The Good Shepherd Parish

Our Lady of Walsingham & St Brendan's, Corby

28 November 2026 | 71 Occupation Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 1EE, United Kingdom

First Sunday of Advent

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- Sunday psalm response: *"Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved."*

Masses and devotions

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION OR DEVOTION
Saturday 28 November	Our Lady of Walsingham	5.00pm	Joe Connellan RIP; Alice Kerr RIP; Charlie Lynn RIP
	St Brendan's	6.00pm	Mary and Florance Haughton RIP
Sunday 29 November	St Brendan's	8.45am	People of the parish; Tommy and Ella Shannon RIP
	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am	Eamonn Sweeney RIP; Julie McAuley RIP; Sean Fitzpatrick RIP
	St Brendan's	11.30am	Brendan Mitchell RIP; Hetherington and Hackett families RIP
Monday 30 November	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Linda James intention; Peter Mullen RIP; Alice Kerr RIP; confessions follow
	St Brendan's	6.00pm	Holy Hour and confessions
	St Brendan's	7.00pm	People of the parish
Tuesday 1 December	St Brendan's	9.30am	Helen Owens RIP; Bruce Watson RIP
Wednesday 2 December	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Charlie Lynn RIP; Betty Creek RIP; Shay O'Connor RIP; Adian Reynolds RIP
	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am	Holy Rosary
Thursday 3 December	St Brendan's	9.05am	Holy Rosary
	St Brendan's	9.30am	Margaret Dellot RIP
Saturday 5 December	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Julie McAuley RIP; confessions and Adoration follow
	Our Lady of Walsingham	5.00pm	Hugh Murphy RIP; Barbara and Jimmy Levins RIP; Margaret Dellot RIP
	St Brendan's	6.00pm	Joe Sharkey RIP; Marie Kennedy RIP; Curran, Moran and Janew deceased family members RIP

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Sunday 6 December	St Brendan's	8.45am	Jennifer McGovern RIP; Jimmy Sr, Jimmy Jr and Thomas McGlone RIP
	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am	Sean Kennedy intention; Maureen Savage intention; Betty Creek RIP
	St Brendan's	11.30am	Marie Clowes intention; Michael Sheridan RIP

Monday is the feast of **St Andrew, Apostle**, and Thursday the memorial of **St Francis Xavier, Priest**. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday are weekdays of the first week of Advent. The weekend of **5–6 December** is the **Second Sunday of Advent**.

Holy Father's prayer intention: November

For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less. The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope).

Parish news

Saturday morning Mass in Advent

Advent, like Lent, is a penitential season in which we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of Christ. During Advent, Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady's on **Saturday mornings at 9.30am**, followed by confessions. During confessions there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish office: new entrance

The office for our parish, the Good Shepherd, Corby, is based at Our Lady's. We needed more space as it now holds the records for the four parishes we once had in Corby. Work has been carried out at the presbytery, and the office is now by the parish room.

Access to the office is now through the front door of the house rather than via the sacristy. Thank you to everyone who helped move everything to the new office.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The next lessons take place on **Saturday 5 December at St Patrick's School**.

Baby Basics and SVP Giving Tree

There has been a recent tradition of donating gifts to families who need support with baby items, and we wish to continue this. There has been a great response from our parish, which we can be very proud of. If you are able to donate any items, we would be very grateful if these could be brought in by **Sunday 6 December**. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Corby Educational Spirit Award

Congratulations to **Hannah O'Neill**, who won the Educational Spirit Award in Corby last week. Hannah was described as an exceptional teacher at St Brendan's Primary School. Well done, Hannah – we're proud of you!

Baptism meeting

If you are planning for your child's baptism, please come to the next parents' meeting on **Wednesday 2 December at 7.00pm at Our Lady's**.

Becoming a Catholic

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, the RCIA and journeying in faith group meets on Monday evening at **St Brendan's Church after the 7.00pm Mass**. It is an opportunity for people to come and reflect on the faith in a relaxed setting.

