



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 22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Colour: **Violet**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Ana Benigno RIP*)

9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Luke Fallow RIP*)

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Commemoration of *St Turibius of Mongrovejo*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*Oliver Mitchell RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Margaret Ring*)

Thursday (SPA) **NO MASS**

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*Sylvia Trotman*)

MHNJ: *Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE*

SPA: *St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON*

STM: *St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS*

Holy Triduum

Maundy Thursday - 8pm at SPA - Mass of the Supper of the Lord

Good Friday - 3pm at MHNJ - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 8pm at SPA - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses

9.15am at MHNJ

11:00am at SPA

6:00pm at STM

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

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



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](http://www.caspar.church/m)

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m
[e?ID=56072](http://www.caspar.church/m)

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!

5 day guided tour in Vienna including a cruise on the Danube: 8th to 12th October 2026

Mr Philip Pedley who is a Most Holy Name of Jesus parishioner and Oundle School retired History Teacher has kindly offered to guide us on this trip. The trip will be at a leisurely pace with frequent comfort breaks to accommodate the needs of our guests of all ages. Estimated cost is £700 excluding meals, entrance fees and personal expenses.

We would like to invite all Cluster members to join us. This trip is not restricted to Parishioners. If you, your family or friends are interested, please contact Marlene, Father Jonathan or email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org for the itinerary and costing details as soon as possible or by **23rd March** at the latest.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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/>

'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.

Marriage Support

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To

find out more:

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

☎ +44 797 338 0443

Christian Art

Christian Art is an online platform that shares works of art connected with the Gospel to help nurture faith through art. They are holding their first conference at London's Queen Elizabeth II Centre on **14th November**. Speakers include Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP and Sir Gabriele Finaldi, director of the National Gallery. For more information or to book:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://christian.art/conference2026/&source=gmail-imap&ust=1774433161000000&usg=AOvVaw3qIJ1CqEjuQi0hbOpfMvOv>

Safeguarding Key Message

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

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



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

Life Drawing

Come and enjoy a few hours of untaught drawing from a live, clothed model.



Saturday
21st AND
Saturday
28th March
10am –
noon
refreshments
served.
Suggested £5
donations to
S.V.P
BASIC
materials
supplied

St. Thomas More church room, 6 Marshalls
Rd., Raunds NN9 6HP

Enquiries: Pauline 07597707388

Catholic Women Walking with Women

A faith journey through the seasons of life

Embracing New Life: Pregnancy, Birth & Motherhood in Faith

In conversation with Emma
O'Connell

Tuesday 24th March
7pm - 8pm



Emma O'Connell is a cradle Catholic, married ten years, mother of two living children and carries with her the experience of losing six babies to miscarriage. An editor by trade, Emma is also a writer of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

Register at NBCW.co.uk

The churches in Raunds
warmly invite you join them
on

Good Friday

for songs of worship and readings to
reflect on the meaning of Good Friday
at 11am on Friday 3rd April
in Raunds Square.

Followed by hot cross buns



All the churches in Raunds will be represented at this Good Friday gathering in Raunds Town Square at 11am. Do come along. (If anyone would like to do a reading you'd be most welcome - please get in touch with Pauline 07597707388)



Phyllis Zagano in
conversation with the
National Board of
Catholic Women

Thursday 9th April
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us for an update on the Synod on Synodality's considerations on women in the life of the Church, in conversation with Dr. Phyllis Zagano, world expert on the question of women deacons and a member of Pope Francis's initial commission on the topic.

Dr. Zagano is the author or editor of twenty-seven books, hundreds of academic and general articles, whose monthly column "Just Catholic" is syndicated by the Religion News Service.

Book your ticket

Tickets are free for members
and £5 for non-members.



Become a member for £10 a year at NBCW.co.uk/join

Women in Ministry
*Reflection and
Discernment day*

11th April 2026

Sacred Heart, Flitwick

10-3pm

To book a place: email
helen.burgess
@northamptondiocese.org



**FREE FRAUD PROTECTION ADVICE
IN KETTERING**



We have been offered access to free **Fraud Protect Advice** by the police. Richard Kubon, Fraud Protect Development Officer from Leicestershire police will be delivering accessible training on:

Wednesday, 22 April at 6.30pm - 8pm

St Edward's Parish Hall in Kettering.

NN15 7QQ

Free parking is available at the swimming pool car park.

In order to cater for refreshments (tea/coffee), please register your interest by emailing

laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org



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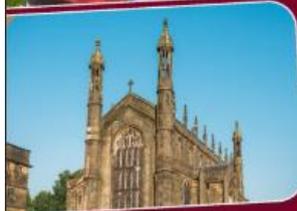
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