



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 20th September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Second Collection – Home Mission Sunday

(Supporting the mission work of the Catholic Bishops Conference)

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Colin Moat well-being*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Sarah & Campbell McCallum well-being*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) *Feast of St Matthew*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Alison Amis RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) *Feria*

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

Thursday *Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham*

(MHNJ)

11:30am Fr. Mark Vickers will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham and his 60th birthday with Mass. A professional choir will sing the Victoria Missa de Beata Maria Virgine a 5. You are all very welcome.

(SPA)

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5.45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass (*Nuala Wilker & Family well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Gareth Jones well-being*)

MHNJ: *Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE*

SPA: *St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON*

STM: *St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS*

Annual Parish Mass Count

Week 1 – 20th September

Week 2 – 27th September

Week 3 – 4th October

Week 4 – 11th October

Course for First Holy Communion & Confession

Children will be enrolled on **Sunday 20th September at SPA**.

The course will begin on **Monday 21st September 2026 at 5:00pm** and will take place every Monday thereafter (during school Term Time) in the church of St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston. Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is essential to complete the Programme.

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.



**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

Or by:

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.

Thrapston & Raunds



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

Trouble with CASPAR? Email us at: support@caspar.church

Or Phone us on: 01440 730399

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

Please could anyone who has a key to any of our buildings please email the parish office for insurance purposes. Also, if anyone needs a new key to the sacristy at SPA, please speak to Fr Jonathan.

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 chapel

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Oundle Ride, Stride and Drive

Many thanks to all those who sponsored this event so generously. At the moment the total is over £515 which is fantastic. Much of this is gift-aided, so we'll let you know how much the church received when we get the cheque! Elizabeth walked just over 7 miles, round the Oundle churches, along the far side of the river to Cotterstock, from there to Glapthorn and back. Photos online. Adrian put her in the shade - he walked 12 miles from Oundle to Glapthorn, Southwick, Fotheringhay, Tansor and Cotterstock. And back, which is always the worst bit! The greeters: Lidia, Pauline, Orla, Joan, Mary and Val were splendid and coped with having a wedding there too! Many thanks to them, too. *Elizabeth and Lauren.*

Oundle Carpets and Flooring

Many thanks to Lee from Oundle Carpets and Flooring who did an excellent job at a very reasonable rate. Worth noting for the future, while hoping it won't be necessary! The floor at the toilet and sacristy are now pristine and safe to walk on.

Cluster Prayer

Come Holy Spirit on your church communities of Thrapston, Raunds and Oundle. Grant us the grace to work together in unity of purpose for your glory. May our vision be bold as we proclaim your Kingdom and may your will be done in all that we do. Grant us discernment, kindness and generosity of spirit. Blessed Peter Wright, pray for us. Amen.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Music Day

Saturday 19th September

There is still time to join us for our Diocesan Music Day from **9.30am–4pm**. The day is an opportunity for those involved in music and liturgy across our parishes to come together, learn, share ideas and explore how music can help our communities to pray and participate more fully in the celebration of the Mass. Whether you are a choir member, cantor, musician, music leader or simply interested in developing music within your parish, you are warmly welcome.

FAMILY DAYS – 2026/27

For families of all ages

Our Family Days are opportunities for families to come together as a Catholic community. They include Mass, activities for children and teenagers, formation and opportunities for parents and families to reflect on and grow in their faith together. You don't need to be part of a parish youth group to attend – these days are open to families who simply want to spend time together and grow in their relationship with God.

Upcoming dates and locations:

27 September | Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Luton

29 November | Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Luton

Find out more and register: nymo.org/family-days

Upcoming Second Collection

Sunday 4th October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**.

RCIA Team Training

A four-session course from the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and Mission Northampton will equip RCIA leaders, catechists, liturgists, clergy and parish teams to accompany people on their Journey of Faith. Exploring the periods, rites and practicalities of running RCIA in a parish, the course includes two online evening sessions (**14th and 21st September**) and a half-day in person at Holy Ghost RC Parish Centre, Luton (**26th September**). The course is free, with an opportunity to donate. Find out more here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/rcia-team-training-sept-2026/>

EIGHTH DAY – JOY – Saturday 11 October 2026

For young adults aged 18–35 | St Thomas' Centre, Northampton

Eighth Day is a new event for young adults, creating a space to come together to celebrate the **Day of the Lord** – a day of rest, delight, fellowship and celebration.

