



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 28th June 2026

Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles & Martyrs

Liturgical Colour: **Red**

Second Collection – Peter's Pence

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Monica Robinson well-being*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Peter Bond RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Jack & Jessie Bevan RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome

10:00am Holy Mass (*Pat & Joe Chambers RIP*)

Thursday (SPA) Feria

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5.45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass (*The Shepherd Family well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Elizabeth & Richard Poole well-being*)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

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.

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



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



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

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

The Listening & Discernment Process

Thank you to all who stayed after each of the 3 Masses to listen to the talk by Dr Avril Baigent. Copies of the presentation can be found in each building and at the end of this newsletter.

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

Is God Calling You to the Permanent Diaconate?

If you are considering whether you may have a vocation as a permanent deacon, spend some time reflecting on these questions:

- A servant's heart: Do you find yourself naturally drawn to helping those in need - the sick, the lonely, or the marginalised?
- A life of prayer: Do you have a consistent daily prayer life, and do you feel a desire to deepen your relationship with Christ the Servant?
- Parish involvement: Are you already active in your parish community, perhaps through ministries like the SVP, liturgy, or hospitality?
 - External affirmation: Have other people ever mentioned to you that they "see you as a deacon".
- Joy in the faith: Does the thought of following this path and bringing others to Jesus fill you with a sense of peace or joy?
 - For married men: Have you spoken with your wife about this? Does she support your curiosity about this vocation?
- Balance: Can you see yourself balancing your current work and family life with a commitment to theological study and ministry?

We invite all men and their families to pray about this vocation. Please join us after Mass for a coffee and a casual conversation if you'd like to learn more. You can also find information on

<https://northamptondiocese.org/diaconate/> or speak directly with your parish priest.

Alternatively you can join us at our 'Taster Morning' on Saturday **4th July at The Holy Family church, Langley, Slough**. SL3 7UD, beginning at **10:00am**. You can email Dcn. Erik Kerr at deaconerik.kerr@northamptondiocese.org for more details.

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

3.00pm Stations of the Cross



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.

Blessed Peter Wright New Wineskins Process



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Please trust me when I tell you that by listening to the Spirit in dialogue, fraternity and courage (parrhesia), you will help us to understand that, prior to any differences, we are called in the Church to walk together in the pursuit of God...This will enable us to live with confidence and a new spirit amid the tensions that run through the life of the Church: between unity and diversity, tradition and novelty, authority and participation...Being a synodal Church means recognizing that truth is not possessed, but sought together, allowing ourselves to be guided by a restless heart in love with Love.

Dear friends, we must dream of and build a more humble Church; a Church that does not stand upright like the Pharisee, triumphant and inflated with pride, but bends down to wash the feet of humanity; a Church that does not judge as the Pharisee does the tax collector, but becomes a welcoming place for all; a Church that does not close in on itself, but remains attentive to God so that it can similarly listen to everyone. Let us commit ourselves to building a Church that is entirely synodal, ministerial and attracted to Christ and therefore committed to serving the world.

Pope Leo, Homily for Jubilee of Synod Teams, 26th October 2025



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Discerning the future

- The world, and our Catholic community is changing very fast.
- Bishop David has asked every pastoral area to undertake this discernment process. To focus on our mission, and include priestly provision, property, and responding to pastoral needs
- Rather than responding to emergencies, this is a moment to reflect prayerfully on our future
- While we build on what is good, we need to be creative to meet current and future needs



