

The Catholic Churches in Corby

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

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

✠ St John Ogilvie
1 Copenhagen Road, Danesholme,
Corby, NN18 9BX

2nd WEEK
of Advent - Yr A
7th December 2025

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Sunday Psalm Response:
In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace for ever.

**December is the Month of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Holy Father's Intentions for December '25:

For Christians in areas of conflict.
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or
conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds
of peace, reconciliation and hope.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Priest: Fr Mark Floody
Assistant Priest: Fr Liam Castle

Parish Office Hours: Tel: 01536 203121

At OLOW: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm
and on Wednesday: 9.30am - 12.30 pm.

At St Brendan's: Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

Websites: ourladyofwalsinghamcorby.org
stbrendanscorby.org.uk

Safeguarding:

Diocesan Safeguarding: Danielle Dixon 07833050628
At Our Lady of Walsingham: 07947485935
At St Brendan's: see Catherine MacLellan
At St John Ogilvie's: 07956363869

PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

St Brendan's Primary School: Beanfield Avenue, NN18 0AZ
Tel: 01536 202491 www.stbrendansprimarieschool.co.uk

St Patrick's Primary School: Patrick Road, NN18 9NT
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Our Lady of Walsingham Primary School: Occupation Rd,
Corby NN17 1EE Tel: 01536 203805
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Masses & Devotions Celebrated this Week

6th December SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Lady of Walsingham	5:00pm	Barbara & Jimmy Levins RIP
St Brendan's	6:00pm	Joe Sharkey RIP

7th December SUNDAY MASSES THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Lady of Walsingham	8:30am	James & Mary Griffen RIP
St Brendan's	9:00am	Bernie Rigby RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham	10:00am	Catherine Jordan RIP & Family
St Brendan's	11:00am	Brian & Veronica Holton RIP
St John Ogilvie's	5:00pm	Jimmy Carr RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES & DEVOTIONS

MONDAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Lady of Walsingham	9:30am	Mass	Agnes Bates INT
St Brendan's	6:00pm	Holy Hour +	Confessions
St Brendan's	7:00pm	Mass	Jennifer McGovern RIP

TUESDAY of the 2nd Week of Advent (Feria)

St Brendan's	9:30am	Mass	Bryan and Veronica Holtor RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham	5:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	

WEDNESDAY of the 2nd Week of Advent (Feria)

Our Lady of Walsingham	9:30am	Mass	Rory Friel RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham	10:00am	Holy Rosary	
St Brendan's	12:00noon	Funeral	Thomas Carr RIP

THURSDAY of the 2nd Week of Advent (Feria)

St Brendan's	9:30am	Mass	Kate Connelly RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham	4:00pm	Charlie Lynn RIP Reception into Church	

FRIDAY of the 2nd Week of Advent (Feria)

St John Ogilvie's	9:05am	Holy Rosary	
	9:30am	Mass	Jimmy Geary and Eve Lyons RIP
	10:00am	Confessions	
Our Lady of Walsingham	12:00noon	Funeral Mass Charlie Lynn RIP	

SATURDAY of the 2nd Week of Advent (St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)

Our Lady of Walsingham	9:30am	Mass	Fr Christopher and Fr Wayne INT
	10:00am	Holy Hour + Holy Rosary +	Confessions

13th December SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE

Our Lady of Walsingham	5:00pm	Mamie & John Joseph Guerin RIP
St Brendan's	6:00pm	Mary Coyle RIP

14th December SUNDAY MASSES THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE

Our Lady of Walsingham	8:30am	Peter Sudora & Family INT
St Brendan's	9:00am	Janette Paterson RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham	10:00am	Ian Garvey RIP
St Brendan's	11:00am	Mary & Florence Haughton RIP
St John Ogilvie's	5:00pm	People of the Parish



Seven Day Candles Burn for:

Our Lady of Walsingham: Marie Kennedy RIP

Our Lady of Grace: Simon Hemmings RIP

St Joseph Statue: Maureen Kitson RIP

St Joseph Lamp: Marie Rice RIP

St Martin: Mary Kitson INT

Sacred Heart Lamp: The Young Family RIP

Sacred Heart: Charles Habib and Family INT



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Thomas Carr R.I.P. at 12:00noon on Wednesday 10th December in St Brendan's

Charlie Lynn R.I.P. on Friday 12th December Funeral Mass at 12:00 pm in Our Lady of Walsingham Church. Received into church on Thursday 11th Dec at 4pm.

Shay (James) O'Connor R.I.P. Funeral at Our Lady's Church on Monday 22nd December at 10:30am.

