

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Liturgical Colour: **White**

**Second Collection - SVP**

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Francis & Joseph Dunphy RIP*)  
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)  
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Darragh McDonough well-being*)

**Rest of the Week**

**Monday (SPA)** Memorial of *St Andrew Dũng-Lac and the martyrs of Vietnam*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Malachy Brady RIP*)

**Tuesday (SPA)** Memorial of *St Catherine of Alexandria*

09:00am Holy Mass (*Holy Souls*)

**Thursday (SPA)** *Feria*

5:00pm Holy Hour

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Abel DeAnda & Chad Kernan RIP*)

**Friday (MHNJ)** *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **CONFESSIONS**  
(*Holy Souls*)

**SPA**

1pm Funeral Service of George Hearnden

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

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

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

**St Paul's Confirmation Classes 2025-2026**

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

**20 November**

**04 & 11 December**

**08, 15, 22, & 29 January**

**05 & 12 February**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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**MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm

**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

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**Jubilee Year 2025  
Pilgrims of Hope**

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the eternal rest of George Anthony Stephen Hearnden. Keep his family and friends in your prayers as they go through this difficult time. The Funeral Service will take place at Saint Paul's church on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.**

**First Holy Communion**

Please pray for our three candidates (Eliza, Johan and Jeffrin) as they continue preparing for their First Holy Communion which will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at St Paul's church.**

**Love Christmas Campaign 2025**

Share God's love for us with so many locally who are in real need and poverty. Join the SVP, Caritas and parishes and schools across the diocese to support families with young children, the elderly, the lonely and isolated, young carers, children from broken homes, children in care, young people leaving the care system, and many others. If you are able to, please donate a present for an adult or child which will be distributed to local people and families in need. Please **do not include non-gift items** such as pasta, tinned food, toothpaste, hand sanitizer etc these will be gratefully accepted by your local foodbank.

**Suggested Gift Ideas:**

Chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets). Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, books, playing cards, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, Christmas crackers, Christmas lights, Christmas activities games, toiletry gift packs, Play doh. Suggested Additional Gifts for babies and toddlers: Cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys, socks, gloves, and blankets. Suggested Additional Gifts for Elderly People Individual Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, lap blanket, insulated mug, gloves, scarf.

Please bring donations to church - we will be collecting in our cluster from **23<sup>rd</sup> November – 7<sup>th</sup> December**. More information can be found on the link. <https://youtu.be/pfjiM5K-qal>



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diocese of northampton



**CASPAR**

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_e?ID=56088)

**Oundle**



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

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer**

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

### Cluster Lunch

Please join us for lunch at the Talbot Hotel, **Oundle at 12.30 on Monday 24th November 2025.**

Please contact Elizabeth or Marlene by Wednesday 12th November, if you are interested.

### What Was Discussed at the PPC Meeting

Our Parish Pastoral Council held a meeting on 17th November 2025 at 7pm. Here is what was discussed.

#### Cutting costs

Possibility of closing St Thomas More or seeing if Rushden would take it on.  
Possibility of holding services at the Anglican church – however, this may be expensive and the Anglican church is not easily accessible and has no car park.  
Concerns that the money Oundle made from selling the presbytery is slowly dwindling away due to the deficit we are in.

We are currently waiting for documents to inform us of maintenance/what needs doing to each of the three buildings and there are concerns that Raunds might need quite a lot of money investing into it (such as whether it needs a new boiler) which may not be feasible.

#### Raising Money

People need to increase how much they give to the church – we are not running sustainably.

Fundraising ideas:

100-club

Social events like coffee and cake, art exhibition, race night

Concerts

Other ideas welcome

It was, however, questioned how much money we would actually raise and that we should not be spending more on holding events than we think we can raise.

#### Making our churches more visible

Better signage

Painting of a cross, St Paul or Our Lady at the front of Thrapston church  
Becoming involved in ecumenical activities – showing people Catholics are here

Tell the Vicar at Raunds about the SVP

#### St Thomas More Weekday Mass

There used to be Monday Mass in Raunds followed by a social event. Fr Jonathan is happy to trial this in January.

#### Children's Liturgy

If there is a demand to restart children's liturgy, then let's do it.

### Advent Reflections at MHNJ Saturday 6th December 10 – 12 (with half an hour break for refreshments)

The whole cluster is invited. A reflection on the Christmas story before we all get too busy and don't have time to reflect. We will be using an ancient Ignatian practice of Imaginative Contemplation which is simply imagining oneself in the story, and there will be opportunity (but no pressure) to briefly share experiences. It will be very informal and there will be tea, coffee and nibbles half way through.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Join Our Team – Lead Caritas in the Diocese of Northampton

We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate individual to lead our Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton.

This part-time position (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton. If you are inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and have proven experience in project leadership and community outreach, we would be delighted to hear from you. To apply, complete a Diocesan application form and send it to [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org).

Visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/job/strategic-lead-for-caritas-social-action/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/job/strategic-lead-for-caritas-social-action/) for more information.

This vacancy will remain open until the post is filled.

### World Youth Sunday Mass – Celebrate with NYMO!

Join us for our World Youth Sunday Mass as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on **Sunday 23rd November at 3pm in Northampton Cathedral.**

Following the Mass, everyone is warmly invited to enjoy refreshments in the St Thomas Centre, where from 5pm we'll host an Open Mic Concert showcasing the incredible talents of our Youth Ministry.

