



Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright

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Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle & **St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston**
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Sunday 29th June 2025

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Liturgical Colour: **RED**

Second Collection: Peter's Pence

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass *(Pro populo)*
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass *(Peter Bond RIP)*
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass *(John & Peter Cooper RIP)*

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Memorial of First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

10:00am Holy Mass *(Collett family well-being)*

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of St Oliver Plunkett

09:00am Holy Mass *(Andy Aitchison RIP)*

Thursday (SPA) Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

10:00am Holy Mass *(Fr Thomas McDonald RIP)*

NO HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Confessions**

(Rosa D'Autilia RIP)

Saturday - CATHEDRAL OF NORTHAMPTON: BECKET FESTIVAL

12noon: Mass for the commemoration of
the Translation of the relics of St Thomas Becket

3.00pm: BECKET LECTURE - "Becket: A Saint for Europe"

CONFESSIONS: As advertised above or by appointment

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.

Parish Priest: **Fr Benedetto D'Autilia**

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11am-1pm)**

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

DIOCESAN NEWS: <https://northamptondiocese.org/news/>

email: frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org

email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Newsletter items to be emailed to Meg by **Wednesday**



Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

to watch videos,
click on image.

CONFIRMATION 2025/2026

If you are a young person in year 8, 9, 10 or 11 and wish to be confirmed, forms are available at the back of each church.

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Resumes in September.

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

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/me?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/me?ID=56072

Troubles 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

Blessed Peter Wright Cluster Listening Report

Summary of Responses

The Listening Methodology

- Listeners were trained by the diocesan team from across the three communities.
- Responses were received from all three communities, the Pastoral Parish Council and the under-18s group.
- Groups used the 'conversation in the Spirit' method, which encourages every voice to be heard.
- A discernment group of clergy and laity are working with the results of the listening to produce the main themes in this report, and then create scenarios towards the final plan.

What we heard:

What is good about our Catholic Community?

- Good sense of community in individual churches
- Warm welcome on arrival
- Loyal, committed communities
- Intergenerational participation with families and young people present especially at St Paul's
- Regular Mass schedule with resident priest
- Opportunities for music and singing at all three churches
- Active Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) supporting charitable work
- Extraordinary Ministers from Thrapston and Raunds visiting housebound and sick across the cluster
- Opportunities for Adoration and weekday Masses

Current Needs and Challenges

- Difficulty retaining teenagers after Confirmation
- Need for more youth-focused activities and liturgy
- Financial pressures
- Limited social spaces for gatherings and events
- Large catchment areas creating transport challenges
- Lack of cluster-wide unity - parishioners reluctant to attend other churches
- Cultural and language barriers affecting integration
- Raunds community feeling forgotten or marginalized
- Concerns for pressure on single priest serving multiple locations
- Need for more lay involvement and leadership



Ways to Seize New Opportunities

- Consider becoming one unified parish (Blessed Peter Wright)
- Explore building partnerships or closures to reduce financial burden
- Improve church visibility and accessibility
- Restore tabernacle and Blessed Sacrament at Raunds
- Involve local East Timor community members more directly
- Organise cluster-wide events, trips, and social activities
- Establish regular coffee mornings and social gatherings
- Create communication networks (WhatsApp groups)
- Develop car-sharing systems for Mass and events
- Restart children's liturgy programmes
- Involve Oundle School students in liturgical roles and community service
- Create youth groups and activities
- Make churches more family-friendly with space for children
- Strengthen ecumenical relationships with other local churches
- Increase outreach to new housing
- Collaborate on community needs like food banks
- Develop adult faith formation programs
- Survey parishioners about desired involvement opportunities
- Regular fundraising activities (jumble sales, 100-club)
- More lay leadership in various ministries
- Prayer groups across the cluster

If you would like to respond to this report, please use the QR code to go to our online form.

The next steps in the process involve:

- Examining the pastoral, financial and property data for the three communities
- Creating scenarios as a response to these realities
- Holding an open meeting for parishioners to respond
- Creating a finalised plan
- Presenting the plan to Bishop David to shape future diocesan strategy.

Find out more information about the New Wineskins Process across the diocese here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/pd-northnorthants/>





St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

www.svp.org.uk

svp140512@gmail.com Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

CLUSTER NOTICES

Second Collection Contribution on Dona Machines

You can now use the Dona Card Machines at Most Holy Name's and St Paul's churches for your contribution to a 2nd collection.

We Dare to Hope Study Group at MHNJ

Following the success of the group at Raunds studying this booklet we are hoping to begin looking at it in church. This is as well as the Zoom group on a Tuesday evening, not replacing it! **Please join us if you can.** Subsequent dates **25th June, 9th July**, and continuing as the group decides.

Bring and Share Lunch at Most Holy Name's

Please save **Saturday 28th June** for a Cluster Garden Party at **12.30**. Please bring picnic chairs (and a little table if you wish) and a light food or drink donation. Don't forget that you are not feeding everyone! We're hoping that it will be sunhat/suncream weather but in case of rain there is a backup plan close by!

Cat in Need of a New Home

As you are aware, Fr Benedetto is moving into Bishop's House. He is looking to rehome Sylvester as the new living arrangements are not suitable for Sylvester. Please let Fr Benedetto know if you are or know of anybody who would be interested in giving Sylvester a new home.

