



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 26th April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: **White**

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass *(Deceased Members of the Borthwick Family RIP)*

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass *(Kenneth Knox RIP)*

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions *(Canon Gregory well-being)*

Tuesday (SPA) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass *(Lilford – foundation Mass)*

Thursday (SPA) Memorial of St Pius V

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass *(Nuala Wilker & Family well-being)*

Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of St Joseph the Worker

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions *(Mary & Michael Daly RIP)*

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

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

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

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.

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



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

Placing cash into an

envelope marked SVP and

putting it into the first

collection at Mass.

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

Visit: www.svp.org.uk



To sign-up to CASPAR, our Cluster Database, please use the QR Codes or simply type in the address into your web browser.

Trouble with CASPAR?

If you have troubles viewing or receiving our Newsletter via CASPAR, please contact the support team.

Email us at: support@caspar.church

Or

Phone us on: 01440 730399

Thrapston & Raunds



www.caspar.church/m e?ID=56088

Oundle



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

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

Oundle Lent Lunches

Many thanks to all who supported the **Lent Lunches** this year, either by making soup and helping or by their patronage. Nearly £1,400 was raised in total for Christian Aid, a record! Thanks to the Methodist Church too for the use of their facilities. The week the MHNJ church made the soup, over £200 was raised.

Red Box 2025: Thank You!

In 2025 St Paul the Apostle with St Thomas More raised £120.00 and Most Holy Name of Jesus raised £120.00 through our Red Boxes. Thank you! Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature in this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Life in the Spirit Seminar

There is still time to register for the Life in the Spirit seminars starting on Tuesday 28th April and then weekly until June. Sessions are on Teams and cover:

- **28th April** – The Father's Loving Plan
- **5th May** – The Joy of the Gospel
- **12th May** – The Gift of the Spirit
- **19th May** – Unwrapping God's Gift
- **26th May** – Encountering the Holy Spirit (part B)
- **2nd June** – Living in the Spirit

There is also a special in-person event from **11am-4pm on Saturday 23rd May** (Pentecost Eve). The Baptism in the Spirit Day will be led by Bro. Gary Stephens at Our Lady Help of Christians in Luton. You can find out more at <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2026/>

Celebrate: Support for parents

Celebrate, a ministry that produces resources and runs courses to inspire and equip parents, grandparents, catechists and carers to help their children grow in their relationship with Jesus, have announced two upcoming webinars.

The first – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens – is on **Wednesday 29th April at 8pm**. Kate Duroux, of national charity Care for the Family, will consider how best to support teenagers through the challenges of the digital world, supported by practical advice and principles to apply within families.

The second, on **Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm**, is Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family. Mike and Alicia Hernon of Messy Family Project, a family ministry in the US, will discuss the great journey from childhood to adulthood, providing guidance and empathy on how to navigate those difficult tween to teen years.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of **£5** to cover expenses and places can be booked through the Celebrate website:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting&source=gmail-imap&ust=177749903900000&usg=AOvVaw0b32ji9p201VHZMM-R0nLD>

OTHER NOTICES

Mary's Meals

This May, our parish is invited to join Mary's Meals UK in their annual Pray in May campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school.

Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of free prayer resources, including bidding prayers, rosary reflections and a prayer calendar, suitable for use in Masses, services, parish groups, and personal prayer. These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

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

Called to Love

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from **Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May**, with the option of staying Friday night.

For more information please visit:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

Save the date: National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse (Tuesday, 5th May)

This day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse is an important initiative. Originally observed during the season of Lent, the Bishops of England and Wales, listening to the voices of victims and survivors, moved the date on which the day is marked in England and Wales to the Tuesday of the fifth week of Easter. Please "mark the date" and keep it free this year: **Tuesday 5th May 2026**.

Dear God,

We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the family of the Church; whether they are known to us or not, we know that you know them by name. For those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape. For those in pain, bring comfort and healing. For those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength. As the Church, we are one body; if one part suffers, every part suffers. Give to all who suffer, someone who will listen, support and accompany.

Amen.

Called & Equipped 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step?

Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

Light of Truth

The next two-year [Certificate in Catechesis, run by Light of Truth](#), begins in September and is aimed at those who wish to transmit the Catholic faith to others. It prepares you for catechetical work in your parish, school or diocese; understanding and communicating the Catholic faith to adults, young people and children in face of cultural challenges; and teaching, witnessing to and accompanying others in their journey of faith.

Those applying would include catechists, children's Liturgy leaders, parents and anyone else passionate about passing on the Catholic faith to others.



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.



blaze 2026

Are you doing your confirmation this year? Want a chance for a day away with your confirmation group to explore what that really means? Then read on my friend.

Being confirmed is kind of a big deal. You have probably been going along to your church and doing some sessions to help you prepare and understand Confirmation a bit more. As part of this journey, hundreds of young people are getting together for Blaze.

Blaze gives you, and others from across your local area, the opportunity to come together and cement all you've explored in your own confirmation programmes. There's going to be drama, music, workshops, prayer and Mass. There's plenty to do and see, including a chance to ask questions about Confirmation, the Church, and God.

Speak to your catechist, parish priest, or school chaplain to find out more. See you there Blazers!

BLAZE NORTH

25th April 2026, Thomas Becket School, Northampton

BLAZE SOUTH

23rd May 2026, St Michael's School, Aylesbury

BLAZE CENTRAL

21st March 2026, St Paul's School, Milton Keynes

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Book via your confirmation group leader.

show them our website for more info: nymo.org/blaze-2026

