



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 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Passiontide

Liturgical Colour: **Red**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Intentions of the Collett Family*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Richard Mather RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) *Monday of Holy Week*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Borthwick Family RIP*)

6:30pm till 7pm **(MHNJ) CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday (SPA) *Tuesday of Holy Week*

09:00am Holy Mass (*John & Moira Haggarty RIP*)

Wednesday

12 Noon **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Northampton**

6.30pm till 7pm **(SPA) CONFESSIONS**

HOLY TRIDUUM

VENUE: St Paul, the Apostle's, Thrapston

HOLY THURSDAY 6.30pm Mass of the Supper of the Lord

GOOD FRIDAY 3.00pm Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY 8.00pm Easter Vigil

(*Sophie & Morgan Severn & Modou Camara well-being*)

EASTER MORNING MASSES

9.15am Most Holy Name's, Oundle (*Pro populo*)

11.00am St Paul the Apostle's, Thrapston

(*Siobhan O'Donovan well-being*)

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*

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Next meeting on Monday 28th April at 5pm.

RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Next Meeting to be arranged.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday via Zoom at 7pm

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Meetings every Friday at St Thomas More chapel

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

At the Easter Vigil this year, we will welcome three new members into our cluster. Sophie, Morgan and Modou are going to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for them.

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.

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**



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.





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

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

A big and warm thank you to all, who will generously make your Easter donation to Fr Benedetto. The purple envelopes are out if you'd like to use one. The collections at Easter will serve, as per tradition in our country, as part of our priest's allowance. **Thank you for your generosity!**

The collection on **Good Friday** will be for the **Holy Land**.

We Dare to HOPE

A small group will be meeting on five **Wednesday evenings, 6-7pm** during which we will be working through the We Dare to HOPE booklet, Northampton diocese edition, with a foreword by Bishop David Oakley.

Session 5 Christ, Our Hope on **Wednesday 16th April at Raunds**

You are warmly invited to come and share this gentle and prayerful resource with us. Refreshments provided.

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/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

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.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

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 franthyon.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

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.

Jesus Our Hope

As part of our celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, you are warmly invited to an evening of celebration, inspiration, and hope.

Each evening will include prayer, reflection on God's Word, personal testimony, music, and time to socialise over refreshments.

The event is free to attend, but to help us prepare refreshments, we kindly ask that you register in advance. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Event Dates and Locations:

Sunday, **12 May** – Online

Tuesday, **14 May** – 7:00–9:00pm in Olney

Monday, **9 June** – 7:00–9:00pm in Aylesbury

More information and registration details can be found at:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/>

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?

To celebrate the Jubilee Year, the BreakThrough course will be available completely FREE until Pentecost. Find constructive ways to re-establish connection using this confidential online course from SmartLoving. You will have 3 months access from enrolment to complete. Details at

www.smartloving.org/jubilee

Ecumenical Event in Raunds on Good Friday

There will be readings, prayers and songs to reflect on the meaning of Good Friday at 11 am in Raunds Town Square.

A gentle reminder, attendance to this Ecumenical service does not replace the Good Friday service at 3pm in St Paul's Church, Thrapston.

SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society for a pilgrimage to Walsingham in this year of Jubilee. 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

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. 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.webelievefestival.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

An inspirational course for those who will shape tomorrow's society, this programme is for students who want to deepen their faith and who want to engage in the public discourse around the common good.

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.christianleadershipformation.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

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.

www.aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org

Bishop's Easter Message Calls the Diocese to New Life in the Spirit

Hello, dear friends, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, and greetings to you from the garden here at Bishop's House, Northampton.

Well, it's spring here, and this garden is once again beginning to show signs of new life after a long, dark, wet winter. I don't know about you, but I am delighted every time we experience spring. It lifts the heart, doesn't it? It shows us the new life that nature has in store for us once again. And Lent is a time of grace—its very name suggests spring: the lengthening of days and the promise of new life.

In this Easter message, I want to focus on the reality of the life of the resurrected Christ in our lives as His disciples.

We know and believe that, in truth, God raised His beloved Son Jesus from the tomb—from death to new, resurrected life. Not just resuscitation, but a new kind of life in a wonderful way. And we are invited to share in it.

It's very easy for us to reduce Easter to a historical fact. But in truth, Easter is a present reality in our lives—something we participate in through baptism.

I often reflect on what it means to be baptized, especially when I celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those who are to be confirmed renew their baptismal promises, and so they are immersed into Christ and brought into a new relationship with our Triune God.

We are made participants in the Church's mission. Baptism is the gateway to life in the Holy Spirit—that's what the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us so clearly and emphatically.

As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises during the Easter Sunday Masses, I invite you to think deeply about what this truly means. What does it mean to be baptized into Christ's dying and rising—here and now, in our own lives and in our wonderful Diocese of Northampton?

I want to encourage you to consider taking part in the Life in the Spirit seminars. You may think, "That's not for me," but these seminars are based on an ancient model called the Kerygma—the proclamation made by St. Peter on that first Pentecost morning. It is the proclamation made by great saints such as Ignatius of Loyola throughout the centuries:

That we are created in God's image and likeness;
That although we have fallen because of sin, God has promised us new life—salvation in His own
Son, Jesus, the incarnate Word made flesh;
That through Jesus' dying and rising, we are raised to new life;
And that, through the Church, we look forward to the day when Jesus will come again in glory.

This is the Kerygma—and it is meant to work its way through our lives as disciples, so that we are convicted of the truths of our faith. So why not give it a try? Do look online on the diocesan website and in other places to find details of how you can take part in the Life in the Spirit seminars.

If baptism is the gateway to life in the Spirit, then this Easter, make a commitment—to yourself and to our Risen Saviour—that you will take this seriously. Do what you can to live as joy-filled disciples.

And in this Holy Year, when we see ourselves as pilgrims of hope, know that the hope you carry in your heart—the hope of being closer to Jesus—is real. It can be taken into your life and made a reality as you seek to walk with Christ, day by day.