



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 1st March 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Colour: **Violet**

Second Collection - CAFOD Family Fast Day

5:00pm(Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*David Moat well-being*)

9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*For those being confirmed*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Michael MacGill & Family*) followed by
Confessions

Tuesday (SPA) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Anna well-being*)

Thursday (SPA) Feria

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Rif Haffon well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) Commemoration of Ss Cyneburga, Cynewith & Tibba

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions

(*Matthew, Margaret & Helen O'Connell RIP*)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Percy Borg** whose funeral will be on Wednesday 11th March at 2pm at SPA.

Keep his family and friends in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

CAFOD Lent Fast day: Friday 27th February 2026

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day invites parish communities to respond through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the needs of families facing floods and drought in places such as South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. Through support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal, parishes and schools can help families grow food and care for their communities in the face of the devastating impacts of climate change.

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

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955



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

Thrapston & Raunds



www.caspar.church/m
e?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m
e?ID=56072

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 2.00pm

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Trouble with CASPAR?

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

Email Us at:

support@caspar.church

Phone Us on 01440 730399

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/>

CLUSTER NOTICES

Lenten Practices

The Zoom prayer group has come up with some suggestions for practices for Lent which are a bit different. These include:

- Giving up moaning and grumbling.
- Think, every day in Lent, of something for which you are really grateful (not that you think you *ought* to be grateful) and write it down. At the end of Lent you will have a treasury of gratitude to use when you feel dull and grey.
- A good deed a day/week. Helping someone, phone call, even as simple as a heartfelt compliment to someone.
- Rosary a day, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries.
Does anyone else have any unusual ideas? Please pass them on!

Lent Reflections

Tuesday 17th March 10am - 12pm at MHNJ with a break for refreshments and socialising. The title is **The Joy of Lent** and we will work through some imaginative contemplation, with some silence and some opportunity for sharing and discussion (apologies to those who are working - there were no free Saturdays in Lent). All welcome. *Elizabeth Poole*

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Pope Leo XIV – Message for Lent 2026

In his Message for Lent 2026, Pope Leo XIV presents Lent as a renewed time of conversion centred on listening and fasting. He calls the Church to deeper attentiveness to the Word of God and to the cry of the poor, reminding us that true listening forms compassionate and discerning hearts.

Fasting, he teaches, orders our desires and must be lived with humility and rooted in the Word, not as mere external discipline. Of particular pastoral relevance is his invitation to fast from words that wound, urging us to “disarm our language” and foster speech that builds communion.

Lent, the Holy Father concludes, is a shared ecclesial journey in which renewed listening and fasting can transform our relationships and communities as we move towards Easter.

Read the message here:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>

Lent Resources

Bringing together a wide range of Lenten resources to support both groups and individuals on their journey through this sacred season, our Lent resources page on the diocesan website is now live.

Whether you are looking for prayer materials, reflections, or practical ideas for fasting and almsgiving, these resources are designed to help deepen faith and encourage spiritual renewal throughout Lent. All materials are offered to support parishes, families and individuals across the diocese as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lent-resources/>

Vacancies – Property Area Co-ordinators

We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is **Friday 7 March 2026** -

<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to:

hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Safeguarding Training

We are pleased to invite those involved in parish ministries to an in-person safeguarding training day on **Saturday 14 March, 10.00am–1.00pm**, at the St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Road, Semilong, Northampton, NN2 6AG.

Led by the diocesan safeguarding team of the Diocese of Northampton, this session offers a clear, practical and engaging introduction to safeguarding. Previous participants have described it as inspiring and the best safeguarding training they have attended.

There will be an opportunity to socialise after the session; please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay.

Places are limited, so please sign up using the link below to secure your place:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/2056353>

Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Gospel to the Annual Mission Conference on **Saturday 14 March 2026, from 10.30 am to 4 pm in Leighton Buzzard**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, be inspired, and learn more about mission work within our diocese. The conference is free to attend, though small donations towards the work of Mission Northampton are very welcome. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. More information: [Mission Conference 2026](#)

Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)

The **Northampton Charismatic Diocesan Services of Communion (CDSC)** invite parishioners to take part in *Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)* - a four-part monthly online series exploring how the Holy Spirit shapes, strengthens, and sends us out as disciples of Christ. Sessions run from **7.00–8.30pm on Tuesdays**:

17 March – Bonding – Speaker to be confirmed

16 June – Empowerment – Charles Whitehead

14 July – Mission – Maria Heath

All are welcome.