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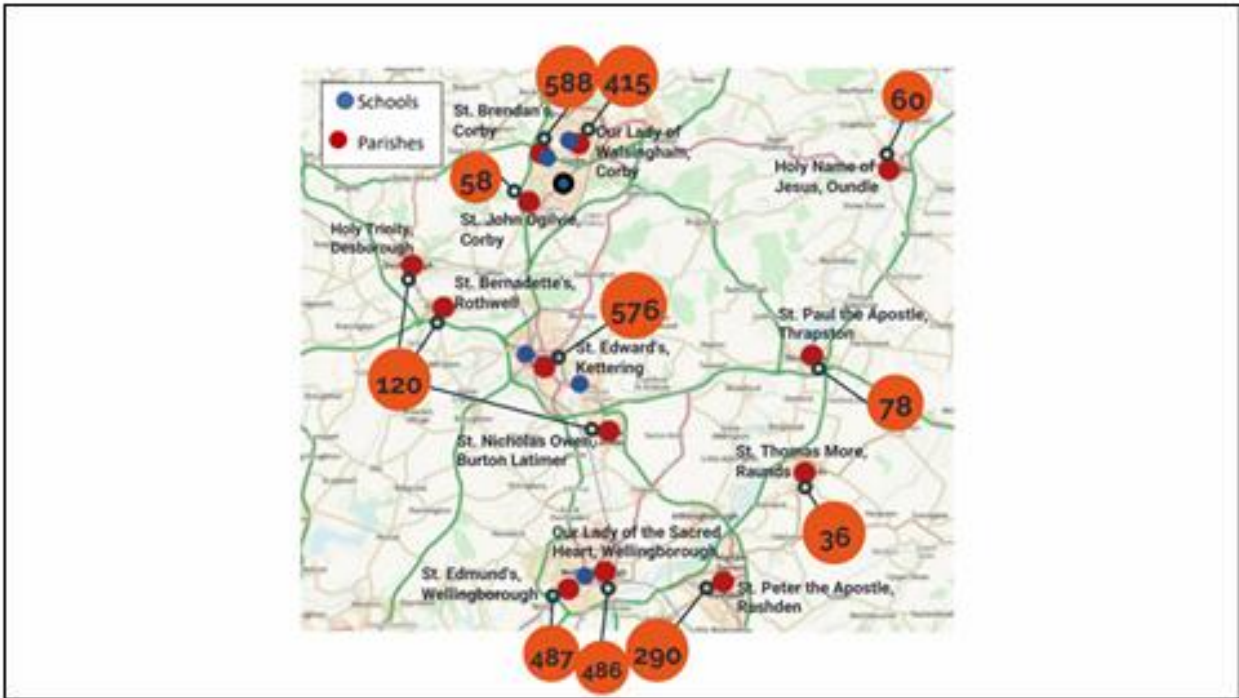
Discernment Process

- Prepare – gathering data, training listeners – March-April
- Listen – listening in groups across the parish May-June
- Discern – small group of clergy and laity reflecting prayerfully on future possibilities
- Report – make recommendations to Bishop David

At each stage the findings are available on the diocesan website
<https://northamptondiocese.org/diocesan-discernment-processes/>



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Writing our story – Parish Statistics

Mass attendance 2014/2019/2025

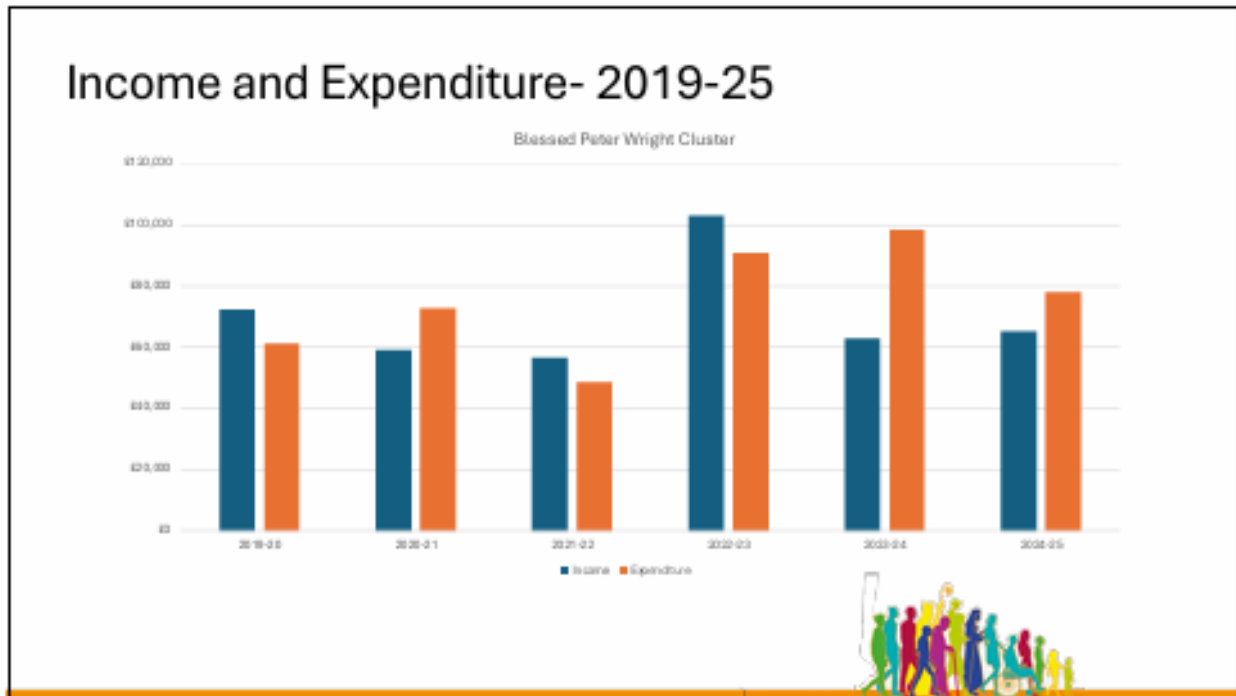
	Holy Name of Jesus	St Paul the Apostle	St Thomas More
Sunday Mass	139/99/82	186/140/80	30 (2025 figure)
Baptisms	0	4	
Funerals	9	4	

