise and enlarge the Parish Room, provide an additional accessible toilet, and create access to the garden so that it can be enjoyed during parish events. We will be exploring fundraising opportunities to help make these improvements possible. These changes will benefit the whole parish and help make our administration and facilities more welcoming and effective. Fr Mark will keep everyone updated as the plans progress.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Fr Mark and Fr Chris will look at the Mass schedule in September, but during July and August we ask you to check the newsletter for weekday Masses. Fr Chris is now back and Fr Mark will be going away in August. We plan to keep the Sunday Mass schedule as normal during the summer.

Young Adults Group: Our next meeting will be on Friday 7 August at 7.00 pm in St Brendan's Parish Room, followed by refreshments. All young adults aged 18–35 are warmly invited. Please bring a friend and help spread the word! For more information, please speak to **Fr Chris**.

DISCERNMENT DAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Are you wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? If you are seeking to deepen your relationship with Christ and explore God's plan for your life, you are warmly invited to attend a Discernment Day for Vocations to the Priesthood. Date: Saturday 8 August. Time: 10.30 am. **Venue:** St Augustine Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Milton Keynes, MK13 7PL. The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others discerning God's call. It is open to young men aged 16 and over who are considering a vocation to the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Northampton. For further information or to register, please contact Fr Pius, Vocations Director, Diocese of Northampton Email: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org | Tel: 01753 523147

DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY: Everyone involved in parish music ministry is warmly invited to the Diocesan Music Day on Saturday 19 September (venue to be confirmed). The day will offer music, formation, practical resources, and fellowship for all who support the Church's liturgy through music. Whether you are a singer, choir member, cantor, organist, music director, or member of the clergy, you are most welcome to come along for this enriching and inspiring day.

MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: All are warmly invited to the Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 5 September at 12 noon. The Mass will be a special celebration of the gift of marriage and family life, with couples marking milestone anniversaries especially welcome. Please register online to let us know about your anniversary and to book refreshments. A form is also available at the back of the church.