



Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright

Comprising the two parishes of:
Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle & **St Paul the Apostle**, Thrapston
with the Mass centre at the chapel of **St Thomas More, Raunds**
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Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

Liturgical Colour: **Red**

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Terry Foster well-being*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Thomas Swarbrick RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*Judith Champ RIP*)

Tuesday Memorial of St Philip Neri

MHNJ

9:30am Holy Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

SPA

10:00am Holy Mass (*Margaret Bailey RIP*)

Wednesday (MHNJ)

9:30am Holy Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

Thursday Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest

MHNJ

9:30am Holy Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

SPA

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Christina Marie Davenport-Hockel RIP*)

Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of St Paul VI

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Hayden Phillips RIP*)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

Parish Giving

Regular standing order donations may be made directly to your Parish or by standing order:

St Paul the Apostle | Thrapston

St Thomas More | Raunds

Nat West

Account : RCDN St Pauls Parish Thrapston

Sort Code : 60-06-11

Account No: 65068874

The Most Holy Name of Jesus | Oundle

Nat West

Account Name: RCDN Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account No: 46714626

Please complete a "Gift-Aid" declaration and your Parish receives tax refund cash on your behalf. Please ask for a form by email.



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

If you would like to help make a real difference to the local community, please consider giving a **donation to the SVP** either by:

BACS:

National Westminster

SVP Kettering and Thrapston

Sort Code: 60 60 04

Account No: 46084053

Or by:

Placing cash into an

envelope marked SVP and

putting it into the first

collection at Mass.

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Boyle whose funeral will be at Oundle School Chapel on the 29th May.



Trouble with CASPAR?

If you have troubles viewing or receiving our Newsletter via CASPAR, please contact the support team. Email us at:

support@caspar.church

Or Phone us on: 01440 730399

To sign-up to CASPAR, our Cluster Database, please use the QR Codes or simply type in the address into your web browser.

Thrapston & Raunds



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer** email: frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.00am-1pm)** email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Presbytery TEL: 01832 617 050

Newsletter items to be emailed to Meg by **Wednesday**

DIOCESAN NEWS: <https://northamptondiocese.org/news/>

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday via Zoom at **7pm**

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday at St Thomas More chapel:

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

CLUSTER NOTICES

Join us for a tea/coffee and chat **after the 9.15 am Mass** at MHNJ this **Sunday, 24th May**.

More Volunteers Needed

We are desperately in need of more volunteers for gardening at both MHNJ and SPA. We need people to help make our grounds look beautiful. If you have some spare time, please consider helping out – talk to Fr Jonathan or email the parish office to find out more.

CLUSTER COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 5th June from 10.30am onwards.

Please join Tricia in her home at 18, Rock Road, Oundle, for a coffee morning to raise money towards projects within our cluster of churches. Bring a friend or neighbour—all welcome. Text or call Tricia on 07546261552 to book your place, (and to ensure I make enough buns!)

There will also be a small raffle.

The Listening and Discernment Process

Dr Avril Baigent will walk us through what has happened with our listening and discernment process so far on:

Saturday 13th June after a 4:00pm Vigil Mass at STM

Sunday 14th June after the 9:15am Mass at MHNJ

Sunday 14th June after the 11:00am Mass at SPA

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Free of Charge Safeguarding Session - Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith

'Violence against Women and the Bible' is an online Zoom session on **May 26th 10am -12pm** and you can register yourself by clicking this link: <https://csan.charitysuite.com/events/w8agsksi>

Opening of the Healing Garden Gazebo - Saturday 6th June

You are warmly invited to join us for the opening of the new gazebo in the diocesan **Healing Garden, located in the Cathedral gardens**, on **6th June**. A community event to bring people together in this relaxing and peaceful setting will be taking place between **2pm and 4pm** including words of welcome and thanks, music and.....pizza!

LITURGY COMMISSION - Liturgical Formation

Our annual SUNDAY of the EUCHARIST will be celebrated on **14th June in the Cathedral at 3pm**, which is a service for all who exercise lay ministry of the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome in person or to join with the Cathedral livestream. It includes an opportunity to renew the formal commitment for lay ministers.

Called & Equipped 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Sign up to our introductory webinar on

Wednesday 24th June, 7:30-

8:30pm: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/>

Diocesan Residential Youth Weekend

Young people from across the diocese are invited to join us for a residential summer weekend filled with games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. This will take place on **17-19 July 2026** at **Buckden Towers, St Neots, PE19 8TA** and is aimed at **young people aged 11-18**.

Our diocesan youth team will be staying on site for the full weekend, providing supervision, support, and pastoral care. Young people will stay in shared rooms at Buckden Towers. If you have any questions about room arrangements, or if you need support with transport, please contact us at

nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com

Booking is essential, and places must be pre-booked and paid for in advance. If you have any concerns about the cost of the weekend, please get in touch — we are happy to discuss support options in confidence.

