



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 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: **White**

Second Collection – Our Churches Maintenance

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Sharon Knox & Family well-being*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Jacqui Gudge RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) *Feast of the English Martyrs*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*The Collett Family well-being*)

Tuesday (SPA) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Pauline Wood & Family well-being*)

Thursday (SPA) **No Mass**

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*Kitty Carey 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

The Listening and Discernment Process

Dr Avril Baigent will walk us through what has happened with our listening and discernment process so far on:

Saturday 13th June at 4:00pm before the Vigil Mass at **STM**

Sunday 14th June after the 9:15am Mass at **MHNJ**

Sunday 14th June after the 11:00am Mass at **SPA**

Second Collections for Our Churches Maintenance

On the first Sunday of each month, we will run a second collection for our churches maintenance as regular collections are not covering costs. Currently, at SPA, the window and door in the Sacristy are broken and to replace these it will cost £5178.00

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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>

Diocesan Residential Youth Weekend

Young people from across the diocese are invited to join us for a residential summer weekend filled with games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. This will take place on **17-19 July 2026** at **Buckden Towers, St Neots, PE19 8TA** and is aimed at **young people aged 11-18**. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and take a break from everyday life in a relaxed and supportive environment. The cost of the weekend includes accommodation, all meals, and organised social activities. There will also be a tuck shop available throughout the weekend, so participants may wish to bring some spending money for additional snacks.

Our diocesan youth team will be staying on site for the full weekend, providing supervision, support, and pastoral care.

Young people will stay in shared rooms at Buckden Towers. If you have any questions about room arrangements, or if you need support with transport, please contact us at nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com

Booking is essential, and places must be pre-booked and paid for in advance. If you have any concerns about the cost of the weekend, please get in touch — we are happy to discuss support options in confidence.

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>

Day of Prayer

Tuesday 5th May is an important day of prayer for survivors of abuse. This year's theme is Standing Together, which is vital as victims of abuse often feel isolated and indeed alienated from the church, whether the abuse arose within the church or in the wider community.

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.



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

SCAN ME



Book via your confirmation group leader.

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



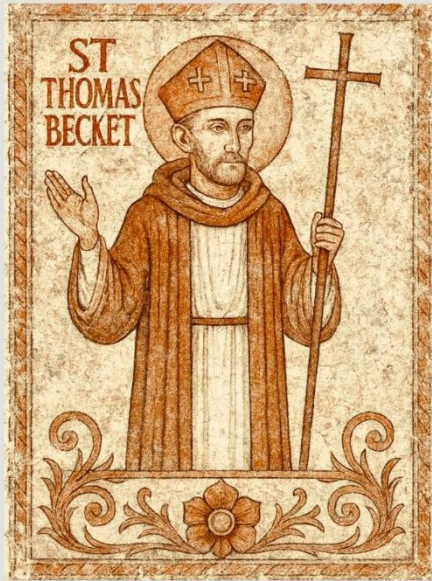
***Ever wondered what God is calling
you to next?***

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Want to learn more about the programme? Sign-up to one of our information webinars by scanning the QR code today.



Holy Courage



Submit your
Art

for a chance to
be in the
exhibition
accompanying
the

Becket Festival

Our Lady Immaculate and
St Thomas of Canterbury
Cathedral, Northampton
4th July 2026

Remember how the crown was attained by those whose sufferings gave new radiance to their faith - St. Thomas Becket

What does an every day Holy Courage that gives radiance to faith look like? Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works to:



becket.festival.arts@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE MONDAY 8TH JUNE



Remember how the crown was attained by those whose sufferings gave new radiance to their faith – St Thomas Becket

Holy courage is a bravery set apart for God. St. Thomas Becket demonstrated this when he took a stand for truth to protect the Church. Mostly, for us, holy courage could mean something as seemingly simple as admitting to friend that we are Christian or perhaps trying to actively live our life according to our faith. For Christian artists it could mean summoning the courage to show your faith-inspired work to others.

Artists can ask and explore what does an every day Holy Courage that gives radiance to faith look like? With their unique role they can communicate spiritual truths in ways that cannot be revealed otherwise. Inspired by St. Thomas, you are invited to be brave and submit your faith-inspired visual, written and audio works for a chance to show it at an exhibition accompanying the Becket Festival 4th July 2026.

If you would like to add some text explaining your work or about what inspired it please do include that too and we can add it to the catalogue accompanying the exhibition.

Submissions are invited to all creatives 8 years old and above. Please send your submission with photos and information about your works to becket.festival.arts@gmail.com including the title, medium, year made, size in centimetres and if it is framed or not. Written and 3D works are encouraged.

Deadline for submissions **Monday 8th June 2026**

The exhibition will be open from Friday 3rd July to Sunday 5th July 2026 at the Cathedral in Northampton.

We look forward to seeing your submissions!

St Thomas Becket, pray for us