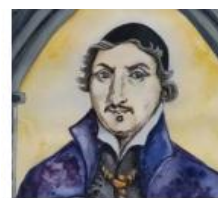


# Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright



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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Gary Collett RIP*)  
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Joanne Rothwell well-being*)  
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (STM)** *The Presentation of the Lord*

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

**Tuesday (SPA)** *Memorial of St Blaise*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Anthony Creer RIP*)

**Thursday (SPA)** *Memorial of St Agatha*

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Tadhg Scanlon well-being*)

**Friday (MHNJ)** *Memorial of St Paul Miki & Companions*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions  
(*Kitty Irwin well-being*)

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

**SPA:** *St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON*

**STM:** *St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS*

### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Louisa Willetts** and  
**Ana Benigno** (Fr Benedetto's mother) who have sadly passed  
away.

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

### St Paul's Confirmation Classes 2026

**St. Paul's, Thursday evenings (18:30 – 19:45)**

**29 January, 04 & 12 February**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Craig Wilker: 07799761665, [craig.wilker@gmail.com](mailto:craig.wilker@gmail.com)

Diana Charles: [cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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.



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](http://www.caspar.church/m)  
[e?ID=56088](http://www.caspar.church/m?ID=56088)

### Oundle



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

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CASPAR, please contact the support team via:

Email Us at:

[support@caspar.church](mailto:support@caspar.church)

Phone Us on 01440 730399

### MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

#### 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 2.00pm

**3.00pm** Stations of the Cross

Email: [svp140512@gmail.com](mailto:svp140512@gmail.com)



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Visit: [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

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.

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer** email: [frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org)

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.30am-1pm)** email: [parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org)

Presbytery TEL. 01832 617 050

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

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

## Community Engagement Event – Thrapston

This event (at the Plaza on 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am-2pm) is an opportunity where residents can connect with organisations that support the wellbeing of the community. If you would like to attend this event as a representative of the Catholic church, please email the parish office.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Going One Step Further

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

Following the Sunday of the Word of God, all readers are invited to a reflective day at the **Holy Ghost Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD**, from **11.00am–3.00pm**.

The day will offer an opportunity to pray, share, and explore the Word of God together. Refreshments will be provided.

To attend, please email:

[deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org)

### Journey with Jesus through Lent

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for online small group sessions once a week for **6 weeks beginning w.c. 16th February**. During each weekly small group session, facilitators will be using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, allowing you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. Within the session, there will also be time for silent reflection and sharing what spoke to you from the readings. Sessions will be available on multiple days and at different times.

Sign-up to our introductory webinar on **Tuesday 27th January from 7:30pm** on the

link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1963574>

You can also find out more on the diocesan

website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

### Alpha Training Day for Parishes

This day will be run by Mission Northampton in partnership with Georgia Clarke from Alpha UK, the new Head of Strategy & Partnerships in a Catholic context.

Are you interested in running Alpha in your parish? This day will equip you with everything you need to run Alpha well. You are very welcome to attend on your own, but it would be even more beneficial to come with a small team of people whom you hope will form your parish Alpha team.

**Please note the change of venue.**

When: **Saturday 7 February 2026, 11.30am – 4.00pm**

Where: **Holy Ghost, Luton, LU4 8JD**

Cost: **£15 per person** (lunch included; tea and coffee provided throughout the day)

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/alpha-training-day/>

### Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)

Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey?

This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists...

Course Dates:

- 7 virtual sessions from 7.30–9.00pm
- Starts Friday 27 February 2026
- Subsequent sessions: 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 10, 17 April 2026

Includes Zoom links, course materials, and refreshments. No fixed fee—donations welcomed.

[Visit our diocesan website for further information](#)

### LUX. Belong

When: **13-15th February 2026**

Where: **Kings Park Centre, Northampton**

Who: **Ages 11-18 (school years 7-13)**

How much: **£110**

LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is **Belong**.

Visit [nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/](https://nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/) or

email [NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com) to find out more.

### 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...

## 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 has 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](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox [sharon\\_knox@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_knox@hotmail.com)

...Each Zoom session offers accessible teaching and practical encouragement to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit and grow in confidence in everyday Christian life. Sessions run from **7.00–8.30pm**

**on Tuesdays:**

- **17 February** – Growth – Fr Emmanuel Okami
- **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/>

## The Synod and Women: Which Way to the Future?

**Thursday 26 February, online at 6.30pm**

Dr Zagano joins the NBCW (a consultative body to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) at the beginning of an exciting year of innovative engagement with Catholic women.

To register and find out more, please visit:

<https://www.nbcw.co.uk>

## Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to **"Come and See"** — a **day of prayer, reflection, and questions** for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

**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](mailto:vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org)

☎ 01753 523147

## Save the Date – Diocesan Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Good News to our Annual Mission Conference on **Saturday 14th March 2026, 10:30am–4:00pm**, at Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beadesert, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HZ. Parking is available onsite. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. We look forward to welcoming you for a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal in our shared mission. More here [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/](https://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/)

## OTHER NOTICES

### Catholic Young Artist and Young Writer Awards

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust is delighted to announce the Catholic Young Artist Award, newly launched this year and open to primary school-aged children.

**Theme:** *Forgiveness*

**Judge:** Margaret Mizen, Founder of the Mizen Foundation

The winner will be announced before the end of the academic year and will receive a cash prize, with runners-up also recognised.

This Award runs alongside the Catholic Young Writer Award, open to Catholic pupils of secondary school age, which invites young people to reflect on the question:

“Why do we go to Confession?”

More information:

<https://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/01/young-catholic-artist-award-2026/>

### Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's Retreat - 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a five-day, shortened form, guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). The retreat is open to ordained, religious, and lay men who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. Event details:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

### Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle

**20–22 February 2026**

2026 marks 100 years since St John of the Cross was declared a Doctor of the Church. To celebrate this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will lead a reflective weekend exploring the themes of love and beauty in the saint's most celebrated poetry.

From 20–22 February, participants will be invited to delve into the spiritual richness of *The Spiritual Canticle* and deepen their appreciation of St John's timeless insights into God's love.

[Further information and booking details can be found via the Christian Heritage Centre.](#)

### Webinar: The Role of Beauty in Moral Formation

The Catholic Union invites you to a webinar on **Monday 20th April at 6.00pm** exploring the place of beauty in the moral formation of individuals and society. Chaired by journalist Catherine Pepinster, speakers include Fr Patrick van der Vorst, priest and founder of Christian Art, and Stefan Kaminski, Director of The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Booking is essential: Email [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) to receive your Zoom link.

### Patmos Pilgrimage

JC Journeys are organising a pilgrimage to Patmos, led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD. Known as the site where St John the Theologian received the Book of Revelation, Patmos is a place where faith and history intertwine.

**Dates:** Monday 1 June – Sunday 7 June 2026

**Cost:** £1,595 (based on two people sharing)

For more information, please contact JC Journeys at [enquiries@jcjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com).