OTHER NOTICES

Joint Service - Pentecost Celebration 24 May 2026

10.30am, St Peter's Church, Oundle

As is our custom the churches of Oundle will be gathering to celebrate Pentecost together at **St Peter's on Sunday 24 May**. We do hope that you and your congregations will be able to join us for this wonderful celebration of the birthday of the church, and the empowerment of the church through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Legacy Week – 24th-30th May

This is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek

Mary's Meals

This May, our parish is invited to join Mary's Meals UK in their annual Pray in May campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school.

Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of free prayer resources, including bidding prayers, rosary reflections and a prayer calendar, suitable for use in Masses, services, parish groups, and personal prayer. These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday, the **1st of August 2026**, at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**. More details, including information on coach transport, can be found on the website: <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>. If you cannot join in person, please consider uniting with the pilgrims in prayer.

Safeguarding Key Message

Our key message this year is: **'The Diocese of Northampton have adopted the National policies of CBCEW'**

Key webpages:

<https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/resources/nationalsafeguarding-policy/>

<https://northamptondiocese.org/policies/>

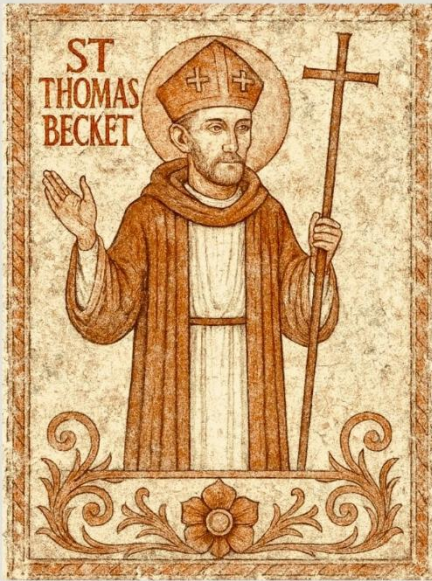
To make any enquiries please contact safeguarding office on **01604723514** or safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox sharon_knox@hotmail.com

Holy Courage

Creative Spirit 
ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH ART



Submit your
Art

for a chance to
be in the
exhibition
accompanying
the

Becket Festival

Our Lady Immaculate and
St Thomas of Canterbury
Cathedral, Northampton
4th July 2026

Remember how the crown was attained by those whose sufferings gave new radiance to their faith - St. Thomas Becket

What does an every day Holy Courage that gives radiance to faith look like? Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works to:



becket.festival.arts@gmail.com



CLOSING DATE MONDAY 8TH JUNE

Remember how the crown was attained by those whose sufferings gave new radiance to their faith – St Thomas Becket

Holy courage is a bravery set apart for God. St. Thomas Becket demonstrated this when he took a stand for truth to protect the Church. Mostly, for us, holy courage could mean something as seemingly simple as admitting to friend that we are Christian or perhaps trying to actively live our life according to our faith. For Christian artists it could mean summoning the courage to show your faith-inspired work to others.

Artists can ask and explore what does an every day Holy Courage that gives radiance to faith look like? With their unique role they can communicate spiritual truths in ways that cannot be revealed otherwise. Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works for a chance to show it at an exhibition accompanying the Becket Festival 4th July 2026.

If you would like to add some text explaining your work or about what inspired it please do include that too and we can add it to the catalogue accompanying the exhibition.

Submissions are invited to all creatives 8 years old and above. Please send your submission with photos and information about your works to becket.festival.arts@gmail.com including the title, medium, year made, size in centimetres and if it is framed or not. Written and 3D works are encouraged.

Deadline for submissions **Monday 8th June 2026**

The exhibition will be open from Friday 3rd July to Sunday 5th July 2026 at the Cathedral in Northampton.

We look forward to seeing your submissions!

St Thomas Becket, pray for us.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins,
Bishop of East Anglia

When: 1st August 2026

Where: Shrine of Our Lady Of Walsingham

Time: 12:00-17:00, beginning with the Pilgrim Mass at noon

Coach(es) from Central London:

- Westminster: Ambrosden Avenue (SW1P 1QJ) at 7:30am
- Southwark: St. George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) at 7:30am

Price: £30 adults & £15 children (Under 10 years old)

Further information about the pilgrimage,
livestreaming and coach meeting points can
be found on the website:

<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



To book: Scan QR code
OR Contact: Nelly
(prolifepilgrimage1967@gmail.com)

  @PilgrimsForLife



Prayer For the Canonisation of Blessed Peter Wright

Eternal Father, your priest and martyr, Blessed Peter Wright of the Society of Jesus, worked with zeal and dedication in your vineyard and gave his life freely because of his faith in you and in your Church.

Through his intercession grant that this humble flock may reach where Jesus, our brave Shepherd, has gone. In blessed Peter's name, I come to you with my needs: *(pause and silently mention your request)*.

Lord, help me always to imitate the great faith, generous love, and burning zeal of Blessed Peter. Grant that Your Church may proclaim him as a saint serving at your Throne in Heaven and interceding for us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.