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| **THE PARISHES OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, THRAPSTON CUM ST. THOMAS MORE, RAUNDS**  **AND THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, OUNDLE**  **Parish Priests Canon Michael Harrison and Father David Donaghue: 01536 203121** (for further information see below)  ***For wheelchair users and those with mobility difficulties please note that Thrapston and Oundle have disabled access.*** | | | | | |
| **Vigil of** | **Saturday** | Raunds | | 5.00pm | Kathleen Hutchinson RIP |
| **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** | **Sunday** | Oundle | | 9.00am | Ruby Wedding Intentions: Richard and Elizabeth Poole |
| **Year A (Matthew) 5th January 2020** |  | Thrapston | | 11.00am | SVP In Thanksgiving |
| **Feria** | **Monday** | Oundle | | 10.00am | Sheila Trier RIP |
| **Feria** | **Tuesday** | Raunds | | 10.00am | Intentions of Lenny and Linda |
| **Feria** | **Thursday** | Thrapston | | 10.00am | Deceased Members of Walsh Family |
| **Vigil of** | **Saturday** | Raunds | | 5.00pm | Foundation Mass “Betts” |
| **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** | **Sunday** | Oundle | | 9.00am | SVP for the Homeless |
| **Year A (Matthew) 12th January 2020** |  | Thrapston | | 11.00am | Foundation Mass “Brown” |
| **Farewell Jithu**.  Jithu’s time with us is drawing to a close. This will be his last weekend in East Northants, his final weekend will be spent in our Corby parishes.  Jithu has been with us on his Extended Parish Placement (E.P.P.) since August and it has been great having him. He has brought youthful enthusiasm and energy into our Presbytery life!  The E.P.P. is the chance for seminarians to take a break in the midst of their seven long years of study, prayer and discernment, to take a look at Parish Life, to see if it is for them. Priesthood is a noble calling, but it is a life-long vocation and any young man who thinks God may be calling him in that direction needs to be sure, before taking his promises which are life-long.  Jithu has worked hard and had a vast array of experiences, including conducting several funerals. We hope that Jithu has enjoyed his time with us and that we have opened his eyes to the joys and heartbreaks that go with being a priest of Jesus Christ.  We assure him of our prayers as he continues his fifth year of preparation at Oscott. We hope he will find time to pop in and see us. God bless you, Jithu!  The New Year will see the beginning of "Second Friday Worship", an evening of praise and worship, with a guest speaker and refreshments. Each second Friday of the month starting on 10th January St Thomas More, Raunds, 7pm-9pm. All welcome. O come let us adore Him!  NB no weekday Masses in Oundle, Raunds or Thrapston the following week, owing to clergy Christmas leave and three funerals. | | | **Looking Back**.  2019 was another year of change in our parishes. We waved “Goodbye” to Canon John Koenig as he begins his well-earned retirement, although once he gets settled into accommodation in Kettering, he will not be very far away. More sad was the untimely death of Fr Wilson Sebastian who died suddenly in his room in St Edward’s Presbytery. His Requiem Mass was a moving occasion indeed.  Our good friend Fr Gregory Marchwinski had only just taken over as Priest in Charge in Kettering when the tragedy occurred. Even more sad is the fact that Bishop Peter does not have a priest to replace Fr Wilson; Fr Gregory is now running Kettering Parish alone, and the churches in Burton Latimer, Rothwell and Desborough now have Mass monthly instead of weekly, the congregations joining St Edward’s parishioners for the other three Sundays of the year. We live in unsettled times.  On a happy note, we joyfully welcomed Fr David Donaghue to our parishes in September, for his first parish placement following his ordination in July. We feel very blessed to have Fr David, and feel affirmed that he has been entrusted into our care. A priest never forgets his first appointment! He is doing very well and bringing many blessings. The four active priests in our Pastoral Area are now meeting regularly to provide mutual support and to plan strategies. We are working well as a team, especially in providing 24 hour emergency cover at Kettering General Hospital (with help of Fr Paul Inman of Wellingborough on Monday’s).  On a practical level, our three vacant presbyteries have been either sold or let out. We continue to be flexible amidst the changing flow of parish life.  We continue to enjoy the support and hard work of dedicated parishioners whose help is invaluable in keeping all our parishes going. Our thanks to you all.  The New Year is bound to be another year of change, as a new Bishop is due. He faces many challenges, but we pledge him our support.  We entrust 2020 into the care of our patrons: St Paul, St Thomas More and St John Ogilvie, invoking the Holy Name of Jesus, under the maternal care of Our Lady of Walsingham. May God bless our year ahead, Canon Michael | | |
| **Prayers have been asked for:**  Marie R, Jeri W, Mary M, Ian D, John S, Lillian B, Jack P, Pat A, Lelia P, Louisa E, Jan C, Margaret F, Ada S**,** Pat B, Kate P, Nuala S, Chris & John D, Maureen T, Joyce B, Emily H, Logan B, David M, Niamh W, Ruth H, Hannah G, Torsten C & Raymond N. | | | **New Website**. Check out [www.eastnorthantscatholic.org](http://www.eastnorthantscatholic.org)  If you have anything to upload, please send it for now to [ourlady.corby@yahoo.co.uk.](mailto:ourlady.corby@yahoo.co.uk.) Our thanks to Nuala for getting us on line. To comply with data laws, we will need the express permission of individuals before their personal details can go online. | | |
| **Health and Safety.**  We have new HSE approved accident books at Raunds and Thrapston.  If you have an accident or near miss, could you enter as much detail as you can into the book, detach the form and give it either to the priests or to Philip Humphrey.  It's important that we know about what happened so that we can try to stop it happening to somebody else.". | | | **Thrapston New Hymn Books**  After Mass please return these to the trolley and do not leave them on the pews. Thank you. | | |
| **Oundle** Parents please continue to be vigilant and prevent your children from playing near the dangerous drop in the church garden. | | | **Please forward all items for the Newsletter to** [**newsletterstpaulstheapostle@gmail.com**](mailto:newsletterstpaulstheapostle@gmail.com)**.**  To contact your Priests, Canon Michael or Fr David:  Tel 01536 203121 or email: [ourlady.corby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ourlady.corby@yahoo.co.uk)  Website: [**www.ourladyofwalsinghamcorby.org**](http://www.ourladyofwalsinghamcorby.org).  **Safeguarding Officer:** Jacqui Gudge 07548 841263 | | |
| **Catholic Trivia**  According to ancient custom, the priest announced the [date of Easter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computus) on the feast of Epiphany when calendars weren’t readily available. | | |

Canon Michael, Fr David and Jithu wish you every blessing for the New Year ahead.