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Sunday 21st September 2025

XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Second Collection for Bishop's Conference: Evangelii Gaudium

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Louisa Galloway well-being*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Private Intention*)

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

09:00am Holy Mass (*For Anne Wardle*)

Thursday Feria

09:30am **(MHNJ)** Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

10:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**

10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS**

Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of Ss Cosmas & Damian

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

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025

This year we celebrate Evangelii Gaudium Sunday on **21st September**, a day dedicated to the domestic mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Inspired by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, it reminds us that each of us is called to be a missionary disciple, sharing our faith with joy in our parishes, schools, and communities.

The 2025 theme, "*I believe...*", marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where the Creed we profess each Sunday was first formulated. On this day, let us renew our commitment to living out that Creed, building our lives on its truth, and joyfully witnessing to the Gospel.

More information, including a video message from Bishop David, is available here: [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday](#)

Annual Parish Mass Count

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

Week One: 20th/21st September

Week Two: 27th/28th September

Week Three: 4th/5th October

Week Four: 11th/12th October



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

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

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer**

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.30am-1pm)**

Presbytery TEL. 01832 617 050

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

email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

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



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

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.

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox

sharon_knox@hotmail.com

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal – Friday 3rd 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 or call 0303 303 3030.

Envelopes are available at the back of each church.

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/>



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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.



MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE - Monday September 22nd 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