



Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright

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Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle & **St Paul the Apostle**, Thrapston
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Sunday 25th May 2025

VI Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: **WHITE**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Gudge family well-being*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Michael Lep ine & Margaret Bailey RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Memorial of St Philip Neri

10:00am (*Jacqui Gudge RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury

09:00am Holy Mass (*Tom Swarbrick RIP*)

10:30am **Funeral Service for Mary Garner**

Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of the ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday (MHNJ) 9:30am Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)

(SPA) 6:30pm Holy Mass (*Emily & Jessica Govier*)

Friday (SPA)

10:30am **Funeral Service for David Hartley**

CONFESSIONS: As advertised above or by appointment

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

Listening and Discernment Process

There will be changes in our cluster as well as in the whole deanery. This is an opportunity for every catholic to express their thoughts and hopes for the future of our community.

There will be meetings at:

St Paul's church on **24th May** at 11am

St Paul's church on **1st June** after Mass for people under 18

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Meetings on Mondays at 5pm during term-time.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP - Every Tuesday 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



Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

to watch videos,
click on image.

Upcoming Second Collections

1st June – World Communication Sunday

15th June – Day for Life



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/me?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/me?ID=56072

Troubles 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 Benedetto D'Autilia**

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11am-1pm)**

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

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

email: frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org

email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

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



St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

www.svp.org.uk

svp140512@gmail.com Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

CLUSTER NOTICES

REGINA CAELI

During Easter time we will sing the Marian antiphon *Regina Caeli* at the end of Mass. Those who want to learn it, can listen to the marvellous recording below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EINfiLCLb7g>

CATHOLIC POST

The June edition is now available from our Repository.

Second Collection Contribution on Dona Card Machines

You can now use the Dona Card Machines at Most Holy Name's and St Paul's churches for your contribution to a 2nd collection.

PASTORAL VISITATION - 14th-15th June 2025

On Sunday 14th-15th June the people of the Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright will have a Pastoral Visitation by the Rt Rev Dr David James Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.

Bishop David will visit the two Catholic parish churches of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle and of St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston with the chapel of St Thomas More, Raunds.

Many of you might ask: "What is a Pastoral Visitation?" It is a way for a Bishop to come into personal contact with the clergy and especially with the many people responsible for various areas of the pastoral life of the parish. Through this visit the bishop becomes acquainted with the reality of the environment, the socio-economic condition of the people, the current pastoral programs, and the overall functioning of the parish. It is a time of grace for the entire Catholic community of the area, whose chief pastor visits to bring encouragement and hope to those involved in pastoral work and to all the people of the parish. He will celebrate the Eucharist, proclaim the Word of God and preach the wonders of our wonderful Catholic faith. The bishop visits a parish, which is not a building but rather the people who make it. He will make known the pastoral priorities of the whole diocese and will foster a sense of belonging to the diocesan Church, which is the Local Church of Northampton.

HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder about when to approach the altar for the reception of Holy Communion. Once the priest has drunk the Most Precious Blood from the chalice and the bell is rung, please start making your way to the altar (sanctuary). This will make communion swifter and will show our spiritual willingness that we truly desire to be fed by Christ.

Bring and Share Lunch at Most Holy Name's

Please save **Saturday 28th June** for a Cluster Garden Party at **12.30**. Please bring picnic chairs (and a little table if you wish) and a light food or drink donation.

Don't forget that you are not feeding everyone!

We're hoping that it will be sunhat/suncream weather but in case of rain there is a backup plan close by!

DIOCESAN NOTICES

• Dominican Marian Day Retreat •

Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Occupation Road, Corby
Saturday, 31st May (Feast of the Visitation of BV Mary)

Timetable:

- 11:30am - Sacrament of Confession
- 11:45am - Chaplet of St Dominic
- 12:00noon - *Angelus* & MASS
- 12:30am - Bring Your Own Lunch
- 1:15pm - Talk by Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP
- 2:00pm - Eucharistic Exposition & Confession
- 3:00pm - Tea, coffee and cake
- 3:30pm - Talk by Sr Philomena Benedict, OP
- 4:00pm - Holy Rosary
- 4:30pm - Dominican Blessing & Dismissal
- 5:30pm - VIGIL MASS

NB: People are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Sr Philomena Benedict, OP and Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP are both from our Diocese originally.

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.

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.



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/national-safeguarding-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

Jesus Our Hope

As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope.

Each evening will include: Prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music and time to socialise over refreshments. The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance.

