

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 11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Liturgical Colour: **White**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*The Shepherd Family well-being*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Peter & John Cooper RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx

10:00am Holy Mass (*Holy Souls*)

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of St Hilary of Poitiers

10:00am Holy Mass (*Holy Souls*)

Thursday (SPA) Feria

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass

Friday (MHNJ) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gary David Collett** who passed away on the 14th December.

Please pray for the eternal rest of **Darragh McDonagh** who died on the 1st January.

Keep their family and friends in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

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 Paul's Confirmation Classes 2026

St. Paul's, Thursday evenings (18:30 – 19:45)

08, 15, 22, & 29 January

04 & 12 February

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Craig Wilker: 07799761665, craig.wilker@gmail.com

Diana Charles: cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday 13th January 6.30pm at SPA

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday via Zoom at 7pm

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday at St Thomas More chapel

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet 2.00pm

3.00pm Stations of the Cross



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

Oundle



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

Trouble 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

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer** email: frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.30am-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

A HUGE THANK YOU to John Foster who made such a wonderful and appropriate stable for the crib figures in the church in Oundle. Much appreciated, John!

A HUGE THANK YOU also to Paul and Tom who put up the crib and decorated the church at Thrapston and to Bernie for her beautiful arrangement of flowers.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

NYMO Learning Community Online

NYMO hosts online sessions once a term for all those involved in leading the youth in the diocese, called the Learning Community Online. They are for leaders to come together to learn, to share, to swap ideas, and connect with each other. Whether you are a catechist, a youth group leader, a chaplain, or wanting to get involved in leading the next generation, these sessions are for you. The next online call is on the **14th January at 7.30pm** and will be all about **leading young people in prayer**. If you're interested in attending this session, or want to find out more about these and other ways NYMO supports youth leaders, please visit: nymo.org/diocesan-youth-leaders or contact Rebekah from the NYMO team (rebekah.gray@northamptondiocese.org)

The God Who Speaks, Our Liturgy of the Word

A series of online Zoom sessions offered by the Diocese of Northampton Liturgy Commission (Litururgical Formation), exploring the upcoming Lectionary readings and the seasons of the Liturgical Year.

These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to deepen engagement with the Scriptures proclaimed at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team, with contributions from Fr Andrew Behrens, Liz Clark, Deacon Peter Collins, Fr Jaismon Francis MSFS, Fr Allan Jones CRIC, and Mgr Kevin McGinnell, each session runs from 7.30–8.30pm and includes prayer, input, and time for questions and discussion.

- **Next session:** Wednesday, 14 January 2026
- **Focus:** Ordinary Time up to Ash Wednesday
- **Further sessions:** Throughout 2026, covering Lent and Holy Week, Eastertide, Ordinary Time, and Advent and Christmas
- **Cost:** Free (donations welcome)

Please register in advance to secure a place by

emailing deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the online Zoom session.

Sing the Season, Lent 2026

The latest event in the Northampton Diocese Music Liturgy series, offering new and seasonal music alongside fresh ideas for the Lenten season.

Designed for cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians.

Date & Time: **Saturday, 24 January 2026, 11am – 4pm**

Location: **St Aidan's Catholic Church, Finch Lane, Little Chalfont, Amersham (HP7 9NE)**

What to bring: **Packed lunch, voice, and instruments (tea and coffee provided)**

Cost: **Free (suggested donation £5 to support future events)**

Further details: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/sing-the-season-lent-2026/>

Journey with Jesus through Lent

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for online small group sessions once a week for **6 weeks beginning w.c. 16th February**. During each weekly small group session, facilitators will be using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, allowing you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. Within the session, there will also be time for silent reflection and sharing what spoke to you from the readings. Sessions will be available on multiple days and at different times.

Sign-up to our introductory webinar on **Tuesday 27th January from 7:30pm** on the

link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1963574>

You can also find out more on the diocesan

website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

Alpha Training Day – Saturday, 7th February 2026

Join us at St Joseph the Worker, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS, from **11:30**

AM to 4:00 PM, for a day that will equip you and your team to run Alpha effectively. Topics include running sessions, creating the right environment, organising day/weekend events, promoting Alpha, and fostering a culture of welcome and leadership. Lunch, tea, and coffee are included, and the cost is £15. While individuals are welcome, bringing a small parish team is highly recommended. <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/alpha-training-day/>

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



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

LUX. Belong

When: **13-15th February 2026**

Where: **Kings Park Centre, Northampton**

Who: **Ages 11-18 (school years 7-13)**

How much: **£110**

LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is Belong.

