



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 9th March 2025 First Sunday of LENT

Liturgical Colour: **Violet**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Jane Parkerson well-being*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Matthew & Margaret & Helen O'Connell RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Feria
10:00am Holy Mass (*Maureen Murphy RIP*)
Tuesday (SPA) Feria
09:00am Holy Mass
Thursday (SPA) Feria
10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**
10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS**
Friday (MHNJ) Feria
10:00am Holy Mass followed by **CONFESSIONS**

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*

New Wineskins Discernment Process

Bishop David is asking all pastoral areas to reflect on their community life and mission into the future. This includes our priestly provision, property and finance, together with all that we need to be outward-looking, flourishing and resilient Catholic communities.

The process begins in the St Luke pastoral area (our deanery) with an open meeting with Bishop David on 18th March, St Brendan's Church, Beanfield Ave, Corby NN18 0AZ, 7.00-9pm. It involves listening to as many voices and experiences as possible. You are invited to join the conversation.

At this gathering our Pastoral Area Representatives (Elizabeth Poole for the Parish of the Most Holy Name of Jesus & Pauline Wood and Meg Shepherd for the parish of St Paul the Apostle – with St Thomas More's chapel) will offer three positives and three challenges about each church. All parishioners can contribute to the discussion by suggesting three positives and three challenges (not negatives!) to Meg, Pauline and Elizabeth, e.g.:

- Positive: More people are working together in our Cluster.
 - Challenge: Recruiting volunteers.
- Positive: Having a Cluster Pastoral Council.
- Challenge: Encouraging people to sing at Mass.



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?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?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



**Jubilee Year 2025
Pilgrims of Hope**
to watch videos, click on image.

Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday 16th March – Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart
Sunday 23rd March – Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham
Sunday 30th March – Our Churches Maintenance

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Meetings every Monday during term time at 5pm.

RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Meetings every Monday during term time at 7pm.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday via Zoom at 7pm

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Meetings every Friday at St Thomas More chapel

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Parish Priest: **Fr Benedetto D'Autilia** email: frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11am-1pm)** email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

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

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



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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the eternal rest of **John Allan Smoker**. Keep his family and friends in your prayers as they go through this difficult time. The Requiem Mass will take place at **Saint Paul's church on Thursday 27th March at 10:30am.**

From the REPOSITORY

My Day by Day: £2.00 - Jubilee booklet: £1.50

Walk With Me Lent Booklets: these are available at the back of church. Donations are welcome.

Presentation of the Candidates

This Sunday, at the 11am Mass, our three candidates (Modou Camara, Sophie Severn and Morgan Severn) for the reception into full communion with the Church will be presented to the whole community. Later in the day (2.30pm), they will be presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral in Northampton.

WANTED

Our parish priest is looking to appoint a caretaker in each of our buildings. Responsibilities would include: opening buildings for contractors and liaising with the diocesan property office. One of the caretakers will be part of our Pastoral Council. He is also looking for someone to be the new rep for MISSIO (the red boxes).

By mid-March Fr Benedetto would like to assemble our Cluster Pastoral Council to run our community in a smoother and more efficient way. He will contact potential councillors in the next few weeks. Please be generous with your time.

We Dare to HOPE

A small group will be meeting on five **Wednesday evenings, 6-7pm** at **St. Thomas More Chapel Raunds**, through Lent beginning on the 19th March during which we will be working through the We Dare to HOPE booklet, Northampton diocese edition, with a foreword by Bishop David Oakley.

Each week this booklet with its five chapters based on stories of Hope that ...

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

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.



... complement the Jubilee Year theme will be used as a way for us to draw upon the Scriptures and to encourage us in our faith in a trusting environment.

No commitment to all five evenings required, just come along as you can - and no need to book, just turn up.

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Refreshments provided.

Church cleaning at St Pauls

We have two small teams of volunteers who clean our Church twice a month on a **Monday evening at 6pm** and a **Saturday morning at 10am**. We have recently lost some helpers so are looking for some extra willing hands particularly for the Saturday team. If you are able to help on any of the following dates it would be much appreciated:

Saturday 22nd March, Monday 7th April.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CELEBRATE@Home "Lent Family Activity Pack"

This resource is designed to support faith in the family. The pack is full of engaging activities with ways to pray, books to savour, and films that both entertain and promote conversations in faith. You can access the free family activity:

<https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

OTHER NOTICES

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Oundle Lent Lunches

Thursdays throughout Lent, from **12 - 1.30** in the Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (at the back of the Talbot.) Homemade soup, nice bread and cheese, and a cuppa afterwards. Donations to Christian Aid. A great opportunity to meet other Christians from the area. 'Our' lunch, when our church provides and serves the soup is on the **27th March**.

50th Anniversary of the closure of Notre Dame

A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held in Northampton Roman Catholic Cathedral on The Barrack Road (NN2 6AG) on **Saturday July 19th at Noon**. This will be followed by a reception in The St Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up, and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass. Thank you

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome.

30th July - 3rd August, Rome. Ages 18-35.

Part of the events in July include the canonisation of Pier Giorgio Frassati! We will be joining the Sion Community's pilgrimage to Rome at the end of July to engage in the [programme of events](#) being run. The pilgrimage will cost approximately £650 depending on final flights and accommodation. The sooner we book the better for flight costs, so don't wait if you're thinking about joining us. Visit <https://nymo.org/events/jubilee-of-youth/> or contact NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com to find out more.

We Believe Festival

We Believe is a festival set to take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, from the **25-28th July**. Families and individuals, clergy and laity are welcome to attend. More information can be found here <https://www.webelievefestival.com>

AQUINAS 101

Get unlimited access to video lessons exploring faith and reason, happiness, man, God, the problem of evil, and much more. St Thomas Aquinas is one of the most valid theologians of the Church, whose teachings are ever new and very captivating to young minds of the 21st Century. www.aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org

Turning Tables – Social Action Resource

Looking for ways to deepen your faith and put it into action? Turning Tables is an exciting new resource designed to help adult Catholics across England and Wales connect their beliefs with real-world change. Covering five key themes— understanding the Bible, deepening faith, engaging in social action, knowing who to contact, and building momentum—this resource provides practical guidance on how to live out Catholic values in everyday life. Whether you're looking to learn more about Scripture, advocate for justice, or get involved with charities and policymakers, Turning Tables provides the tools and inspiration to make a meaningful impact.

Find out more and take the next step in living your faith: [Turning Tables – Social Action Toolkit](#).