Carols by candlelight

St Brendan's School will hold a carol service in the church on **Tuesday 8 December at 5.30pm**. All are welcome.

Young Adults Group

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 4 December at 7.00pm in St Brendan's Parish Room**, followed by refreshments. All young adults aged 18–35 are warmly invited.

A warm welcome

We warmly welcome three young men from the Jesus Youth movement who have taken a gap year for formation and mission, serving both the movement and our parish, and who will be staying at **St John Ogilvie's Presbytery until June**. Their presence is a wonderful blessing to our community in Corby, and we look forward to their active involvement in parish life.

Gift Prayer Group

The Gift Prayer Group meets on **Tuesdays from 7.00pm to 8.00pm in Our Lady's Parish Room**.

School news

St Patrick's School: could you become a Foundation Governor?

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery are looking for people to join their Governing Body as Foundation Governors. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our local Catholic school, contribute to its development and help ensure that its Catholic ethos and values remain at the heart of school life.

You do not need previous experience as a school governor, just a willingness to give your time, share your skills and support the school community. To find out more, please contact St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Nursery on **01536 744447**, asking for **Mrs Nikki Sinclair, Office Manager**, or **Mrs Louise Blair, Headteacher**.

St Brendan's School

Our school is a place full of faith, kindness, ambition and joy, where children feel happy, safe and inspired to learn. Come along to one of our open events:

- **Open evening:** Wednesday 2 December, 6.00pm–7.00pm
- **Daily tours:** available throughout the term with our headteacher, Miss Lenton

To book your place or arrange a personal tour, please contact **01536 202491** or office@cbr.olicat.uk.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Come and discover Our Lady's Catholic Primary School! At Our Lady's, we believe every child deserves the very best start in life. We combine high expectations and excellent standards of education with a warm, caring and welcoming environment where every child is valued, supported and encouraged to flourish.

We are proud of our strong pastoral care, our nurturing family atmosphere and our commitment to helping every child achieve their very best, both academically and personally. Whether your child is starting school in Reception or you are looking for a place in another year group, we would love to welcome you.

Contact **01536 203805** or office@olw.cor.olicatschools.org.

Prayer and remembrance

May they rest in peace

- **Margaret Dellot RIP:** Reception into Our Lady's on Wednesday 9 December at 3.00pm; Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 10 December at 12.00pm.

Please pray for all those who have died, that the Lord may grant them eternal rest. Please also remember their families and all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, that the Lord will comfort them.

Seven-day candles

- Our Lady of Walsingham: Ted, Jean and Stefan Czernuszka RIP
- Our Lady of Grace: Barbara and Jimmy Levins RIP
- Sacred Heart statue: Eamonn McAuley and family intention
- St Joseph: Mary Kitson intention
- St Martin: Janet Creek intention

Parish directory

- **Parish priest:** Fr Mark Floody
- **Assistant priest:** Fr Chris Colaço
- **Parish office:** 01536 203121
- **Our Lady of Walsingham:** Occupation Road, Corby, NN17 1EE
- **St Brendan's:** Beanfield Avenue, Corby, NN18 0AZ
- **Our Lady of Walsingham office:** Monday and Friday, 10.00am–4.00pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 1.15pm–4.00pm
- **St Brendan's office:** Tuesday and Thursday, 10.00am–1.00pm
- **Parish website:** thegoodshepherdcorby.com (www.thegoodshepherdcorby.com)
- **Email:** parish.ourladyofwalsingham@northamptondiocese.org; parish.stbrendan@northamptondiocese.org

Safeguarding contacts

- **Diocesan safeguarding:** Danielle Dixon, 07833 050628
- **Our Lady of Walsingham:** 07947 485935
- **St Brendan's:** Catherine MacLellan

Parish Catholic schools

- **St Brendan's Primary School:** Beanfield Avenue, NN18 0AZ; 01536 202491; office@cbr.olicat.uk
- **St Patrick's Primary School:** Patrick Road, NN18 9NT; 01536 744447; stpatricksprimaryschool.com (www.stpatricksprimaryschool.com)
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