



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 27th April 2025

II Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Liturgical Colour: **WHITE**

This Saturday, 26th Apr, there will be no confessions at MHNJ because of the Pope's funeral.

The Pope's funeral starts at 9am GMT.

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Norton Family well-being*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Agnes Timlin RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Solemnity of St George

10:00am (*The Holy Father RIP*)

Fr Benedetto is on retreat for the rest of the week so there will be no other week day Masses.

Tuesday (SPA) NO MASS

Thursday (SPA) NO MASS

Friday (MHNJ) NO MASS

Saturday (SPA)

10:30-11:00am **CONFESSIONS**

CONFESSIONS: As advertised above or by appointment

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

Listening and Discernment Process

There will be changes in our cluster as well as in the whole deanery. This is an opportunity for every catholic to express their thoughts and hopes for the future of our community.

There will be meetings at:

Most Holy Name's church on **10th May** at 11am

St Thomas More's church on **17th May** at 11am

St Paul's church on **24th May** at 11am

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Next meeting on Monday 28th April at 5pm.

RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH - TBC

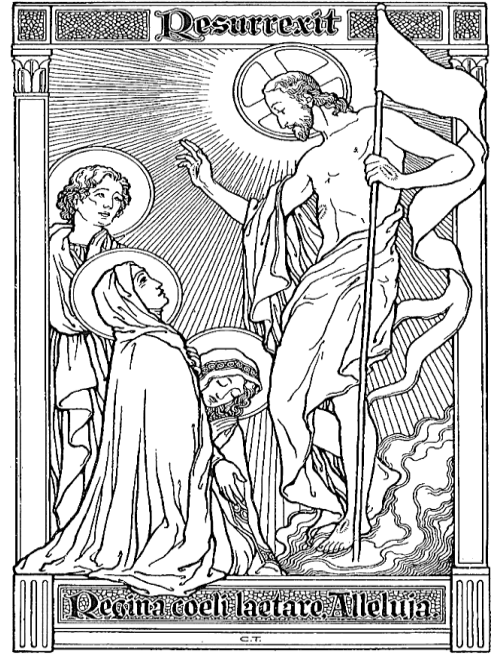
PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP - Every Tuesday via Zoom at 7pm

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP Every Friday at St Thomas More chapel

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

HE IS RISEN!



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?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

Troubles with CASPAR?

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

- Email Us at support@caspar.church
- Phone Us on 01440 730399



Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

to watch videos, click on image.

Parish Priest: **Fr Benedetto D'Autilia**

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11am-1pm)**

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

DIOCESAN NEWS: <https://northamptondiocese.org/news/>

email: frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org

email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Newsletter items to be emailed to Meg by **Wednesday**



St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

www.svp.org.uk

svp140512@gmail.com Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

CLUSTER NOTICES

APRIL EDITION OF CATHOLIC POST NOW AVAILABLE

REGINA CAELI

During Easter time we will sing the Marian antiphon *Regina Caeli* at the end of Mass. Those who want to learn it, can listen to the marvellous recording below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EINfilCLb7g>

PASTORAL VISITATION - 14th-15th June 2025

On Sunday 14th-15th June the people of the Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright will have a Pastoral Visitation by the Rt Rev Dr David James Oakley, Bishop of Northampton.

Bishop David will visit the two Catholic parish churches of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle and of St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston with the chapel of St Thomas More, Raunds.

Many of you might ask: "What is a Pastoral Visitation?" It is a way for a Bishop to come into personal contact with the clergy and especially with the many people responsible for various areas of the pastoral life of the parish. Through this visit the bishop becomes acquainted with the reality of the environment, the socio-economic condition of the people, the current pastoral programs, and the overall functioning of the parish. It is a time of grace for the entire Catholic community of the area, whose chief pastor visits to bring encouragement and hope to those involved in pastoral work and to all the people of the parish. He will celebrate the Eucharist, proclaim the Word of God and preach the wonders of our wonderful Catholic faith. The bishop visits a parish, which is not a building but rather the people who make it. He will make known the pastoral priorities of the whole diocese and will foster a sense of belonging to the diocesan Church, which is the Local Church of Northampton.

EASTER GIFT TO YOUR PRIEST

Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder about when to approach the altar for the reception of Holy Communion. Once the priest has drunk the Most Precious Blood from the chalice and the bell is rung, please start making your way to the altar (sanctuary). This will make communion swifter and will show our spiritual willingness that we truly desire to be fed by Christ.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Online Book of Condolence

As we unite as the Catholic community across our diocese in prayer for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Francis, each of us will have a unique memory of his impact on us personally or our world. If you would like to leave a digital message on our diocesan book of condolence visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/book-of-condolence/>

Diaconate Open Day

Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on **Saturday, 31st May**, from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at **St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable**. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The diocesan pilgrimage will take place on the **14th June 2025**. Please contact Deacon Michael Fleming at: deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org

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.

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 CBEW'**

Key webpages:

<https://catholicssafeguarding.org.uk/resources/national-safeguarding-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



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Altar Servers Retreat

Bishop David Oakley warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass. This special celebration will take place at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on **Saturday, 28th June 2025, at 11:00 am**. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Deacon Peter Griffin at pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with you. Poster is attached.

Jubilee Mission Evenings led by Mission Northampton

Monday 12th May, 7.30 - 9pm on zoom. Please register in order to receive the zoom

link. <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/jesus-our-hope-online-with-mission-northampton/>

The evening will include prayer, reflecting on God's Word, testimony, music and guest speaker Pete Burak from Renewal Ministries, USA.