More information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/walking-in-the-holy-spirit/>

‘Born for This’ – Symphony Hall – Wednesday 25 March, 7.00pm

CJM Music and young people from six Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are collaborating for a special performance. You are invited to experience the power and passion of *Born For This* in a special 30th anniversary event. This dramatic and musical retelling of the Stations of the Cross has moved audiences in churches nationwide, including the iconic Westminster Cathedral.

Now, a vibrant cast, including young people from across Birmingham and Solihull, will bring the story to life with fresh energy and heartfelt devotion. Featuring stirring music performed live by Jo Boyce with band and chamber orchestra, and uplifted by a 300-strong choir of young voices, this unforgettable production promises an inspiring journey of faith, hope and beauty.

Tickets can be purchased directly from Symphony Hall using the following link:

<https://bmusic.co.uk/events/born-for-this>

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Date: Saturday 28th March, 2026

Programme: A day including prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open **Q&A**

Who is it for? Men who are exploring, questioning, or discerning a call to the priesthood

Where? Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney

This day offers a relaxed and supportive opportunity to reflect on God’s call, to learn more about priestly life, and to ask honest questions in a prayerful setting.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact: Fr Pius

vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org

☎ 01753 523147

OTHER NOTICES

Oundle Lent Lunches

Oundle Lent Lunches are here again! **Every Thursday in Lent (19th February - 2nd April incl.), 12 noon to 1.30 pm** in Oundle Methodist Church: homemade soup, bread and cheese (gluten-free bread available). No fixed charge - donations to Christian Aid. All welcome.

The day our church is hosting is **26th March** but don't forget that it is happening every Thursday in Lent and it is a great social occasion when members of all the churches get together, and there is always a great choice of homemade soup.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

COME AND JOIN KINGSTHORPE CHURCHES TOGETHER

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 2PM

AT ST AIDAN'S CHURCH, MANOR ROAD,

KINGSTHOPE, NN2 6QJ

THEME ; I WILL GIVE YOUR REST, COME

PREPARED BY THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN FROM
NIGERIA

As we take part in this service, we join a great wave of prayer which encircles the globe, beginning in Samoa and ending, 146 countries later in American Samoa, all praying with and for the country and people of Nigeria

ALL ARE WELCOME

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

Call: 07724968385

For more information



Nigeria 2026



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

The Joy of Lent

A session of reflection and sharing
on the joy of Lent.

Tuesday 17th March

10am to 12pm with a break for
refreshments and socialising.

At the Most Holy Name of Jesus,
Oundle.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Elizabeth Poole

elizpoole53@gmail.com



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

Creative Art Retreat Days 2026

Each day consists of a group of 10-12 like-minded people.

(No previous experience is necessary.)

There is unlimited tea and coffee on tap and a home cooked vegetarian lunch.

The day begins at 9-45 am, with a welcoming cuppa and ends around 4 pm.

Around 11.30 those who wish can join for a short Mass .

Continue with work until 1.pm for lunch, followed by a short optional meditation, or a wander.

Then finish around 3.30 for tea and cake and a general "Happy chat ", about our work and the day .

Cost of the day is £50 and includes all the materials and refreshments.

Payment can be made by cheque to :

The Monastery of Christ our Saviour

Or by Direct Debit

Monastery of Christ Saviour. Sort: 60-16-45

Account No: 68198140

Reference "creativity retreat" Or Cash

To request a bookingplease e mail Jane : on
cjanemonk@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday. **March.14th.** The Heart's Impress.

Exploring basic printing.

Marie Ryan & Pauline Wood

Saturday. **May 2nd.** Going for a song.

Bird song and a certain type of Music.

Brother John

Saturday. **July 11th.** Mosaic Magic.

Be creative with glass.

Cathy Ebbels

Saturday. **September 12th.** Words Pictures.

Calligrams—Using words to create pictures.

Tina Rogers

Saturday. **October 10th.** Mindful Quilting.

Produce a table mat or cushion.

Glynis Harper

Saturday. **November 21st.** Book Folding.

Relax before Christmas and create a unique Christmas Angel.

Marie Heath