This special afternoon is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and celebration of the young people who bring so much life to our Church.

For any questions, please contact [hollycook@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hollycook@northamptondiocese.org)

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox [sharon\\_knox@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_knox@hotmail.com)

## 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.



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

Visit: [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565395955

## Online Advent Retreat: Monday 24th November at 7:30pm

Disrupted by Grace, week 1, with Dr Jessie Rogers and Dr Avril Baigent.

This Advent, we will explore the theme "Disrupted by Grace" by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1. We begin on Monday 24th November by unpacking the story of Tamar and exploring the presence of grace in our lives.

Find out more and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

## Survey: Neurodiversity and the Catholic Faith

If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), you are invited to take part in one of two short (10–20 minute) anonymous online surveys, **available until 12 January 2026:**

- If you are a neurodivergent Catholic adult, [click here](#)
- For the survey for caregivers of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), [click here](#)

## Supporting the Jubilee for Prisoners – A Call to Action

In the lead-up to the Jubilee for Prisoners on **14th December**, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is delighted to share a new Call to Action Guide, developed in response to last year's Bishops' Conference publication *Remember Me*, which explores the realities of the criminal justice system in the UK. Documents can be found here <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/responding-to-remember-me-a-call-to-prayer-reflection-and-action/>

## Sing the Season – Advent 2025

Join the Diocese of Northampton Music & Liturgy Team for a brand-new event, Sing the Season, on **Saturday 22nd November 2025 (11am–4pm) at Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence Church, Olney**. Open to cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians, the day will feature seasonal music, new psalm settings, and fresh ideas for parish liturgy. Attendance is free (suggested £5 donation). Tea and coffee provided—bring your instrument, voice, and packed lunch! Let's prepare for Advent together in song, faith, and fellowship.

## Advent Novena

We are pleased to share the *Crown of Advent Novena*, a beautiful reflection based on the O Antiphons, created by parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham Parish in Corby. Individuals are warmly invited to sign up to **receive the novena by email each day from 17 December through Christmas Day**. This offers a simple yet profound way to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of the Lord. Please consider promoting this initiative within your parish communities as we journey together through the final days of Advent. [www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/)

## LUX Youth Residential Weekend

Our diocesan residential weekend for young people in school years 7–13 will take place from **13–15 February** at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Packed with workshops, drama, music, worship, Mass, games, and time with friends, this year's theme is *Belong*. The cost is £110. For more information or to book, visit [nimo.org/lux-belong-2026](http://nimo.org/lux-belong-2026) or email [NYMO@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO@northamptondiocese.com).

## 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/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/)

## OTHER NOTICES

### Advent Resources

As we enter this season of hopeful preparation, we invite you to explore our [Digital Resource Page](#) on the diocesan website. We have also created a separate [Advent Opportunities page](#) featuring links to retreats, prayers, and other seasonal events to support you and your communities during this sacred time.

### 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](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) to receive your Zoom link.

### 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 Osyths 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](mailto:Office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)  
More information at <https://www.thebereavementjourney.org/>

### Advent Bible Studies

Join Mauro Iannicelli for four engaging Bible studies on the Advent Sunday Gospels, exploring the readings in depth with thought-provoking insights and questions to enrich the celebration of Holy Mass.  
Sessions will take place on **Wednesdays 26 November, 3, 10, and 17 December, 7–8pm** UK time, free of charge via LIVE YouTube. To register, visit <https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies>

### SYNOD Study Groups Updates

The General Secretariat of the Synod has released interim reports of the ten Study Groups, summarising progress between summer and autumn. These documents reflect the substantive work undertaken and the synodal method guiding the process: mutual listening, careful analysis of contributions, dialogue with local Episcopal Conferences, collaboration across diverse areas of expertise, and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Their publication aims to foster wider understanding of this stage of the Synod's implementation and the steps being taken to carry it forward. [Read the reports here](#)



**NYMO**  Northampton Youth Ministry Office

**COME JOIN US FOR...**

# world youth *sun* day



**23RD NOVEMBER**

**3PM MASS @ NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL**

**5PM CONCERT, OPEN MIC, AND SNACKS @ THE ST. THOMAS CENTRE**

**FOR AGES 11-35**

**CONTACT HOLLY FROM NYMO TO FIND OUT MORE:**

**[NYMO@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO@northamptondiocese.com)**



THE NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE



YOU ARE WARMLY  
INVITED TO JOIN THE  
CHURCHES IN  
RAUNDS TO

CAROLS ON  
THE SQUARE  
ON  
FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER  
AT 6PM

Join us for Christmas Carols  
followed by mince pies



Vineyard Church



St. Peter's Church

Raunds Methodist Church

St. Thomas More RC Church

**Carols On The Square 2025 - Running Order**

Welcome & opening prayer – St Peter's  
Once In Royal David's City  
Reading: Luke 1: 26-35, 38 – St Thomas Moore  
O Little Town Of Bethlehem  
Reading: Luke 2: 1, 3-7 – Methodists  
Silent Night, Holy Night  
Reading: Luke 2: 8-20 – Vineyard  
Away In A Manger  
All Age Talk from Andrew - Methodists  
O Come All Ye Faithful (with a modern twist)  
Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 – St Thomas Moore  
We Three Kings Of Orient Are  
Reading: John 1: 1-14 – St Peter's  
Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
Final Blessing - Vineyard