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 22nd November 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Liturgical Colour: White

Second Collection – Catholic Youth Services

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass *(Frank Dunphy & Joseph Thomson RIP)*
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass *(Pro populo)*
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass *(Percy Borg RIP)*

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) *Memorial of St Clement I*
10:00am Holy Mass *(Private Intention)*

Tuesday (SPA) *Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and the Martyrs of Vietnam*
10:00am Holy Mass

Thursday (SPA) *Feria*
5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5.45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*
10:00am Holy Mass

MHNJ: *Most Holy Name of Jesus church*, OUNDLE
SPA: *St Paul the Apostle church,* THRAPSTON
STM: *St Thomas More chapel,* RAUNDS

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.

CASPAR

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 e?ID=56088

Oundle

www.caspar.church/m e?ID=56072

Trouble with CASPAR?
Email us at: support@caspar.church
Or Phone us on: 01440 730399

SVP St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP Christmas Appeal

We are partnering with Caritas Northampton for the *Love Christmas* campaign again this year to deliver gifts to local families in need. We gratefully welcome donations of new, unwrapped items:

- **Gifts: Toys for children, and general gifts for adults.**
- **Warm items: Scarves and gloves.**
- **Festive treats: boxes of sweets, biscuits, selection boxes**

Donation Box Location: SPA - Front of the church by the statue of Our Lady

Collection Dates: **Sunday 22nd November to Sunday 6th December**

Thank you for helping us share the joy of Christmas with our community!

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.

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

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

Course for First Holy Communion & Confession

Monday 23rd November 5:00pm at SPA.

Parishioners Prayer Group:

Every Wednesday via Zoom at **7pm**

Advent Reflections

'Lord I am not worthy…' **Prepare for Advent** on **Saturday 28th November at MHNJ 10 am until 12** with half an hour's break for a cuppa and cake. It would be useful to know if you are coming to know how much cake to bring, but if you haven't told me, come anyway! It will be very informal, with a chance for everyone to contribute if they wish. We will focus on the love of God for each one of us, through Scripture, quiet reflection and discussion. Open to all. *Elizabeth Poole*

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION SUNDAY ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

For Christmas Gift Bags for remote parishioners & Abbott House
Please join us for Coffee/Tea and Homemade Cake after Mass (MHNJ)
Please donate: Chocolates, biscuits, mince pies, Christmas treats, small Christmas ornaments, puzzle books, diaries and notebooks

CLUSTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Join us on **Sunday 6th December 2026 at 12.30 at Tap & Kitchen, Oundle**
Children are welcome
£10 non-refundable deposit is payable
Signup sheets and menus are available at the back of Church.
For further information, contact or email Lauren, Tess or Marlene We are unable to reserve this slot until numbers are known.

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2026 2-4 pm

St Thomas More Chapel, Raunds

Some of our parishioners have gathered together to perform a fun puppet show based on the Nativity! Please come along and support us.
After the puppet show you will be able to join in a craft activity to make your own puppets - and there might even be a mince pie or two!
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Save the Date: Saturday 9th January at 12.30
Epiphany Bring-and-Share Lunch at Oundle Bowling Club

Have something to look forward to after all the festivities. Bring a contribution towards the food, equivalent to what you can eat, and enjoy a relaxed and informal occasion. There will be a bar available. Children are welcome and there will be some quiet activities for them to do. We would be delighted if members of our sibling churches in the cluster could join us. (There will be a collection bowl for a small donation towards heating and lighting but the hire of the room has been donated.) *Richard*

Christmas Cards Alternative at SPA

For those who wish there will be a noticeboard in the Church near the foundation stone for Christmas cards to display one card from your family to Parish friends instead of sending multiple individual cards. There is the option to make a small donation or gift to CAFOD in lieu of sending the cards. A CAFOD booklet is on the board with a selection of ideas or you can leave a donation in the envelopes provided.
The board will be up ready for cards from the first Sunday in Advent.

Music at Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle

Following various informal conversations, I wonder if there is any interest in one or both of the following:

1.) For children, the chance to sing a simple hymn during communion. This would involve a practice before mass on Sunday. It would be led by Tricia and I would accompany.