Our first Eighth Day event is called **JOY** and is an invitation to young adults from across the Diocese to come together, make new friendships and discover how we can celebrate and delight in God together.

The day will include **praise and worship, creative activities, fellowship and opportunities to encounter God in a different way**, as well as a special guest artist. Our hope is to begin building a community of young adults who want to grow together in faith and support one another.

Come and join us for a day of faith, creativity, friendship and JOY!

Find out more and register: nymo.org/8th-day

Catechists Course

Do you feel called to be a catechist? This online Certificate in Catechesis is ideal for new and experienced catechists seeking to deepen their knowledge, confidence and ability to accompany others on their journey of faith. Drawing on Scripture, Church teaching and lived experience, the course offers seven engaging **Zoom sessions from 7.30–9pm**, beginning **Monday 12 October**, with further sessions **through November**. Course materials are included, and there is no fixed fee, although donations are welcomed. Find out more and register online here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-october-2026/>

OTHER NOTICES

Week of Guided Prayer for Those Affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church

The Jesuit Institute is offering a free online Week of Guided Prayer for Those Affected by Clergy Abuse in the Church from **18–23 October 2026**. Open to anyone affected directly or indirectly by clergy abuse, the week provides a gentle and prayerful opportunity for reflection, healing and hope. Hosted by Sarah Young, participants will receive daily prayer resources and spiritual accompaniment in a safe and supportive environment. This initiative recognises the lasting impact of abuse and seeks to accompany those who continue their journey towards healing.

Participation is free, with all **sessions taking place online** from the comfort of home. More information is available here:

<https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/an-online-week-of-guided-prayer-for-those-affected-by-clergy-abuse-in-the-church-3>

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



MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, OUNDLE

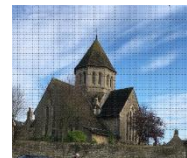
Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, & Befriending Sick and/or Isolated Parishioners

Children's Liturgy: We started Children's Liturgy on 6th September at Oundle and were delighted to welcome our children to share the Gospel and pray with us during Mass. All children are welcome to join us every week.

First Holy Communion: Instruction at Oundle starts on Thursday 8th October from 5pm to 6pm and weekly thereafter during term time. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for a briefing last week. If you would like your child to join us, but you have not yet signed up, there is still time. Please complete an Application Form at the back of Oundle church.

Holy Communion and Befriending service for sick and isolated parishioners: If you have a sick or isolated family member or know of a parishioner or friend who may wish to receive Holy Communion, have a social visit from one of our parishioner volunteers or a friendly telephone call, please speak with Father, Bernie, Tess or Marlene. We can also arrange transport to Mass for remote parishioners.

Bernie Walsh - Community Ministry Team Lead



Oundle Ride, Stride and Drive!



3:35:16
Duration

11.45
Distance
(km)



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.



DIOCESAN
SAFEGUARDING OFFICE



YOU ARE INVITED

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2026

- Parish Safeguarding Representatives
- Parish Volunteers
- Clergy
- Parish Secretaries
- Parishioners

KEY TOPICS & FOCUS AREAS

-  Understanding Adult Safeguarding
-  Survivors at the heart of the church
-  Practices of healing and reconciliation

3RD OCTOBER 2026
ST THOMAS CENTRE AT
NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL

To Book Your Place Email

Laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org



Scan the QR code
to find out more





Freedom Through
Jesus

Day of Healing

Saturday 7th November 2026

10:15am – 4pm

The day will include Praise and Worship, testimonies, teaching and the opportunity to receive prayer.

All are welcome, come for the day, or just pop-in to:

**St Thomas Centre, Semilong Road
Semilong, Northampton NN2 6AG**

This day is being led by Fr Kevin Dixon,
Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team.

Refreshments will start at 10:15.

If staying for the day, please bring a packed lunch.

Contact: info@littlewayhealingministries.com

Website: littlewayhealingministries.com

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