



# 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**

**Office:** 2 St Paul's Gardens, Thrapston, NN14 4FE - 01832 617 050  
www.eastnorthantscatholic.uk - parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org



## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)  
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Jonty Shingles RIP*)  
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (SPA)** *Feast of Ss Michael Gabriel & Raphael*  
10:00am Holy Mass  
**Tuesday (SPA)** *Memorial of St Jerome*  
09:00am Holy Mass  
**Thursday (SPA)** *Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels*  
5:00pm **Holy Hour and CONFESSIONS**  
5:45pm Vespers  
6:00pm Holy Mass  
**Friday (MHNJ)** *Feria (Niamh Wilker well-being)*  
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

### Next Second Collection

5<sup>th</sup> October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

### Annual Parish Mass Count

The annual four weekly Mass count is to be taken at the end of September and beginning of October.

Week Two: 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September

Week Three: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October

Week Four: 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October

### Thank You from Fr Benedetto

Fr Benedetto would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their very generous leaving gifts.

### MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**3.00pm** Stations of the Cross



### Jubilee Year 2025

#### Pilgrims of Hope

to watch videos,  
click on image.

## 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.



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](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56088)

#### Oundle



[www.caspar.church/me?ID=56072](http://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](mailto:support@caspar.church)
- Phone Us on 01440 730399

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/>



# St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

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

[svp140512@gmail.com](mailto:svp140512@gmail.com) Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

## CLUSTER NOTICES

### Our Lady's Statue MHNJ and the Cluster

Those who have been a while in the parish will know that Fr Graham Platt, a former parish priest, brought a statue of Our Lady back from a shrine in France. The statue has been borrowed for a week or so, to take home to cherish, for a specific intention or thanksgiving but possibly just to enjoy a particular devotion to Our Lady. It's a small plain cream coloured statue (not the white one with gold trim) on the shelf in the porch, and there is bubble wrap and felt bags for safe transportation. Please sign the sheet when you borrow it. Fellow parishioners from Thrapston and Raunds are welcome to take it too.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Diocesan Leadership Course – Bethsaida

Are you already serving in your parish, or do people naturally look to you for guidance? Do you feel called to grow in confidence and take a more active role in your parish or pastoral area? The Bethsaida Leadership Course offers the opportunity to deepen your faith, strengthen your leadership skills, and learn how to serve with your eyes fixed on Christ. Rooted in prayer and practical training, this course will help you grow as one of the living stones (1 Peter 2:5), building up the Church today.

To find out more or to apply, please visit [northamptondiocese.org/catholic-leadership](http://northamptondiocese.org/catholic-leadership).

### ETHICS UNPLUGGED – A Catholic Response to Key Issues

A four-part online Zoom series exploring contemporary ethical challenges through a Catholic lens:

**2 Oct** – Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery (Miriam Cakebread)

**16 Oct** – Gender Identification (Bishop David Oakley)

**30 Oct** – Artificial Intelligence (Aidan Cottrell-Boyce)

**13 Nov** – Ageing, Life & Death (Dr David Jones)

**Thursdays, 7.30–9.00pm**

Hosted by Caritas, Mission Northampton & Northampton Cathedral.

Free to attend; donations welcome. Zoom link sent before the first session.

[Register Here](#)

### Catechist Formation – Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)

Do you feel called to share the gift of faith? The Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1) offers formation for new and experienced catechists through a blend of online and in-person sessions.

Dates: **14th, 21st October; 4th, 11th, 18th November (Zoom evenings).**

**In-person session: Saturday 22nd November, St Francis & St Therese RC Church, Northampton**

Cost: No fixed fee (donations welcome)

More details and registration available here: [Catechist Formation](#)

## OTHER NOTICES

### How to Get Started with Alpha

**Monday 29 September | 7.30–9.00pm | Online via Zoom**

Have you thought about running Alpha? Whether in your parish, home, coffee shop, or pub, Alpha offers an accessible way to help people explore life, faith, and meaning. This free online session will: explain how to get started, share practical tips for success, explore options such as Youth Alpha and age-specific formats, allow time for Q&A and idea sharing. [Registration required to receive the Zoom link.](#)

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

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox

[sharon\\_knox@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_knox@hotmail.com)

## Radio Maria – Youth Competitions

Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

**1. Young Presenter Competition** – schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.

**2. Poetry / Song / Spoken Word Competition** – theme: *"A Prayer for Christian Unity"* (John 17:1–26). Winners will perform at a live showcase and receive the *Young Herald's Trophy*.

**Deadline: 30th September** (Feast of St Jerome).

Entry is free.

More information:

<https://radiomariaengland.uk/competitions-for-young-people/>

## October, Month of the Rosary

During the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, Pope Leo XIV has called on Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary daily, uniting in prayer for peace in war-torn regions.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

This Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to stand in solidarity with families affected by climate change and conflict. In Ethiopia, with CAFOD's support, communities now have safe water close to home. Across the world, including in Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan, CAFOD's partners bring food, water, shelter, and medical care to those most in need. Please support this life-saving work through your prayers and generosity.

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030.

Envelopes are available at the back of each church.



# 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**

**Office:** 2 St Paul's Gardens, Thrapston, NN14 4FE - 01832 617 050

www.eastnorthantscatholic.uk - parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org



## Youth Mass – 5th October 2025 at 3.00pm

Calling All Young People! NYMO invite all young people and young adults to be part of a Youth Mass filled with joy, faith, and community. This is a chance to celebrate together, connect with others, and be inspired as they worship.

All are welcome—bring a friend and join us for an unforgettable afternoon of prayer and fellowship. Open to everyone aged 11–25 years.

## Ride and Stride

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the **Ride and Stride** on Saturday for the Most Holy Name church. Walkers and cyclists (some of whom missed the rain and others got soaked) enjoyed the day and the church welcomed a larger number of visitors than usual. Many thanks to the welcomers, especially those who did a double stint of four hours! The grand total will be given in a few weeks when everything is totted up.

My daughter Helen and grandson Ewan joined me for Ride and Stride on Saturday 13th of September. We started at St Nicholas' Islip and finished at St James' Thrapston about 5 hours later covering 40.15 (the .15 is very important) and visiting 18 churches in between. A number of parishioners have kindly sponsored me already and the sheet will still be available at the back of St.Paul's for a few more weeks so all contributions will be much appreciated. Tom Treacy.

