



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 4th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Harvest Thanksgiving Mass

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Second Collection - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Niamh Wilker well-being*)

9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Graham Maddocks well-being*)

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

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Memorial of St Faustina Kowalska

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(For all Priests who have served the Cluster)

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of St Bruno

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

Thursday (SPA) Memorial of St Osyth

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5:45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass (*Jane Bunyan well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) Feast of St John Henry Newman

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(Fr Jonathan well-being)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS



**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

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Annual Parish Mass Count

Week 3 – 4th October

Week 4 – 11th October

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 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

Trouble with CASPAR? Email us at: support@caspar.church

Or 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

Course for First Holy Communion & Confession

Monday 5th October 5:00pm at SPA.

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

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Extraordinary Minister Plea

We are looking for an extraordinary minister to give out Holy Communion on a Sunday to a parishioner who lives no more than 5-10 minutes walking distance from SPA. If you are able to assist, please contact Fr Jonathan.

SOS for the garden at MHNJ

We have been clearing a patch near the church and would love any donations to fill it. If anyone has some spare bulbs or cuttings please bring to church either on this Sunday or the next. We would also love any compost as the ground has very poor soil - or any shrubs to fill the space.

Oundle Ride, Stride and Drive Update

The total for the sponsorship has now been finalised at **£635** plus Gift Aid. Many thanks to all who took part, including Adrian Walton who walked 12 miles and from Thrapston Tom Treacy and grandson who undertook a marathon bike ride. Thanks to all from Oundle and Thrapston who sponsored so generously.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2026 2-4 pm

St Thomas More Chapel, Raunds

Some of our parishioners have gathered together to perform a fun puppet show based on the Nativity!

Please come along and support us.

After the puppet show you will be able to join in a craft activity to make your own puppets - and there might even be a mince pie or two!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cluster Prayer

Come Holy Spirit on your church communities of Thrapston, Raunds and Oundle. Grant us the grace to work together in unity of purpose for your glory. May our vision be bold as we proclaim your Kingdom and may your will be done in all that we do. Grant us discernment, kindness and generosity of spirit. Blessed Peter Wright, pray for us. Amen.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Family Days – 2026/27

For families of all ages

Our Family Days are opportunities for families to come together as a Catholic community. They include Mass, activities for children and teenagers, formation and opportunities for parents and families to reflect on and grow in their faith together. You don't need to be part of a parish youth group to attend – these days are open to families who simply want to spend time together and grow in their relationship with God.

Upcoming dates and locations:

29 November | Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Luton

Find out more and register: nymo.org/family-days

EIGHTH DAY – JOY – Saturday 11 October 2026

For young adults aged 18–35 | St Thomas' Centre, Northampton

Eighth Day is a new event for young adults, creating a space to come together to celebrate the **Day of the Lord** – a day of rest, delight, fellowship and celebration.

Find out more and register: nymo.org/8th-day

Catechists Course

Do you feel called to be a catechist? This online Certificate in Catechesis is ideal for new and experienced catechists seeking to deepen their knowledge, confidence and ability to accompany others on their journey of faith. Drawing on Scripture, Church teaching and lived experience, the course offers seven engaging **Zoom sessions from 7.30–9pm**, beginning **Monday 12 October**, with further sessions **through November**. Course materials are included, and there is no fixed fee, although donations are welcomed. Find out more and register online here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-october-2026/>

Preaching in the Light of the Quiet Revival 15 October

The Catholic Association of Preachers (CAP) invite you to their forthcoming webinar entitled: "Preaching in the Light of the Quiet Revival" on **Thursday, 15th of October at 4:30pm**.

Canon Chris Vipers and Teresa Carvalho (from the Agency for Evangelisation, Westminster), will be sharing their knowledge to better equip us to preach on "the quiet revival" that the Church is currently experiencing.

Deacons, Priests, Lay Chaplains, Catechists, and those responsible for evangelisation within the parish, are invited.

Please contact CAP for the Zoom link:

admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk

Current Vacancies Could you join our diocesan team?

We are currently recruiting for a number of roles across the Diocese of Northampton. These are opportunities to bring your skills, experience and gifts to the service of the Church and the communities we are called to support. Please take a look at our current vacancies and consider whether you or someone you know might be called to join our diocesan team. Full job descriptions, closing dates and application details are available online.

OTHER NOTICES

Prayer Intention for October

This October, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray for mental health ministry, asking that it may become established throughout the Church and help overcome the stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with mental illness.

Week of Guided Prayer for Those Affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church

The Jesuit Institute is offering a free online Week of Guided Prayer for Those Affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church from **18–23 October 2026**. Open to anyone affected directly or indirectly by clergy abuse, the week provides a gentle and prayerful opportunity for reflection, healing and hope. Hosted by Sarah Young, participants will receive daily prayer resources and spiritual accompaniment in a safe and supportive environment. This initiative recognises the lasting impact of abuse and seeks to accompany those who continue their journey towards healing.

Participation is free, with all **sessions taking place online** from the comfort of home. More information is available here:

<https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/an-online-week-of-guided-prayer-for-those-affected-by-clergy-abuse-in-the-church-3>

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

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, OUNDLE

Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, & Befriending Sick and/or Isolated Parishioners

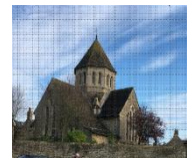
Children's Liturgy: We started Children's Liturgy on 6th September at Oundle and were delighted to welcome our children to share the Gospel and pray with us during Mass. All children are welcome to join us every week.

First Holy Communion: Instruction at Oundle starts on Thursday 8th October from 5pm to 6pm and weekly thereafter during term time. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for a briefing last week. If you would like your child to join us, but you have not yet signed up, there is still time. Please complete an Application Form at the back of Oundle church.

Holy Communion and Befriending service for sick and isolated

parishioners: If you have a sick or isolated family member or know of a parishioner or friend who may wish to receive Holy Communion, have a social visit from one of our parishioner volunteers or a friendly telephone call, please speak with Father, Bernie, Tess or Marlene. We can also arrange transport to Mass for remote parishioners.

Bernie Walsh - Community Ministry Team Lead



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.



Freedom Through
Jesus

Day of Healing

Saturday 7th November 2026

10:15am – 4pm

The day will include Praise and Worship, testimonies, teaching and the opportunity to receive prayer.

All are welcome, come for the day, or just pop-in to:

**St Thomas Centre, Semilong Road
Semilong, Northampton NN2 6AG**

This day is being led by Fr Kevin Dixon,
Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team.

Refreshments will start at 10:15.

If staying for the day, please bring a packed lunch.

Contact: info@littlewayhealingministries.com

Website: littlewayhealingministries.com

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