



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 13th September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Second Collection – Catholic Education Service

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Graham & Rose Smith well-being*)

9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Kenneth Knox RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Philip Humphrey well-being*)

Tuesday (SPA) *Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

10:00am Holy Mass (*David Watson RIP*)

Thursday (SPA) *Memorial of St Hildegard of Bingen*

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5:45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass (*Gareth & Sara Jones well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Jonty Shingles RIP*)

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

SPA: *St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON*

STM: *St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS*

Course for First Holy Communion & Confession

Children will be enrolled on **Sunday 20th September at SPA**.

The course will begin on **Monday 21st September 2026 at 5:00pm** and will take place every Monday thereafter (during school Term Time) in the church of St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston.
Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is essential to complete the Programme.

Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday 20th September - Home Mission Sunday
Sunday 4th October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Gift Aid

Please could everyone in our cluster who gift aids speak to David Shepherd (or email the parish office) to ensure that all details are up to date and correct.

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

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

Visit: www.svp.org.uk



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

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m e?ID=56088

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

Please could anyone who has a key to any of our buildings please email the parish office for insurance purposes. Also, if anyone needs a new key to the sacristy at SPA, please speak to Fr Jonathan.

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

Fundraising for the Royal London Benevolent Fund

Our parishioner, Grace (from St Paul's), is fundraising for the Royal London Benevolent Fund by taking part in the Great Eastern Half Marathon on **13th September** and the Great North Half marathon on **11th October**. If you would like to support her, donations can be made via her JustGiving page (https://www.justgiving.com/page/tsitsi-grace-gambiza-taiwo-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation), or, if you prefer to give in cash, there will be a donation sheet at the back of the church after Mass. Every donation, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity, support, and prayers.

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.

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



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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Healing Garden Volunteers

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Season of Creation from **1st September to 4th October**, the Diocese is inviting volunteers to support the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. This year's theme, 'Living Water', draws on Ezekiel 47:1–12 and calls Christians to work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human wellbeing can flourish together. The garden offers a practical expression of this vocation, providing a peaceful space where people can encounter nature, prayer and hope. Volunteers are needed for just a couple of hours, particularly on Wednesday mornings, to help with weeding, watering, sweeping, raking and general tidying, with the professional gardener on hand to offer guidance. Volunteers from parishes across the Diocese are welcome, and no specialist gardening experience is required. Anyone interested in volunteering, joining the team or learning more is invited to contact the Chair of the Healing Garden working group via email at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

RCIA Team Training

A four-session course from the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and Mission Northampton will equip RCIA leaders, catechists, liturgists, clergy and parish teams to accompany people on their Journey of Faith. Exploring the periods, rites and practicalities of running RCIA in a parish, the course includes two online evening sessions (**14th and 21st September**) and a half-day in person at Holy Ghost RC Parish Centre, Luton (**26th September**). The course is free, with an opportunity to donate. Find out more here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/rcia-team-training-sept-2026/>

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/>

Other Notices

Marriage Help

Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. **Bookings close 18th Sept.** www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

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>

Bernie and Marlene are raising £2000 to maintain our Grade 2 Listed Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Oundle



Bernie and Marlene are embarking on a meaningful journey to raise £2,000 towards the essential maintenance of our cherished Grade 2 Listed Most Holy Name of Jesus (MHNJ) Church.

100% of your donation will go to MHNJ Maintenance Fund. Also, by Gift aiding your donation, MHNJ will reclaim 25p from HMRC for every £1 that you donate.

This historic building is not only a place of worship but a cornerstone of our community's heritage, deserving of care and preservation for future generations. Please refer to our Justgiving page for historical and architectural features of MHNJ Church.

On 14th September 2026, we will undertake an inspiring 125 kilometre trek along the Spiritual Route from Baiona to Santiago de Compostela. This pilgrimage retraces the path believed to have been taken when St James's body was brought inland to rest at the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Over eleven days, we will challenge ourselves physically and spiritually, sharing our journey through photos and updates.



**Grade 2 listed
Most Holy Name of Jesus Church**



**2-manual and pedal organ built
by Richard Bower of Norwich**



**Octagonal church tower,
with 16 clerestory windows**

Your support is vital. **100% of your donation will go to the Church Maintenance Fund.** By donating through JustGiving, you contribute directly to preserving this treasured landmark. The process is simple, fast, and secure—your personal details remain confidential and protected. Every donation brings us closer to our goal and helps ensure that this historic church continues to stand strong as a beacon for our community.

The justgiving link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/camino2026bm>
You may also use this QR code to connect to the Justgiving page.

OR

If you prefer, please pledge your cash donation on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

We invite you to join us in this cause by making a donation today and sending messages of encouragement. Together, we can safeguard our heritage and inspire others with this remarkable journey.



Thank you in advance for your kind donation.



DIOCESAN
SAFEGUARDING OFFICE



YOU ARE INVITED

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026

- Parish Safeguarding Representatives
- Parish Volunteers
- Clergy
- Parish Secretaries
- Parishioners

KEY TOPICS & FOCUS AREAS

-  Understanding Adult Safeguarding
-  Survivors at the heart of the church
-  Practices of healing and reconciliation

3RD OCTOBER 2026
ST THOMAS CENTRE AT
NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL

To Book Your Place Email

Laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org



Scan the QR code
to find out more





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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