



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 15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

Liturgical Colour: **Violet or Rose**

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Percy Borg RIP*)

9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Mary Casey RIP*)

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro Populo – especially for mothers*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) NO MASS

Tuesday (SPA) *Feast of St Patrick*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Cathleen Fox RIP*)

Thursday (SPA) *Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Betts – Foundation Mass*)

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*Helen Khan RIP*)

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

SPA: *St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON*

STM: *St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS*

Holy Triduum

Maundy Thursday - 8pm at SPA - Mass of the Supper of the Lord

Good Friday – 3pm at MHNJ – Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday – 8pm at SPA – Easter Vigil

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day – your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent – fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table.

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

Or by:

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

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955



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

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m
e?ID=56072

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 2.00pm

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

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 11.00am-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

Prayers for the Middle East

To mark the conflict in the Middle East the **MHNJ** church will be open from **9.15 on Friday 20th** for quiet prayer before Mass for all those who wish to come and pray quietly for those killed, injured or bereaved in all the Middle East conflict. There will be some prayers provided.

Lenten Practices

The Zoom prayer group has come up with some suggestions for practices for Lent which are a bit different. These include:

- Giving up moaning and grumbling.
 - Think, every day in Lent, of something for which you are really grateful (not that you think you *ought* to be grateful) and write it down. At the end of Lent you will have a treasury of gratitude to use when you feel dull and grey.
 - A good deed a day/week. Helping someone, phone call, even as simple as a heartfelt compliment to someone.
 - Rosary a day, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries.
- Does anyone else have any unusual ideas? Please pass them on!

Lent Reflections

Tuesday 17th March 10am - 12pm at MHNJ with a break for refreshments and socialising. The title is **The Joy of Lent** and we will work through some imaginative contemplation, with some silence and some opportunity for sharing and discussion (apologies to those who are working - there were no free Saturdays in Lent). All welcome. *Elizabeth Poole*

5 day guided tour in Vienna including a cruise on the Danube: 8th to 12th October 2026

Mr Philip Pedley who is a Most Holy Name of Jesus parishioner and Oundle School retired History Teacher has kindly offered to guide us on this trip. The trip will be at a leisurely pace with frequent comfort breaks to accommodate the needs of our guests of all ages. Estimated cost is £700 excluding meals, entrance fees and personal expenses.

We would like to invite all Cluster members to join us. This trip is not restricted to Parishioners. If you, your family or friends are interested, please contact Marlene, Father Jonathan or email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org for the itinerary and costing details as soon as possible or **by 16th March** at the latest.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Lent Resources

Bringing together a wide range of Lenten resources to support both groups and individuals on their journey through this sacred season, our Lent resources page on the diocesan website is now live.

Whether you are looking for prayer materials, reflections, or practical ideas for fasting and almsgiving, these resources are designed to help deepen faith and encourage spiritual renewal throughout Lent. All materials are offered to support parishes, families and individuals across the diocese as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lent-resources/>

Safeguarding Training

We are pleased to invite those involved in parish ministries to an in-person safeguarding training day on **Saturday 14 March, 10.00am–1.00pm**, at the St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Road, Semilong, Northampton, NN2 6AG.

Led by the diocesan safeguarding team of the Diocese of Northampton, this session offers a clear, practical and engaging introduction to safeguarding. Previous participants have described it as inspiring and the best safeguarding training they have attended.

There will be an opportunity to socialise after the session; please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay.

Places are limited, so please sign up using the link below to secure your place: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/2056353>

Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Gospel to the Annual Mission Conference on **Saturday 14 March 2026, from 10.30 am to 4 pm in Leighton Buzzard.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, be inspired, and learn more about mission work within our diocese. The conference is free to attend, though small donations towards the work of Mission Northampton are very welcome. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

More information: [Mission Conference 2026](#)

Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)

The **Northampton Charismatic Diocesan Services of Communion (CDSC)** invite parishioners to take part in *Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)* - a four-part monthly online series exploring how the Holy Spirit shapes, strengthens, and sends us out as disciples of Christ. Sessions run from **7.00–8.30pm on Tuesdays:**

17 March – Bonding – Speaker to be confirmed

16 June – Empowerment – Charles Whitehead

14 July – Mission – Maria Heath

All are welcome.

More information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/walking-in-the-holy-spirit/>

'Born for This' – Symphony Hall – Wednesday 25 March, 7.00pm

CJM Music and young people from six Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are collaborating for a special performance. You are invited to experience the power and passion of *Born For This* in a special 30th anniversary event. This dramatic and musical retelling of the Stations of the Cross has moved audiences in churches nationwide, including the iconic Westminster Cathedral.

Now, a vibrant cast, including young people from across Birmingham and Solihull, will bring the story to life with fresh energy and heartfelt devotion. Featuring stirring music performed live by Jo Boyce with band and chamber orchestra, and uplifted by a 300-strong choir of young voices, this unforgettable production promises an inspiring journey of faith, hope and beauty.