Please pray for their families at this sad time.

PARISH NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST CONFESSION LESSON, SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER 2025: Please note that this lesson and the parents'/carers' meeting will take place in St Brendan's Church. The lesson will run from 9:30am to 11:30am (please note this later finish time, as it is not the usual 11:00am). The **parents' meeting** will begin immediately after the lesson at 11:30am. During the meeting, you will be asked to select the date on which you would like your child to make their First Confession. The available options are: St Brendan's Church – Friday, 9th January, at 4:30pm or Our Lady's Church – Friday, 16th January, at 4:30pm

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: You are warmly invited to the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Diocesan Co-patron, with a Midday Mass at the Cathedral on Monday, 8th December.

CORBY PARISHES: The clustering of the Corby parishes continues to progress well, and Fr Mark would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as these changes take place. As he mentioned at last weekend's Masses at Our Lady's, we must begin preparing for the possibility that Corby may, in the future, be served by only one priest. With this in mind, we have reviewed what is needed and what can reasonably be sustained in terms of Mass times and other services.

Currently, the Corby cluster offers two Saturday evening Masses, four Sunday morning Masses, and one Sunday evening Mass.

Before Covid, Our Lady's held a single 10.00am Sunday Mass; the 8.30am Mass was introduced during the pandemic to allow for social distancing. It has now been decided that the 8.30am Mass at Our Lady's and the 9.00am Mass at St Brendan's will be combined into a single 8.45am Mass at St Brendan's. **The new Sunday Mass schedule will be:**

Saturday Evening

- 5.00pm – Our Lady's
- 6.00pm – St Brendan's

Sunday

- 8.45am – St Brendan's
- 10.00am – Our Lady's
- 11.30am – St Brendan's
- 5.00pm – St John Ogilvie's (unchanged)

This revised schedule ensures that one priest can cover all weekend Masses and provides greater flexibility should a priest be away or unwell. These changes will take effect from **Sunday, 4th January**. We will continue to monitor and review the arrangement.

Readers, stewards, and Eucharistic Ministers: if these changes affect your availability and you would like to move to a different Mass time or church, please contact the parish office by mid December.

Thank you once again for your cooperation and understanding.

PARISH LISTENING PROCESS: Following this initiative in our parishes, a Discernment Group was formed to reflect on the feedback shared by parishioners. Our North Northamptonshire Pastoral Area - which includes Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough, Rushden, Thrapston, Oundle and Raunds - is more geographically dispersed than most, and as a result we are discerning the future at different paces. This is natural, as each of our communities has its own particular strengths and challenges. The Corby Discernment Group, made up of representatives from our three parishes, has been exploring a range of possible ways forward. In the New Year, we will hold an open meeting to which everyone will be invited, so that we can share proposals and discuss how our mission in Corby can continue to grow, thrive and respond to both the challenges and opportunities ahead. Details of this meeting will be provided in the coming weeks.

CCTV: We have now installed cameras at Our Lady's to cover the Sacristies, front of the house and the back garden. This is so we can protect everyone using our buildings.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? If anyone is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith, then you are encouraged to join in the RCIA/Journey in Faith Group on Monday evenings in the Parish Room at St Brendan's Church after the 7pm Mass. It is an opportunity for people to come and reflect on the faith in a relaxed setting. If you know someone who may be interested encourage them to come along or offer to come with them.

THE CROWN OF ADVENT NOVENA: Blessed Chaplet Beads and Prayer Cards for this Novena continue to be available to buy at a cost price of £2.00 this coming Sunday 7th December after the 10.00 Mass at Our Lady of Walsingham and the 11.00 Mass at St. Brendan's, or by contacting Janet (jf.northing@gmail.com). Prayers for this Novena include the 'O Antiphons', the seven jewels of the Advent Crown, and it is being offered for the conversion of a loved one or loved ones. The Novena begins on Wednesday 17th December and finishes on Thursday 25th December.

HOLY HOUR + CONFESSIONS: will be held at St John Ogilvie's on 19th December from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

BAPTISM MEETING: If you are planning for your child's baptism then please come to the next parents' meeting on: Tuesday 13th January at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Walsingham.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: If you haven't already done so please could parents hand in a copy of their child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised in any of our 3 Corby parishes. Some parents have handed in birth certificates but we do not need these, just their baptism certificates. Many thanks.

REFRESHMENTS are served after Sunday's 11:00am Mass & Tuesday's Mass at St Brendan's, at St John Ogilvie's after Sunday's 5:00pm Mass, and after Wednesday's recitation of the Holy Rosary at Our Lady of Walsingham.