Event Dates and Locations:

Monday, 9 June – 7:00–9:00 PM in Aylesbury

More information and registration details can be found at: northamptondiocese.org/courses



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CAFOD Jubilee Icon Visitation

As part of the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, a special icon commissioned by CAFOD and created in Ethiopia will visit our diocese. Inspired by Luke 4:18–19, the icon reflects Jesus' message of hope and liberation. All are invited to pray and reflect with the icon during its visit.

Local schedule:

- 26-29 May** – Northampton Cathedral and surrounding parishes
- 29 May-1 June** – St Joseph's, Bedford and nearby parishes
- 1-4 June** – St Peter's, Marlow

Join us as **Pilgrims of Hope**. [Further details can be found here](#)

Diaconate Open Day

Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on **Saturday, 31st May, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable**. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org

Luton LoudFence – Standing with Survivors of Abuse

Saturday, 7th June 2025, 11:00am – St Mary's Church, Luton
All are warmly invited to take part in Luton LoudFence, a powerful event of solidarity with those affected by abuse.

This initiative is a visible sign of our commitment to safeguarding and support for survivors. Participants are encouraged to tie colourful ribbons to the fence surrounding the church—a symbolic gesture of support, hope, and visibility for those whose voices have not been heard. The event will include prayers, reflection, and space to listen and stand together.

Let us come together as a community of faith to show that we are listening, we care, and we are committed to healing and justice. For more information, visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/loudfence/>

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The diocesan pilgrimage will take place on the **14th June 2025**. Please contact Deacon Michael Fleming at: deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org

Fatima Statue & Relics Visit – 21st June

The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto will visit Northampton Cathedral on **Saturday, 21st June 2025**.

Join us for a special day of prayer, veneration, and reflection, including:

- Mass
- Rosary for peace
- Fatima film and talk
- Brown Scapular enrolment
- Holy Hour

Bishop David will celebrate the **Vigil Mass at 6:00pm**.

All are welcome.

Enquiries: **Ann Comerford** – 01604 714556

| parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org

Becket Festival at Northampton Cathedral – 5th July 2025

All are warmly invited to Northampton Cathedral for the Becket Festival, a special weekend celebrating Saint Thomas Becket, patron of our diocese, and marking 175 years of the Diocese of Northampton.

Our diocese will gather to celebrate this milestone on **Saturday, 5th July at 12:00 noon**.

Each parish has been allocated five places, and we hope every parish will be represented.

At **3:00pm**, Fr Andrew Coy, secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio, will deliver the Becket Lecture on the theme "Becket: A Saint for Europe", followed by Vespers at **4:15pm**.

Come and join this joyful diocesan celebration of faith, history, and community. All are welcome!

OTHER NOTICES

Divine Mercy Talk

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be visiting St. Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross on **Tuesday, 3rd June at 7:30 PM**.
He will speak on "The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion." The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome.

Unveiled Faces: Healing & Transformation with the Saints, 27-29 June 2025

A weekend led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford (for all adult laity), CFR contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives.

For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>

SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A wonderful occasion to gather members from all across the Society, taking place on **Sunday 6th July 2025**. The day will include Mass, Anointing of the sick and Benediction. If you have any questions, get in contact:

bethant@svp.org.uk

NYMO – D-Summer Weekend

Calling all young people of the Northampton Diocese!
We'll be gathering young people from across the diocese for a residential weekend of games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. Come meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and share in a mountaintop moment.

When: **11–13 July 2025**

Where: **Sion Catholic Community, SENT, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX (Transport provided)**

Who: **Ages 11–18**

Cost: £90 (£80 without transport)

More info: nymo.org/d-summer

Art Retreat at Turvey Abbey

19th July

Please see poster on notice board.

We Believe Festival

From **25th-28th July**, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at **St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham**. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

Society of Saint Gregory – Annual Summer School 2025

Liverpool Hope University

30 July (from 2pm) – 2 August 2025 (lunchtime)

This year's theme of *Hope* will shape the liturgies and music, inviting us to reflect and carry this message to our parish communities.

Keynote: David Wells

Director of Music: Martin Barry

Workshops: Proclaiming the Word, Chant, Singing Psalms, Liturgy Directory, Volunteer Organist, and more.

Residential, Non-Residential, and Day Delegates welcome.

Bursary funding available.