Monday 9th June, 7-9pm, Aylesbury. The evening will include prayer, reflecting on God's Word, testimony, music and a talk. <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/jesus-our-hope-aylesbury-with-mission-northampton/>

Life In The Spirit Seminars 2025

Join us for a series of six inspiring sessions starting **May 13th**, culminating in a special retreat on **June 7th**. Sessions will take place at Northampton Cathedral and various hub locations across the diocese.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>

Independent Chair of Our Safeguarding Board?

The Diocese of Northampton is seeking a committed and experienced safeguarding professional to take on the voluntary role of Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board.

Please contact Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Coordinator, on 01604 723514 or email

safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org for more information.

OTHER NOTICES

Has your relationship hit difficulties?

The BreakThrough course will be available completely FREE until Pentecost. Details at www.smartloving.org/jubilee

SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

A wonderful occasion to gather members from all across the Society, taking place on **Sunday 6th July 2025**. The day will include Mass, Anointing of the sick and Benediction. If you have any questions, get in contact: bethant@svp.org.uk

We Believe Festival

From **25th-28th July**, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at **St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham**. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievifestival.com

Called to Love: Masculine & Feminine, 9-11 May 2025

A weekend for single young adults and dating or engaged couples, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity. The retreat will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from St Pope John Paul II.

For more information and to book:

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

Unveiled Faces: Healing & Transformation with the Saints, 27 – 29 June 2025

A weekend led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford (for all adult laity), CFR contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives.

For more information and to book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>

2025 Leadership Programme: Applications from LIV / Y12

The programme offers first class philosophical and theological input from Catholic academics and professionals, workshops in media skills, team building activities, spiritual and personal development, a strong liturgical framework and the opportunity to meet like-minded peers and public figures in a close-knit, fun atmosphere.

Delivered over three residential modules in Stonyhurst and in London, the programme concludes with the presentation of certificates, validated by St Mary's University, in Westminster Hall. There are no financial pre-requisites to the programme: subsidies are offered as required for successful candidates.

For more information and to apply:

<https://www.christianleadershipinformation.com>

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome

30th July – 3rd August, Rome

Ages 18–35

One of the highlights will be the canonisation of Pier Giorgio Frassati. We will be joining the Sion Community's pilgrimage to Rome at the end of July to take part in the exciting programme of events. The pilgrimage cost is approximately £650, depending on final flight and accommodation arrangements. The sooner we book, the better the flight prices—so don't wait if you're thinking of joining us!

Visit <https://nymo.org/events/jubilee-of-youth/> or contact NYMO.admin@northamptondioceses.com to find out more.

Booking deadline: 14th April

Oundle Lent lunches

Many thanks to all who supported the Lent Lunches this year, by helping make soup or serve, or by coming to enjoy the lunch and the company. A total of £1,330 was raised for Christian Aid (just £7 short of our record in 2013!). We are grateful once again to the Methodist Church for the use of their premises.

AQUINAS 101

Get unlimited access to video lessons exploring faith and reason, happiness, man, God, the problem of evil, and much more. St Thomas Aquinas is one of the most valid theologians of the Church, whose teachings are ever new and very captivating to young minds of the 21st Century.

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London, 21st April 2025

Your Eminence / Your Grace / Your Lordship / Reverend Father,

It is with great sorrow that I inform you, in the name of the Dean of the College of Cardinals, of the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, this Easter Monday at 7:35 a.m. (Rome time).

I would be very grateful if you advise the Clergy and faithful of your ecclesiastical circumscription that condolences can be sent by email to franciscus.angb@gmail.com. An in-person Book of Condolence will also be available to sign from the hours of 10:30 – 12:30 on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th April 2025 at the Apostolic Nunciature (54 Parkside, Wimbledon, London, SW19 5NE).

With all good wishes and warm personal regards, I remain,

yours in the Lord,

+ Miguel Maury
A.N.

✠ Miguel Maury Buendía
Apostolic Nuncio

To all the Reverend Ordinaries
of Scotland, England and Wales

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM BISHOP DAVID OAKLEY ON THE PASSING OF THE HOLY FATHER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With deep sorrow, we receive the news of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His life was a testament to the Gospel's call to mercy, justice, and love, lived out in solidarity with the poor, the forgotten, and all those on the peripheries of society. His heart was always open to those who felt lost or excluded, reminding us that the Church is not a fortress but a home where all are welcomed, listened to, and valued.

Pope Francis called us to journey together, shaping a Church that walks with the wounded, discerns with the faithful, and serves with humility. He showed us what it means to be a truly synodal people—seeking the voice of the Spirit in communion with one another, always attentive to those the world so often overlooks. His vision of the Church was one of encounter and accompaniment, where God's mercy reaches every heart longing for hope. *Evangelii Gaudium* is such an inspiration for the would-be missionary disciple in a parish that seeks its true identity.

I was privileged to meet Pope Francis in September 2022 when I joined fellow newly appointed bishops in Rome for a time of formation and prayer. The Holy Father spent two and a half hours answering our questions, speaking with remarkable openness and fatherly wisdom, encouraging us to be shepherds who walk closely with our people, always prioritising those most in need.

As we grieve his passing, we also give thanks for his prophetic witness and the way he led us deeper into the love of Christ. I invite all in the Diocese of Northampton to gather in prayer, offering Masses, Rosaries, and personal intercessions for the repose of his soul. May we continue his legacy by building a Church that listens, loves, and walks with all God's people.

May the Lord whom he served so faithfully now welcome him into the fullness of His kingdom. May Our Lady, Mother of the Church, intercede for him and for us all.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.**

In Christ,

+ David Oakley
Bishop of Northampton