Visit nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/ or

email NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com to find out more.

Save the Date – Diocesan Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Good News to our Annual Mission Conference on

Saturday 14th March 2026, 10:30am–4:00pm,

at Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HZ.

Parking is available onsite. Come and be inspired, equipped, and encouraged in the work of mission. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. We look forward to welcoming you for a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal in our shared mission. More here www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/

Safeguarding Survey for the Youth

The diocesan Safeguarding team is looking at how young people perceive safeguarding and how they receive information from a diocesan level.

They want to know how we can communicate better so if you are **aged 11 to 18**, please take 5 minutes to complete a few questions using this link:

[Northampton Diocese Safeguarding Feedback 2025 - Youth – Fill in form](#)

OTHER NOTICES

The Theology of John Henry Newman & Its Relevance for Today's Church - Tuesday 20th January, 5.30pm

In celebration of St John Henry Newman's importance for Catholic education, the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, together with the Newman Association, has developed a six-session short course designed to deepen your understanding of key themes in Newman's theology and their relevance for the Church today. The course will be team-taught by leading theologians and delivered live online, one Tuesday evening each month. Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-theology-of-john-henry-newman-its-relevance-for-todays-church-tickets-1906599794309>

The Bereavement Journey

Run by the Baptist Church in Oundle, starting on Wednesday evenings from **21st January 2026**; it will run for 7 weeks, at No.1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG. It is an award-winning series of films and discussion that gently guides adults bereaved at any time, through the varied ways grief and bereavement can impact, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps. Guests do their own grief work, facilitated by volunteers. Contact Judith Brashaw at Oundle Baptist Church.

Office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

More information at <https://www.thebereavementjourney.org/>

World Leprosy Day 2026 – 25th January

In the spirit of John Bradburne's selfless devotion to those suffering from leprosy, we ask everyone to come together on World Leprosy Day to support this vital cause. Your support can help us continue to care for those affected by leprosy living at Mutemwa

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's Retreat - 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a five-day, shortened form, guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). The retreat is open to ordained, religious, and lay men who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. Event details:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

Love & Beauty in St John's *Spiritual Canticle* - 20–22 February 2026

2026 marks the centenary of the declaration of St John of the Cross as a Doctor of the Church. In honour of this anniversary, **Fr Matthew Blake, OCD**, will offer a weekend reflecting on the themes of love and beauty in the most celebrated poetry of the great Spanish mystic.

Event details:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/love-beauty-in-st-johns-spiritual-canticle/>

Webinar: The Role of Beauty in Moral Formation

The Catholic Union invites you to a webinar on **Monday 20th April at 6.00pm** exploring the place of beauty in the moral formation of individuals and society. Chaired by journalist Catherine Pepinster, speakers include Fr Patrick van der Vorst, priest and founder of Christian Art, and Stefan Kaminski, Director of The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Booking is essential: Email info@catholicunion.org.uk to receive your Zoom link.

Patmos Pilgrimage

JC Journeys are organising a pilgrimage to Patmos, led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD. Known as the site where St John the Theologian received the Book of Revelation, Patmos is a place where faith and history intertwine.

Dates: Monday 1 June – Sunday 7 June 2026

Cost: £1,595 (based on two people sharing)

For more information, please contact JC Journeys at enquiries@jcjourneys.com.

Blessed Peter Wright Cluster

Bring and Share
Epiphany Lunch

Oundle Bowls Club

10th Jan at 12.30

Bar available

Tea and coffee provided.

Please sign up - sheets on
noticeboards

Donations towards club heating and lighting for the session
appreciated; any profit goes towards our churches'
maintenance.

As it is the Epiphany and the Wise Men brought gifts the
Foodbank box will be available for gifts of food.

Queries to Richard or Elizabeth Poole