



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: **White**

### Second Collection – Catholic Communications Network

- 5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Lottie Baker well-being*)
- 9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*May Baker well-being*)
- 11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

### Rest of the Week

#### Monday (STM) Memorial of St John I

- 10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions  
(*Tadhg Scanlon well-being*)

#### Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of Blessed Peter Wright

- 10:00am Holy Mass (*Pat, Mary & John Moran RIP*)

#### Thursday (SPA) Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes

- 5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
- 5.45pm Vespers
- 6:00pm Holy Mass (*Intentions of Nuala Wilker*)

#### Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of St Rita of Cascia

- 10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions  
(*Rita & Graham Wynn RIP*)

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

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

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

### 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

### Safeguarding Key Message

Our key message this year is: **'The Diocese of Northampton have adopted the National policies of CBCEW'**

Key webpages:

<https://catholicssafeguarding.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)

### Trouble with CASPAR?

If you have troubles viewing or receiving our Newsletter via CASPAR,  
 please contact the support team. Email us at: [support@caspar.church](mailto:support@caspar.church)  
 Or Phone us on: 01440 730399

## 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

Placing cash into an  
 envelope marked SVP and  
 putting it into the first  
 collection at Mass.

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

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

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

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

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

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.00am-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/>

## CLUSTER NOTICES

### More Volunteers Needed

We are desperately in need of more volunteers for gardening at both MHNJ and SPA. We need people to help make our grounds look beautiful. If you have some spare time, please consider helping out – talk to Fr Jonathan or email the parish office to find out more.

### CLUSTER COFFEE MORNING

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am onwards.**

Please join me in my home at 18, Rock Road, Oundle, for a coffee morning to raise money towards projects within our cluster of churches. Bring a friend or neighbour-all welcome. Text or call me on 07546261552 to book your place, (and to ensure I make enough buns!) There will also be a small raffle.

### The Listening and Discernment Process

Dr Avril Baigent will walk us through what has happened with our listening and discernment process so far on:

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 4:00pm** before the Vigil Mass at **STM**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June after the 9:15am** Mass at **MHNJ**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June after the 11:00am** Mass at **SPA**

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Family Day

Mission Northampton and the Sion Community are [hosting a Family Day on Sunday 17th May](#) at **Holy Ghost Church in Luton**.

The event, which runs from **2.15-6pm**, offers the chance to gather, celebrate and be inspired with other Catholic families from across the diocese and beyond. **Mass will be held at 3pm, presided by Fr. Pius Amoako**, and the event will also include worship, music and refreshments. Input for adults will be led by Sophie Sullivan, youth worker, mother and advocate for smart phone-free childhoods for kids. Streams of the day will be available for children and teens so they have space to connect and grow in their own way. Entry is free, though donations are welcome, but it is important to book so the organisers know how many people will be attending.

### Free of Charge Safeguarding Session - Hosted by CSAN's Domestic Abuse Alliance and Safe In Faith

'Violence against Women and the Bible' is an online Zoom session on **May 26th 10am -12pm** and you can register yourself by clicking this link: <https://csan.charitysuite.com/events/w8aqsksi>

### Opening of the Healing Garden Gazebo - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

You are warmly invited to join us for the opening of the new gazebo in the diocesan **Healing Garden, located in the Cathedral gardens**, on **6<sup>th</sup> June**. A community event to bring people together in this relaxing and peaceful setting will be taking place between **2pm and 4pm** including words of welcome and thanks, music and.....pizza!

### LITURGY COMMISSION - Liturgical Formation

Our annual SUNDAY of the EUCHARIST will be celebrated on **14th June in the Cathedral at 3pm**, which is a service for all who exercise lay ministry of the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome in person or to join with the Cathedral livestream. It includes an opportunity to renew the formal commitment for lay ministers.

## Called & Equipped 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

### Diocesan Residential Youth Weekend

Young people from across the diocese are invited to join us for a residential summer weekend filled with games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. This will take place on **17-19 July 2026** at **Buckden Towers, St Neots, PE19 8TA** and is aimed at **young people aged 11-18**. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and take a break from everyday life in a relaxed and supportive environment.

The cost of the weekend includes accommodation, all meals, and organised social activities. There will also be a tuck shop available throughout the weekend, so participants may wish to bring some spending money for additional snacks.