FR BENEDETTO'S 10th Anniversary – Friday 1st August

Fr Benedetto will celebrate a Mass for his ten years as a priest on **Friday 1st August at 7.00pm** in the church of St Paul in Thrapston.

You are all welcome.

More details to come.

FR PIUS' 10th Anniversary – 5th July

Fr Pius Amoako, our previous parish priest, invites you to a celebration of his 10th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

Venue: Our Lady Immaculate and St Ethelbert's Church,
Wellington St, Slough SL1 1XU

Saturday 5th July 2025

11.30am Praise and Worship & 12.00noon Holy Mass

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Becket Festival at Northampton Cathedral – 5th July 2025

Join us at Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 5th July for a special celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the Diocese of Northampton and the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Thomas Becket.

The day will begin with **Mass at 12 noon**, followed by the **annual Becket Lecture at 3pm**, delivered this year

by Fr Andrew Coy on the theme: *"Becket: A Saint for Europe"*

The day will conclude with the celebration of **Vespers**. All are welcome to attend this special occasion in the life of our diocese, honouring our patron saint and giving thanks for 175 years of witness and mission.

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/national-safeguarding-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



What is the feast of the Translation of the Relics of St Thomas Becket (1118-1170 AD)?

The "translation of the relics of Thomas Becket" refers to the formal transfer of his remains from his original tomb in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral to a new, elaborate shrine in the cathedral's Trinity Chapel.

This event, which occurred in **July 1220** (fifty years after the saint's martyrdom), was a major ceremony attended by King Henry III and other dignitaries. The translation was a significant moment in the veneration of St. Thomas Becket, transforming Canterbury into a major pilgrimage site in Europe. The shrine and its contents were eventually destroyed in **1538** during the reign of King Henry VIII, as part of his break with the Church.



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Safeguarding Communications Plan

This is our up to date diocesan safeguarding communication plan:

[Safeguarding Communications Plan](#)

We are all invited to fill in a feedback form regarding our individual experience of safeguarding in our community. The form can be accessed at: [Feedback Form](#)

Called & Equipped

The *Called & Equipped* course offers a foundation in Catholic teaching and spiritual formation through online group sessions and in-person events. It's ideal for those active in parish life or entering ministry.

Curious to learn more? Join one of our free introductory webinars:
Upcoming Webinars (via Zoom):

- **Thursday 10 July, 7:30pm** – [Register here](#)
- **Tuesday 22 July, 7:30pm** – [Register here](#)

Northampton Diocesan Pilgrimage to France

Paray-le-Monial • Cluny • Taizé

**With Bishop David Oakley | Sunday 19 – Friday 24
October 2025**

Join Bishop David Oakley and pilgrims from across the diocese on a deeply spiritual journey marking the 350th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Places are limited—early booking is strongly recommended.

Details & Registration – [click here](#)

OTHER NOTICES

Abortion up to birth - how did your MP vote?

Did your MP vote for abortion up to birth? Use this web tool to find out and then send them an email to encourage them to vote the right way if the amendment / other abortion amendments return from the Lords for votes in the Commons during “ping-pong”.

Please take action now and email your local MP:

www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirthvote

- it takes just 30 seconds!

SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A wonderful occasion to gather members from all across the Society, taking place on **Sunday 6th July 2025**. The day will include Mass, Anointing of the sick and Benediction. If you have any questions, get in contact: bethant@svp.org.uk

D-Summer: Mountains (11–13 July, Brentwood)

For young people aged **11–18** across our diocese. Join the NYMO team for a weekend retreat exploring the life of Moses and how his journey helps us face our own “mountains.”

Special guests include Bishop David, Fr Pius (St Ethelbert's, Slough), Jasmine (Catholic Students Network), and members of the Sion Community. **Friday 11 July (6.30pm) – Sunday 13 July (3.30pm)** Brentwood – transport provided

Info & sign-up: nymo.org/d-summer

Art Retreat at Turvey Abbey - 19th July

Please see poster on notice board.

We Believe Festival

From **25th-28th July**, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at **St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham**.

Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefestival.com

Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride for Oundle

This year the Ride and Stride sponsored event will be on **Saturday 14th September**. It is a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers, toddlers and horse riders.

Participants choose their own route and timing round participating historic churches, so for those with restricted mobility even the three Oundle churches might be enough (Most Holy Name, School Chapel and St Peter's).

We will be looking for volunteers to ride, stride (or even toddle) and to get sponsored for the same.

Ride and Stride is an opportunity to raise money not only for the Trust but for our own church, as they return 50% of the money to Most Holy Name.

Importantly, participation enables us to apply for grants when alterations are needed. You can also be sponsored for manning the church. We will need volunteers to do this. Choose a friend and enjoy a coffee and chat in between welcoming visitors.





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Cluster Bring and Share

Garden Lunch

In Most Holy Name of Jesus Garden

12.30 Saturday June 28th

Please bring a folding chair, a little picnic table if you wish, and a contribution to the picnic lunch.

Supervised children are very welcome and they remain the responsibility of their parents.

A wet weather option is nearby; if needed and you are late ring the mobile below for directions.

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