

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Second Sunday after the Nativity**

Liturgical Colour: **White**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*The Moran Family*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Fr Jonathan Creer well-being*)

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (STM) Feria**

10:00am Holy Mass (*Joan Scanlon well-being*)

**Tuesday (SPA) The Epiphany of the Lord**

10:00am Holy Mass (*Lottie Baker & Family well-being*)

**Wednesday (MHNJ)**

09:30am Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

**Thursday (SPA) Feria**

09:30am Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Tom Scanlon & Family*)

**Friday (MHNJ) Feria**

10:00am Holy Mass (*Catherine Moran well-being*)

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 eternal rest of **Darragh McDonagh** who died on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Keep his 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](mailto:craig.wilker@gmail.com)

Diana Charles: [cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk)



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

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

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

**Oundle**



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

### MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

**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

### 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](mailto:support@caspar.church)

Phone Us on 01440 730399

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

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

**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!

### Ride And Stride Update:

A cheque has been received for £352.50 for the half-share of the Ride and Stride takings. **MANY THANKS** to all who contributed! Gift aid also made a big difference.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Strategic Lead for Caritas Social Action

We're seeking a passionate individual to lead Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton. This part-time role (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton.

If you are committed to Catholic Social Teaching and have experience in project leadership and community outreach, we'd love to hear from you!

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to:

[hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**The closing date for the position is 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

### Alpha Training Day – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### 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

### The Theology of John Henry Newman & Its Relevance for Today's Church - Tuesday 20 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 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/>

## 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)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com).

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Bring and Share  
Epiphany Lunch

Oundle Bowls Club

10<sup>th</sup> 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