2.) For adults, and perhaps children as well, the opportunity to sing a simple anthem or chant during communion. This would also involve a practice before mass.

If you are interested in either of these options, please let me know.
If you would like to be more involved in the music at Oundle in other ways, please also let me know.
Charles Cornford (Organist)

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

Advent Online Retreat

Walking with St Francis through Advent: online retreat Thursday evenings from 26 November at 7.30pm

Four Advent talks exploring different aspects of the life, spirituality and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, as we mark the 800th anniversary of his death. Together, we will discover how the example of St Francis can inspire and guide us on our own journey through Advent. Live on YouTube on Thursday evenings, and at any time afterwards via the link. To register, sign up here:
https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

Family Days – 2026/27

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.
29 November | Holy Ghost Parish Centre, Luton
Find out more and register: nymo.org/family-days

LUX Residential Weekend for Young Catholics

LUX, our annual residential weekend for young people **aged 11–18** (school years 7–13), returns from **29–31 January 2027** at **Kings Park Centre, Northampton**. It promises an exciting weekend of workshops, drama, music, worship, Mass, prayer, games and friendship, exploring faith through a different theme each year. Two age-specific streams ensure activities and discussions are tailored to participants. The cost is £120, including accommodation, meals and activities. Places must be booked in advance with a completed form and deposit; the remaining balance is due by 8 January 2027. Find out more here:
https://nymo.org/lux-2027/

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD - Volunteers Wanted

Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

Unwrap Advent with Radio Maria UK

Radio Maria UK is inviting listeners to prepare for Christmas through Unwrap Advent, a new initiative exploring the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. From **Monday 23 November**, listeners can receive a personal Gift, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety or fear of the Lord and discover how it can deepen their faith and enrich daily life.
To take part, call Radio Maria UK on 0333 444 1211 during programmes between 23 and 27 November, or register online at RadioMaria.uk. Everyone who registers will receive a Bible passage linked to their Gift for prayer and reflection. Throughout Advent, special programs and guest contributions will explore the Gifts, with registered participants also receiving weekly emails and podcast links.
Find out more at RadioMaria.uk.

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

Oundle & District Care

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS UNWELL, RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS, OR ISOLATED?
Most Holy Name of Jesus Church is the Church representative for Oundle & District Care.

Oundle & District Care provide **fruit and flowers** to anyone who is recovering from illness, unwell, or isolated. They also loan **mobility aids and support equipment** on a short-term basis, free of charge. These services are available to everyone, not only our parishioners. If you know of anyone in your communities who may benefit from these services, please contact Tess or Marlene (MHNJ).

NYMO

YOUTH EVENTS

world youth sunday



ENGLAND&WALES

20th - 22nd Nov

20 November 2026 | Join the Live Stream! (cymfed.org.uk/wys)

22 November 2026 | 3pm Youth Mass @ the Cathedral

22 November 2026 | 5pm Party@ the St. Thomas Centre

karaoke | snacks | local Catholic musicians | social

Totally free, but please register for the party using the QR code below for catering purposes.

Teens and Young Adults 11-35

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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

The Diocese of Northampton is a registered charity (No. 234091). This poster provides information from the Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO), which sits within the Mission Northampton department of the Diocese.

CLUSTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Join us on Sunday 6th December 2026 at 12.30

at Tap & Kitchen, Oundle; Children are welcome;

Our slot has been reserved;

LATE COMERS - It is not too late to join us!

£10 non-refundable deposit is payable;
Pre-order by 25th November

Menus are available at the back of Church

For further information, contact or email Lauren, Tess or Marlene

CLUSTER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR EVERYONE!

SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER 2026

after Mass at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle

All Cluster CHILDREN are invited to join us

for Christmas crafts, Carols & Christmas treats!

All ADULTS are invited to join in the Christmas cheer with

Coffee, Mince pies and Carols

CHILDREN: Please sign up on the Signup sheet at the back of Church

For further information, contact or email Lauren, Tess or Marlene



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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Nativity Puppet Show

ON SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

2:00PM - 4:00PM

AT ST. THOMAS MORE RC CHURCH, RAUNDS



JOIN IN THIS FUN RETELLING OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND MAKE YOUR OWN PUPPETS TOO!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.