Tickets can be purchased directly from Symphony Hall using the following link:

<https://bmusic.co.uk/events/born-for-this>

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Date: Saturday 28th March, 2026

Programme: A day including prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open **Q&A**

Who is it for? Men who are exploring, questioning, or discerning a call to the priesthood

Where? Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney

This day offers a relaxed and supportive opportunity to reflect on God's call, to learn more about priestly life, and to ask honest questions in a prayerful setting.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact: Fr Pius

 vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org

 01753 523147

OTHER NOTICES

Oundle Lent Lunches

Oundle Lent Lunches are here again! **Every Thursday in Lent (19th February - 2nd April incl.), 12 noon to 1.30 pm** in Oundle Methodist Church: homemade soup, bread and cheese (gluten-free bread available).

No fixed charge - donations to Christian Aid. All welcome.

The day our church is hosting is **26th March** but don't forget that it is happening every Thursday in Lent and it is a great social occasion when members of all the churches get together, and there is always a great choice of homemade soup.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (**Year 12, 10-15 August**) and to The Human Ecology (**Year 13, 5-10 July**). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. For more information please visit:

www.christianleadershipformation.com

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

The Joy of Lent

A session of reflection and sharing
on the joy of Lent.

Tuesday 17th March

10am to 12pm with a break for
refreshments and socialising.

At the Most Holy Name of Jesus,
Oundle.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Elizabeth Poole

elizpoole53@gmail.com

FREE FRAUD PROTECTION ADVICE

IN KETTERING



We have been offered access to free **Fraud Protect Advice** by the police. Richard Kubon, Fraud Protect Development Officer from Leicestershire police will be delivering accessible training on:

Wednesday, 22 April at 6.30pm - 8pm

St Edward's Parish Hall in Kettering.

NN15 7QQ

Free parking is available at the swimming pool car park.

In order to cater for refreshments (tea/coffee), please register your interest by emailing

laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org

The churches in Raunds warmly invite you join them
on
Good Friday
for songs of worship and readings to
reflect on the meaning of Good Friday
at 11am on Friday 3rd April
in Raunds Square.
Followed by hot cross buns

All the churches in Raunds will be represented at this Good Friday gathering in Raunds Town Square at 11am. Do come along. (If anyone would like to do a reading you'd be most welcome - please get in touch with Pauline 07597707388)

Creative Spirit
ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH ART

Life Drawing

Come and enjoy a few hours of
untaught drawing from a live,
clothed model.

Saturday
21st AND
Saturday
28th March
10am -
noon
refreshments
served.
Suggested £5
donations to
S.V.P.
BASIC
materials
supplied

**St. Thomas More church room, 6 Marshalls
Rd., Raunds NN9 6HP**
Enquiries: Pauline 07597707388



THE CHRISTIAN
HERITAGE CENTRE
Stonyhurst

Forming Catholic Student Leaders

APPLY BY
APRIL 30TH

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION

Year 12 / Lower Sixth Students

10TH – 15TH AUGUST

The Common Good

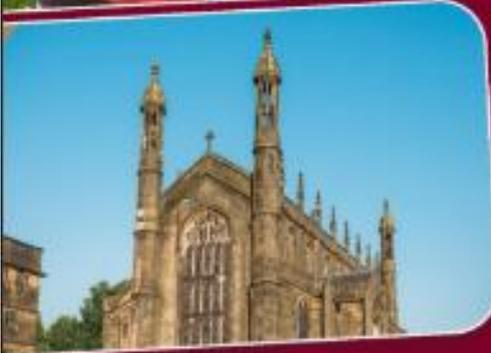
Exploring the nature of human
dignity, rights and civil law

Year 13 / Upper Sixth Students

5TH – 10TH JULY

The Human Ecology

Exploring social issues around the
family, economy and environment



CatholicVoices



St Mary's
University
Yorker Lane
London

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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

Creative Art Retreat Days 2026

Each day consists of a group of 10-12 like-minded people.

(No previous experience is necessary.)

There is unlimited tea and coffee on tap and a home cooked vegetarian lunch.

The day begins at 9-45 am, with a welcoming cuppa and ends around 4 pm.

Around 11.30 those who wish can join for a short Mass .

Continue with work until 1.pm for lunch, followed by a short optional meditation, or a wander.

Then finish around 3.30 for tea and cake and a general "Happy chat ", about our work and the day .

Cost of the day is £50 and includes all the materials and refreshments.

Payment can be made by cheque to :

The Monastery of Christ our Saviour

Or by Direct Debit

Monastery of Christ Saviour. Sort: 60-16-45

Account No: 68198140

Reference "creativity retreat" Or Cash

**To request a bookingplease e mail Jane : on
cjanemonk@yahoo.co.uk**

Saturday. **March. 14th.** The Heart's Impress.

Exploring basic printing.

Marie Ryan & Pauline Wood

Saturday. **May 2nd.** Going for a song.

Bird song and a certain type of Music.

Brother John

Saturday. **July 11th.** Mosaic Magic.

Be creative with glass.

Cathy Ebbels

Saturday. **September 12th.** Words Pictures.

Calligrams—Using words to create pictures.

Tina Rogers

Saturday. **October 10th.** Mindful Quilting.

Produce a table mat or cushion.

Glynis Harper

Saturday. **November 21st.** Book Folding.

Relax before Christmas and create a unique Christmas Angel.

Marie Heath