More info and booking: [Summer School](#) | [Society of St Gregory](#) or email summerschool@ssg.org.uk

Booking deadline: 1 June 2025



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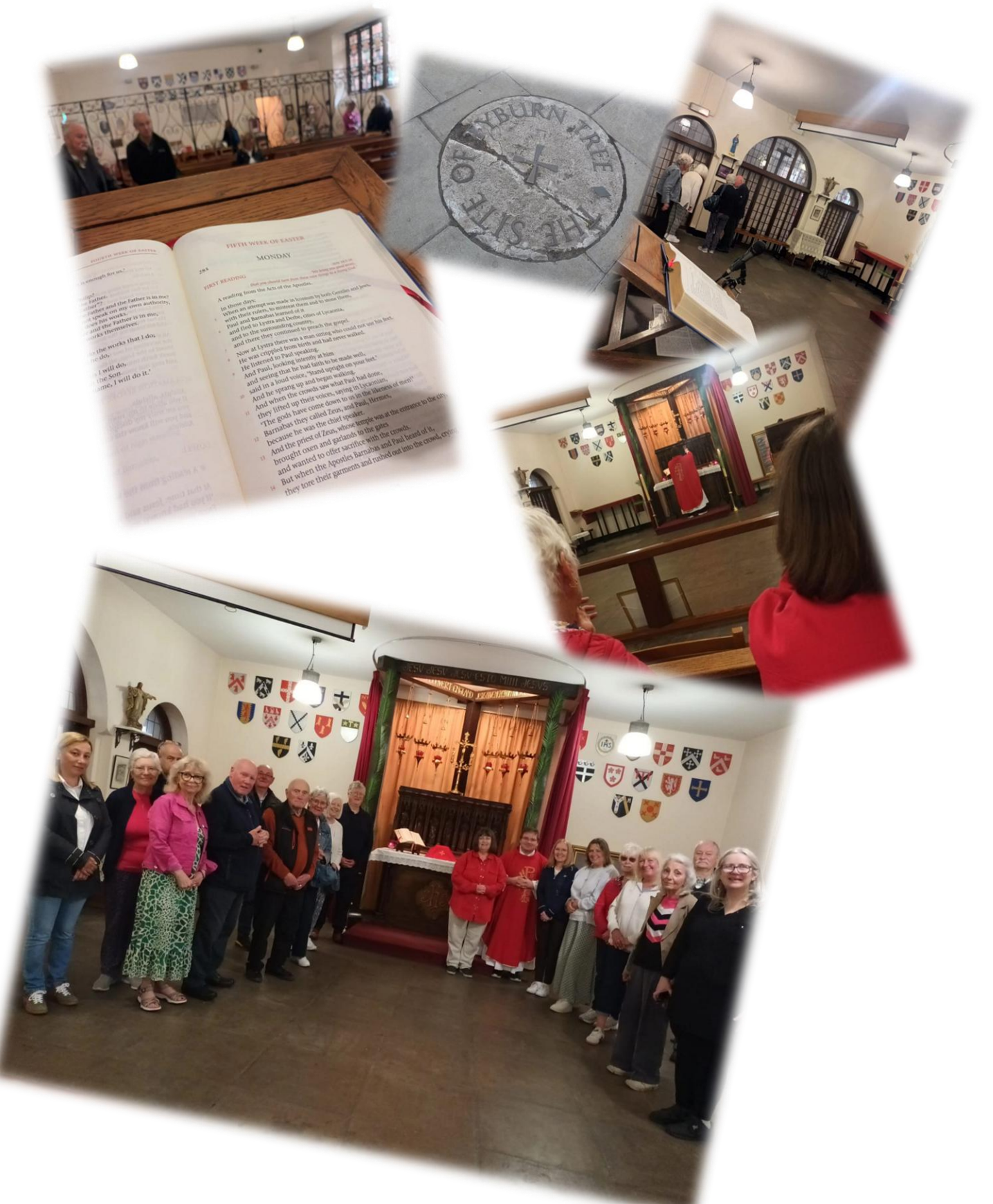
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Pilgrimage to Tyburn



The Chaplet of St Dominic

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

On the medal:

O glorious St. Dominic, who, being filled with zeal for the salvation of souls, preached the Gospel in season and out of season. Pray for us that God may grant us a sincere love for all people, that we may fully co-operate with Him through our prayers and good works in their sanctification and eternal salvation. Most especially do I pray for the conversion of [Name/Names]. Amen.