Our diocesan youth team will be staying on site for the full weekend, providing supervision, support, and pastoral care. Young people will stay in shared rooms at Buckden Towers. If you have any questions about room arrangements, or if you need support with transport, please contact us at [nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com)

Booking is essential, and places must be pre-booked and paid for in advance. If you have any concerns about the cost of the weekend, please get in touch — we are happy to discuss support options in confidence.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Joint Service - Pentecost Celebration 24 May 2026 10.30am, St Peter's Church, Oundle

As is our custom the churches of Oundle will be gathering to celebrate Pentecost together at **St Peter's on Sunday 24 May**. We do hope that you and your congregations will be able to join us for this wonderful celebration of the birthday of the church, and the empowerment of the church through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

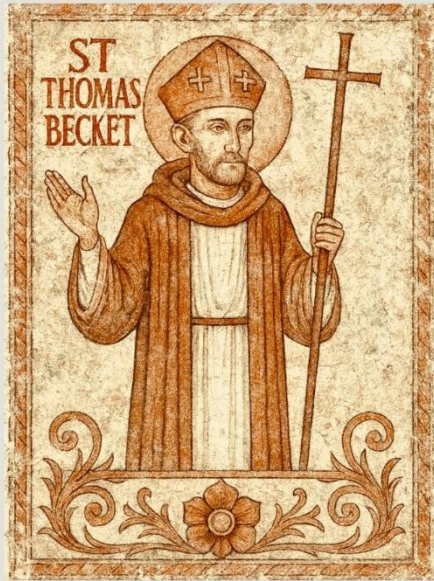
### Mary's Meals

This May, our parish is invited to join Mary's Meals UK in their annual Pray in May campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school. Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of free prayer resources, including bidding prayers, rosary reflections and a prayer calendar, suitable for use in Masses, services, parish groups, and personal prayer. These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

### Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

All are welcome to join the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday, the **1st of August 2026**, at the **Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**. More details, including information on coach transport, can be found on the website: <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>. If you cannot join in person, please consider uniting with the pilgrims in prayer.

# Holy Courage



Submit your  
**Art**

for a chance to  
be in the  
exhibition  
accompanying  
the

## Becket Festival

Our Lady Immaculate and  
St Thomas of Canterbury  
Cathedral, Northampton  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Remember how the crown was attained by those whose sufferings gave new radiance to their faith - St. Thomas Becket**

What does an every day Holy Courage that gives radiance to faith look like? Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works to:



[becket.festival.arts@gmail.com](mailto:becket.festival.arts@gmail.com)



**CLOSING DATE MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Remember how the crown was attained by those whose sufferings gave new radiance to their faith – St Thomas Becket**

Holy courage is a bravery set apart for God. St. Thomas Becket demonstrated this when he took a stand for truth to protect the Church. Mostly, for us, holy courage could mean something as seemingly simple as admitting to friend that we are Christian or perhaps trying to actively live our life according to our faith. For Christian artists it could mean summoning the courage to show your faith-inspired work to others.

Artists can ask and explore what does an every day Holy Courage that gives radiance to faith look like? With their unique role they can communicate spiritual truths in ways that cannot be revealed otherwise. Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works for a chance to show it at an exhibition accompanying the Becket Festival 4th July 2026.

If you would like to add some text explaining your work or about what inspired it please do include that too and we can add it to the catalogue accompanying the exhibition.

Submissions are invited to all creatives 8 years old and above. Please send your submission with photos and information about your works to [becket.festival.arts@gmail.com](mailto:becket.festival.arts@gmail.com) including the title, medium, year made, size in centimetres and if it is framed or not. Written and 3D works are encouraged.

Deadline for submissions **Monday 8th June 2026**

The exhibition will be open from Friday 3rd July to Sunday 5th July 2026 at the Cathedral in Northampton.

We look forward to seeing your submissions!

St Thomas Becket, pray for us.

# Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins,  
Bishop of East Anglia

When: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026

Where: Shrine of Our Lady Of Walsingham

Time: 12:00-17:00, beginning with the Pilgrim Mass at noon

Coach(es) from Central London:

- Westminster: Ambrosden Avenue (SW1P 1QJ) at 7:30am
- Southwark: St. George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) at 7:30am

Price: £30 adults & £15 children (Under 10 years old)

Further information about the pilgrimage,  
livestreaming and coach meeting points can  
be found on the website:

<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



To book: Scan QR code  
OR Contact: Nelly  
([prolifepilgrimage1967@gmail.com](mailto:prolifepilgrimage1967@gmail.com))

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## **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.