



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 19th July 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Erin K McAtee well-being*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Monica Johnson RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo & for Terry & Kathy Franklin on their 51st Wedding Anniversary*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) NO MASS

Tuesday (SPA) NO MASS

Thursday (SPA) *Feast of St Bridget of Sweden*

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions
5:45pm Vespers
6:00pm Holy Mass (*Ellen Wood & Family well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) *Memorial of St Sharbel Makhluf*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*The Marsland & Buxton Families*)

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

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



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?ID=56088

www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

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

Or Phone us on: 01440 730399

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.

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



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

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

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust:

Saturday 12th September



A great day out discovering England's churches. Ride and Stride is the foremost annual fun fund-raising event to help preserve churches and chapels and keep them active in our communities. Ride & Stride is a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers and horse riders. Any mode of transport can be used as long as sponsors are happy; a couple of people have used vintage cars! Money raised helps **Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust** to continue supporting our marvellous churches across the county with essential repairs and improvements. **Ride and Stride** 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 of Jesus 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.)

The final total raised in the Oundle area in **Christian Aid Week** last May was £2,886 (over £3,000 with added Gift Aid). Very many thanks to all who donated, delivered envelopes, collected money, made cakes, served coffee, advertised events and prayed. The money raised will be used to support urban farmers in informal settlements around Nairobi, who struggle to make a living in difficult conditions.

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

Priesthood Discernment Day

Men aged 16 and over who are considering a vocation to the priesthood are warmly invited to a Discernment Day on **Saturday, 8 August, from 10:30 a.m. at St Augustine Catholic Church, Milton Keynes.** The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others discerning God's call. To register or find out more, contact Fr Pius at vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org or 01753 523147. Please keep vocations in your prayers.

Mass To Celebrate Marriage and Family Life

All are warmly invited to the Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families at **Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 5th September at 12 noon.** The Mass will be a special celebration of the gift of marriage and family life, with couples marking milestone anniversaries especially welcome. Please register online to let us know about your anniversary and to book refreshments.

Other Notices

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Saturday 1st August 2026

This pilgrimage, to be led by Bishop Peter Collins of East Anglia, will go to England's Nazareth, the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal. Please join the pilgrimage to help build the 'great prayer for Life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II. Coaches from Westminster Cathedral and Southwark St George's Cathedral, details in the posters and on the noticeboards. Thank you.

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



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.

OUNDLE WORKING GROUP

Would you like to join our Team – we need you!

We have a Core Working Group of Oundle parishioners to organise and manage the vital facilities of our Church, our community and our missions.

We are bringing together the many talents within our church family to serve the common good, strengthen our church, and build a thriving, connected community. As part of this, we are forming teams to lead and support the church's key areas of ministry, finance, missions and outreach, as outlined below.

Mass Experience

This team ensures that mass runs smoothly and provides a welcoming environment.

- Sacristans - Worship & Music - Greeting & Hospitality - Flowers - Cleaning

Discipleship & Ministries

This team focuses on the spiritual growth and specific age groups or needs within the congregation.

- Children & Youth - Prayer groups - Visiting sick or isolated parishioners & providing lifts to Mass.

Operations & Administration

This team handles the practical, behind-the-scenes logistics to keep the church functioning on a daily basis: - Finance - Facilities & Security - Safeguarding - Communications

Outreach & Evangelism

This team focuses on the church's impact outside its own walls and in the local community.

- Local Missions e.g. Foodbank - local charity partnerships - Global Missions e.g. CAFOD

Together, we can continue to care for our cherished Grade II listed church, strengthen our finances, support our mission, and ensure that our parish community continues to flourish for generations to come.

Our parish is blessed with so many people who generously give their time, talents and energy, and we are truly grateful for their faithful service. Every contribution, however big or small, makes a real difference. If you have been thinking about getting involved, we would be delighted to welcome you to one or more of our teams.

No previous experience is necessary, and if you would like to help in an area that is new to you - whether that's fundraising, children's liturgy, or another ministry - we will arrange the training and support you need to help you grow in confidence.

Please speak to Father Jonathan or Marlene or email the parish office at:

parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org with your details and the areas where you would like to help.

Marlene on behalf of Oundle Working Group



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Dear brothers and sisters,

As you may know, Pope Leo has appointed me Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Northampton. I am aware that this is a difficult time of uncertainty for our whole diocese. Amid these challenges, I want to thank you sincerely for everything you are doing to support your priests and deacons and keep our communities vibrant and stable. You are all in my prayers.

Over the past few weeks, I have met with the diocesan leadership teams and trustees to understand the current situation and plan the way forward.

It is my intention to spend a good part of one day a week in the Diocese and, in between times, to liaise with Canon Michael Harrison, in his capacity as Vicar General and with Canon Christopher Perry, in his role as Moderator of the Curia.

Regarding upcoming celebrations of the sacrament of Confirmation, we will keep the current arrangements in place. The local Deans will continue to administer the Sacrament as planned.

Please join me in praying for everyone affected by the ongoing situation involving Bishop David. Let us also pray for one another as we work together in the Vineyard of the Lord in our parishes, schools and religious communities.

With every Blessing,

+ Richard Mott

Apostolic Administrator

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Celebrant: Rt Rev Peter Collins,
Bishop of East Anglia



When: 1st August 2026

Where: Shrine of Our Lady Of Walsingham

Coach(es) from:

- Northampton: Northampton Cathedral (NN2 6AG) at 7:15am (contact Bernadette)
- Kettering: Cornmarket Hall car park (NN15 7QA) at 7:55am (contact Wanda)

Price: £25 adults & £15 children

Further information about the pilgrimage, livestreaming and coach meeting points can be found on the website:

<https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>



To book, contact:
Bernadette (07488 261065)
Wanda (07886 960062)

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