Our Father x3

Hail Mary x 3

Glory Be x3

On the Crucifix:

O God, You have enlightened Your Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of St. Dominic, Your confessor. Mercifully grant that by his prayers we may be protected against the desire for temporal necessities and daily improve in all that is spiritually good. O Lord, deliver us from a sudden and unprovided death. Jesus, Mary and Joseph most kind, bless us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

This chaplet can be offered for nine consecutive days as a novena of prayer for family members, friends or parishioners who have either lapsed from the Catholic Faith or who have never known the Lord. This would be a beautiful expression of our living out of Pope Leo's call for us to be a missionary Church. We shall pray this novena each day in our parishes (please see future newsletters for details).

A limited number of Chaplets will be available to buy at a cost of £3.00 following the 10.00am Holy Mass on Sunday 25th May.

The chaplets are glass rondelle beads in black, white and blue.

Traditionally the Dominican Order consists of a white tunic, a black scapular and cloak worn on special occasions. The white symbolises purity and simplicity and the black represents humility and penitence. A black veil worn by Dominican Sisters signifies their renunciation of the world.

The Virgin Mary is traditionally depicted in blue, a colour that symbolises her purity, holiness and royal status as Queen of Heaven.



In their 800-year history, this Roman Dominican community of sisters has only moved twice: once in the 16th century and once in the 20th century. The nuns have been based at the Monte Mario convent since 1931.

Even from behind the bars of the grille, the icon has a penetrating gaze. The image dates back to at least the 7th century and has been revered over the centuries as having been painted by St. Luke.

IN OUR PARISH on Saturday 31st May, the day on which The Church observes 'The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary' all are invited to spend an afternoon in the company of Our Lady, guided by two Dominicans from our Diocese. We pray that just as Our Lady visited her cousin Elizabeth in *Ain Karim* (Beth Jacob), a village located west of Jerusalem, so she may assist us by her prayers and favours.

The Timetable

11.30am Sacrament of Confession

11.45am Chaplet of St. Dominic

12.00noon Holy Mass

12.30pm Lunch (Please bring your own packed lunch)

1.15pm Talk by Father Richard Ounsworth, OP

2.00pm Eucharistic Exposition & Confession

3.00pm Tea, coffee and cake

3.30pm Talk by

Sister Philomena Benedict, OP

4.00pm Holy Rosary

4.30pm Dominican Blessing & Dismissal

5.30pm Vigil Mass



St Dominic, pray for us.

The Catholic Parishes of Corby:
Our Lady of Walsingham & St John Ogilvie

Dominican Marian Retreat Day in Our Lady of Walsingham Church Saturday 31st May AD 2025



Eight hundred years ago, a barefoot St. Dominic carried an icon of the Virgin Mary across Rome to entrust the Marian image to a new community of cloistered nuns, who have safeguarded the icon within the walls of their convent to this day. The icon, known as the "Advocata," can be found today in a small chapel on Rome's highest hill, in the Church of Santa Maria del Rosario on Monte Mario.

As St. Dominic carried the limewood icon on the night of Sunday, February 28, 1221, two cardinals delegated by Pope Honorius III accompanied the founder of the Dominican Order, and 42 nuns followed in procession behind on their way to their new convent.

Fr Richard Ounsworth, OP

Formally a parishioner of St Anne's Church, Wendover. Born in 1972. Read history at Royal Holloway, University of London then joined the Order of Preachers in 1995. Trained at Blackfriars, Oxford and was ordained Priest in 2001. Between 2002-5 he was Chaplain to the University of Leicester. In 2005 he returned to Oxford to write a doctorate on the Letter to the Hebrews, published as 'Joshua Typology in the New Testament' in 2012. He has been teaching biblical studies at Blackfriars throughout to the present day. He is also a co-author of 'When the Son of Man Didn't Come' and co-editor and translator of 'A Perfect Priest'. From 2012 to 2020 he was Provincial Bursar of the English Dominicans. In 2020 he was assigned to Holy Cross Priory, Leicester, where in 2023 he was elected Prior and appointed Parish Priest.



Sr Philomena Benedict, OP:

Sister Philomena Benedict Le Gall, OP is a Dominican sister of the English Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena. She is formally a parishioner of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints Parish, Bletchley. Sr Philomena Benedict is based in Cambridge and currently works as a Canon Lawyer and in teaching theology. Sr Philomena Benedict is the justice and peace promoter for Europe and the Middle-East. Having participated in the United Nations '67th Commission on the Status of Women' and then in Rome by contributing to projects for the future of female Dominican Religious, Sr Philomena has returned to the Catholic university at Louvain to continue her further studies.



Please pray for Fr Richard and Sr Philomena Benedict
as they live the life of St Dominic and as they prepare to join us.