Distance to nearest church
 To Thrapston: 7 miles
 To Raunds: 11 miles
 To Raunds: 5 miles

Additional responsibilities
 Oundle School
 Multiple nursing homes



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Income & Expenditure: 2024-2025

	Holy Name of Jesus	St Paul the Apostle	St Thomas More	Total
Total Income	£31,825	£21,897	£11,566	£65,287
Building Expenditure	£11,035	£5,632	£4,747	£21,414
Parish Expenditure	£26,508		£33,227	£59,735
Total loss/ income	-£5,719		-£10,143	-£15,862
Buildings: Urgent and Investigation	-£24,775	-£5,900	-£14,600	-£45,275
Potential 5 yr costs	-£119,000	-£151,000	-£112,000	-£382,000

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Results from Property Survey

	Holy Name of Jesus	St Paul's	St Thomas More
Urgent (category 1)	£24,775	£5,900	£14,600
5 yr	£119,000	£151,000	£112,000

St Thomas More:

- Multiple instances of damp penetration
- Asbestos
- Cracks in multiple places

Oundle:

- Repairs to tower roof,
- Trees and external paths and
- Resolving issue of debris from tower walls

St Pauls:

- New windows and door to church
- Maintenance of rear fence and grounds



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From the listening

- How to make the cluster of churches work together better - and make the most of having a priest currently
- Having a plan for the future if the diocese is not able to make a priest available. How to keep a Catholic light burning across this large geographical area?
- What are the pros and cons of becoming one parish?
- What are the possibilities/challenges for both the Raunds community and the building?
- How can we really feel like one community? Eg transport, social time
- Financial pressures: how to make the parishes financially stable?
- What can we offer to young people, esp after confirmation?
- How to encourage more lay engagement? This would helpfully be local teams with responsibility



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Turning listening into criteria

- Faith development of existing communities to build confidence and engagement
- Investing in our community life as sibling churches. What can we do better together?
- A plan to reach different groups, including existing Catholics and those with no knowledge. This to include
 - More visible presence on the ground, including signposting and signage at churches
 - Increased presence online, including on local Facebook groups and other social media, and live streaming both for housebound, and seekers
- A viable financial plan to bring the cluster out of deficit
- Planning for no priest in the future, including developing local leaders in each of the communities
- Creative plan for buildings that meets both financial and mission/community purposes



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Next Steps

- Discernment Group - Creating scenarios
- Open meeting 1 - Sharing the scenarios
- Open meeting 2 - Gathering feedback
- Discernment group – recommendations for Bishop David
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- <https://northamptondiocese.org/pd-luton/>



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