



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 6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

Second Collection – Our Churches Maintenance

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass *(For all being ordained this summer)*

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass *(The Gardner Family well-being)*

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(Luciana Ataide Dos Santos well-being)

Tuesday (SPA) The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Holy Mass *(Luis Inacio Da Costa)*

Wednesday (SPA) Funeral of John Clarke at 12 noon

Thursday (SPA) Feria

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5.45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass *(Harry & Gary Collett RIP)*

Friday (MHNJ) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(Fr Andrew Wagstaff well-being)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel. RAUNDS

COURSE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION

The Programme is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5, who currently attend Mass each Sunday.

The Course will take place over roughly 8 months. In this way we will not rush the programme, and we will go at the pace of the children.

The course will begin on **Monday 21st September 2026 5:00pm** and will take place every Monday thereafter (during school Term Time) in the church of St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston.

Parents Meeting at St Paul's church, Thrapston - Sunday 6th September 2026 after 11am Mass.

Please pick up a form from the back of church.

Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is essential to complete the Programme.

MARRIAGE BANNS

Sarah Tubbs & Campbell McCallum will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at the Church of Most Holy Name of Jesus in Oundle on Saturday 12th September.

Please pray for them, and for their family and friends.

Gift Aid

Please could everyone in our cluster who gift aids speak to David Shepherd (or email the parish office) to ensure that all details are up to date and correct.

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

Oundle



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

www.caspar.church/m e?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/>

Pray with the Pope

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday 13th September - Catholic Education Service

Sunday 20th September - Home Mission Sunday

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 chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust: Saturday

12th September

RIDE, STRIDE & DRIVE

(formerly known as Ride and Stride!)

A great day out discovering England's churches. Ride, Stride and Drive is the foremost annual fun fund-raising event to help preserve churches and chapels and keep them active in our communities. Ride, Stride and Drive is a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers and horse riders. Any mode of transport can be used as long as sponsors are happy; this year the name has been changed to **Ride, Stride and Drive** to include older and disabled participants who can drive to different and perhaps more out of the way churches – or anyone who wishes to include visits to more places. Money raised helps **Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust** to continue supporting our marvellous churches across the county with essential repairs and improvements. **Ride, Stride and Drive** is an opportunity to raise money not only for the Trust but for our own church, as they return 50% of the money to us. Some participants challenge themselves to visit as many churches as they can by their chosen mode of transport. Others prefer a more leisurely approach, visiting fewer churches and taking more time at each. There is no age limit - it is a great family activity – and you plan your own route.

Most Holy Name Church

We will be looking for volunteers to ride and stride (or even toddle) and to get sponsored for the same. We normally have the church open, providing refreshments, but we need volunteers to man the church in pairs, on a rota. (Choose a friend and enjoy a coffee and chat in between welcoming visitors). **Participating churches are also eligible for grants.**

Anyone interested, please contact Elizabeth Poole (for church welcomers) or Lauren Herbert-Kerr (for participants.)

Fundraising for the Royal London Benevolent Fund

Our parishioner, Grace (from St Paul's), is fundraising for the Royal London Benevolent Fund by taking part in the Great Eastern Half Marathon on **13th September** and the Great North Half marathon on **11th October**. If you would like to support her, donations can be made via her JustGiving page (https://www.justgiving.com/page/tsitsi-grace-gambiza-taiwo-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional--donation_received--nth_donation), or, if you prefer to give in cash, there will be a donation sheet at the back of the church after Mass. Every donation, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity, support, and prayers.

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

Healing Garden Volunteers

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October, the Diocese is inviting volunteers to support the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. This year's theme, 'Living Water', draws on Ezekiel 47:1–12 and calls Christians to work for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human wellbeing can flourish together. The garden offers a practical expression of this vocation, providing a peaceful space where people can encounter nature, prayer and hope. Volunteers are needed for just a couple of hours, particularly on Wednesday mornings, to help with weeding, watering, sweeping, raking and general tidying, with the professional gardener on hand to offer guidance. Volunteers from parishes across the Diocese are welcome, and no specialist gardening experience is required. Anyone interested in volunteering, joining the team or learning more is invited to contact the Chair of the Healing Garden working group via email at safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

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 (14 and 21 September) and a half-day in person at Holy Ghost RC Parish Centre, Luton (26 September). The course is free, with an opportunity to donate. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/rcia-team-training-sept-2026/>

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

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or Need Help with Deeper Issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: **2nd - 4th Oct.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info
Tel: 0788 7296983

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

Bernie and Marlene are raising £2000 to maintain our Grade 2 Listed Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Oundle



Bernie and Marlene are embarking on a meaningful journey to raise £2,000 towards the essential maintenance of our cherished Grade 2 Listed Most Holy Name of Jesus (MHNJ) Church.

100% of your donation will go to MHNJ Maintenance Fund. Also, by Gift aiding your donation, MHNJ will reclaim 25p from HMRC for every £1 that you donate.

This historic building is not only a place of worship but a cornerstone of our community's heritage, deserving of care and preservation for future generations. Please refer to our Justgiving page for historical and architectural features of MHNJ Church.

On 14th September 2026, we will undertake an inspiring 125 kilometre trek along the Spiritual Route from Baiona to Santiago de Compostela. This pilgrimage retraces the path believed to have been taken when St James's body was brought inland to rest at the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Over eleven days, we will challenge ourselves physically and spiritually, sharing our journey through photos and updates.



**Grade 2 listed
Most Holy Name of Jesus Church**



**2-manual and pedal organ built
by Richard Bower of Norwich**



**Octagonal church tower,
with 16 clerestory windows**

Your support is vital. **100% of your donation will go to the Church Maintenance Fund.** By donating through JustGiving, you contribute directly to preserving this treasured landmark. The process is simple, fast, and secure—your personal details remain confidential and protected. Every donation brings us closer to our goal and helps ensure that this historic church continues to stand strong as a beacon for our community.

The justgiving link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/camino2026bm>
You may also use this QR code to connect to the Justgiving page.

OR

If you prefer, please pledge your cash donation on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

We invite you to join us in this cause by making a donation today and sending messages of encouragement. Together, we can safeguard our heritage and inspire others with this remarkable journey.



Thank you in advance for your kind donation.

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

