

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 25th January 2026 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Gary Collett RIP*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Patronal Solemnity

Holy Mass (*The Church & People of Thrapston*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Memorial of *Ss Timothy and Titus*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Gary Collett RIP*)

SPA

2.30pm Requiem Mass of Gary Collett

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of *St Angela Merici*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Darragh McDonagh RIP*)

Thursday (SPA) *Feria*

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

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

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions

(*Peter Bond RIP*)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gary David Collett** who sadly passed away on the 14th December.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Louisa Willetts** who recently passed away.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ana Benigno** (Fr Benedetto's mother) who sadly passed away on the 21st January.

Keep their 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.



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](http://www.caspar.church/m)

Oundle



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

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Email Us at:

support@caspar.church

Phone Us on 01440 730399

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

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer** email: frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.30am-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/>



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Sing the Season, Lent 2026

The latest event in the Northampton Diocese Music Liturgy series, offering new and seasonal music alongside fresh ideas for the Lenten season.

Designed for cantors, choir leaders, singers, and musicians.

Date & Time: **Saturday, 24 January 2026, 11am – 4pm**

Location: **St Aidan's Catholic Church, Finch Lane, Little Chalfont, Amersham (HP7 9NE)**

What to bring: **Packed lunch, voice, and instruments (tea and coffee provided)**

Cost: **Free (suggested donation £5 to support future events)**

Further details: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/sing-the-season-lent-2026/>

Sunday of the Word of God (Liturgy Commission) – 25th January

The Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God, with the theme:

"The word of Christ dwells among you" (Colossians 3:16).

Clergy and parish teams are warmly encouraged to join in marking this day through the diocesan **Cathedral Liturgy at 3.00pm**, which will include reflections by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD and the commissioning of readers.

The liturgy will be livestreamed, and the service booklet is available on the diocesan website.

World Leprosy Day 2026 – 25th January

The UK's Catholic leprosy charity, St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG), invites parishes and communities to mark World Leprosy Day by dedicating a Sunday Mass or a short parish event to this important cause.

To support you, SFLG offers a ready-to-use toolkit including background information on leprosy, bidding prayers, newsletter text, posters, a short talk, and more. [These resources are available here](#)

[Donations can be made here](#)

Thank you for helping SFLG work towards a world free from leprosy.

Going One Step Further

Saturday 31st January 2026

Following the Sunday of the Word of God, all readers are invited to a reflective day at the **Holy Ghost Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD**, from **11.00am–3.00pm**.

The day will offer an opportunity to pray, share, and explore the Word of God together. Refreshments will be provided.

To attend, please email:

deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org

Journey with Jesus through Lent

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for online small group sessions once a week for **6 weeks beginning w.c. 16th February**. During each weekly small group session, facilitators will be using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, allowing you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. Within the session, there will also be time for silent reflection and sharing what spoke to you from the readings. Sessions will be available on multiple days and at different times.

Sign-up to our introductory webinar on **Tuesday 27th January from 7:30pm** on the

link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1963574>

You can also find out more on the diocesan

website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

Alpha Training Day for Parishes

Are you interested in running Alpha in your parish? Come for a day that will equip you with everything you need to run Alpha well. You are welcome to come on your own, but it would be more beneficial to bring a small team of people you hope will form your parish Alpha team.

When: **Saturday 7 February 2026, 11.30am – 4.00pm**

Where: **St Joseph the Worker, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS**

Cost: **£15 per person** (Lunch included; tea and coffee provided throughout the day)

To book: [Alpha Training Day Registration](#)

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

Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists...

Course Dates:

- 7 virtual sessions from **7.30–9.00pm**

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox sharon_knox@hotmail.com

- **Starts Friday 27 February 2026**

- **Subsequent sessions: 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 10, 17 April 2026**
- Includes Zoom links, course materials, and refreshments. No fixed fee—donations welcomed.

[Visit our diocesan website for further information](#)

LUX. Belong

When: **13-15th February 2026**

Where: **Kings Park Centre, Northampton**

Who: **Ages 11-18 (school years 7-13)**

How much: **£110**

LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is **Belong**.

Visit nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/ or

email NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.org to find out more.

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to **"Come and See"** — a **day of prayer, reflection, and questions** for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

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

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.

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/

OTHER NOTICES

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th-25th January

The theme for 2026 is taken from Ephesians 4:1–13, with particular emphasis on the words, “*There is one body and one Spirit*” (Ephesians 4:4). The prayers and reflections have been prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church, in collaboration with Armenian Catholic and Evangelical communities, drawing on ancient traditions of prayer and hymnody dating back to the early centuries of Christianity. [More information can be found on here](#)

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/>

Love & Beauty in St John’s *Spiritual Canticle*

20–22 February 2026

2026 marks 100 years since St John of the Cross was declared a Doctor of the Church. To celebrate this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will lead a reflective weekend exploring the themes of love and beauty in the saint’s most celebrated poetry.

From 20–22 February, participants will be invited to delve into the spiritual richness of *The Spiritual Canticle* and deepen their appreciation of St John’s timeless insights into God’s love.

[Further information and booking details can be found via the Christian Heritage Centre.](#)

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 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.