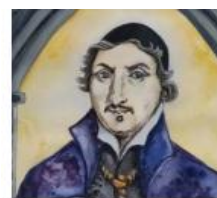


Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright



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**
Office: 2 St Paul's Gardens, Thrapston, NN14 4FE - 01832 617 050 www.eastnorthantscatholic.uk -
parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org



Sunday 8th February 2026 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical Colour: **Green**

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Michael Lepine RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Mary & Patrick Herity RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Cathleen Fox RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) Memorial of St Scholastica

10:00am Holy Mass (*Cummings – Foundation Mass*)

Thursday Feria

(MHNJ)

9.30am Mass presided by Fr Mark Vickers

(SPA)

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Mary Casey RIP*)

Friday (MHNJ) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions
(*Louisa Willetts RIP*)

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

St Paul's Confirmation Classes 2026

St. Paul's, Thursday evenings (18:30 – 19:45)

12 February

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Craig Wilker: 07799761665, craig.wilker@gmail.com

Diana Charles: cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk

Rite of Election 2026

On Sunday 22nd February, at the 11am Mass, our candidate (Christian Pinder) for the reception into full communion with the Church will be presented to the whole community. Later in the day (3.00pm), they will attend the Rite of Election at the Cathedral in Northampton.

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

Email: svp140512@gmail.com

Visit: www.svp.org.uk

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565 395 955

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.

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

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 2.00pm

3.00pm Stations of the Cross



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
[e?ID=56088](http://www.caspar.church/m?ID=56088)

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m
[e?ID=56072](http://www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072)

Trouble 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

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer** email: frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.30am-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

Oundle First Friday Coffee

Because of a Listening meeting at 12 involving Fr Jonathan and a couple of parishioners this will be postponed until after Mass, the following Friday **13th February**. We thought this time to go to the Coffee Tavern.

Community Engagement Event – Thrapston

This event (at the Plaza on 7th March 10am-2pm) is an opportunity where residents can connect with organisations that support the wellbeing of the community. If you would like to attend this event as a representative of the Catholic church, please email the parish office.

New MISSIO Representative Needed

We thank Nuala Wilker for being our MISSIO representative. We are now looking for someone else to take over this role. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Ecumenical Event

Oundle Churches would like to invite you to participate in the next Oundle Churches Joint Prayer Event at St Peter's, at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 March. The next planning meeting is next **Thursday 12 February 9am** at St Peter's Church. They are hoping that people would like to attend and help plan the event. Please email the parish office if you are interested.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Alpha Training Day for Parishes

This day will equip you with everything you need to run Alpha well. You are very welcome to attend on your own, but it would be even more beneficial to come with a small team of people whom you hope will form your parish Alpha team.

Please note the change of venue.

When: **Saturday 7 February 2026, 11.30am – 4.00pm**

Where: **Holy Ghost, Luton, LU4 8JD**

Cost: **£15 per person** (lunch included; tea and coffee provided throughout the day)

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/alpha-training-day/>

LUX. Belong

When: **13-15th February 2026**

Where: **Kings Park Centre, Northampton**

Who: **Ages 11-18 (school years 7-13)**

How much: **£110**

LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is Belong.

Visit nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/ or

email NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com to find out more.

Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1)

Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey?

This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists...

Course Dates:

- 7 virtual sessions from **7.30–9.00pm**
- **Starts Friday 27 February 2026**
- **Subsequent sessions: 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 10, 17 April 2026**

Includes Zoom links, course materials, and refreshments. No fixed fee—donations welcomed.

[Visit our diocesan website for further information](#)

Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)

The **Northampton Charismatic Diocesan Services of Communion (CDSC)** invite parishioners to take part in *Walking in the Holy Spirit (Fanning into Flames)* - a four-part monthly online series exploring how the Holy Spirit shapes, strengthens, and sends us out as disciples of Christ. Sessions run from **7.00–8.30pm on Tuesdays:**

17 February – Growth – Fr Emmanuel Okami

17 March – Bonding – Speaker to be confirmed

16 June – Empowerment – Charles Whitehead

14 July – Mission – Maria Heath

All are welcome.

More information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/walking-in-the-holy-spirit/>

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 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

The Synod and Women: Which Way to the Future?

Thursday 26 February, online at 6.30pm - Dr Zagano joins the NBCW (a consultative body to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) at the beginning of an exciting year of innovative engagement with Catholic women.

To register and find out more, please visit: <https://www.nbcw.co.uk>

Vacancies – Property Area Co-ordinators

We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is **Friday 7 March 2026**. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to **"Come and See"** — a **day of prayer, reflection, and questions** for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Date: Saturday 28th March, 2026

Programme: A day including prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open **Q&A**

Who is it for? Men who are exploring, questioning, or discerning a call to the priesthood

Where? Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney

This day offers a relaxed and supportive opportunity to reflect on God's call, to learn more about priestly life, and to ask honest questions in a prayerful setting.

To register your interest or for more information, please contact: Fr Pius

✉ vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org

☎ 01753 523147

Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Gospel to the Annual Mission Conference on **Saturday 14 March 2026, from 10.30 am to 4 pm in Leighton Buzzard**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, be inspired, and learn more about mission work within our diocese. The conference is free to attend, though small donations towards the work of Mission Northampton are very welcome. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. More information: [Mission Conference 2026](#)

OTHER NOTICES

National Marriage Week – 7 to 14 February 2026

National Marriage Week is an annual celebration that supports and promotes marriage and family life and invites us to reflect on the central role of marriage and family in our Church and society, as we prepare for the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love") on **19 March 2026**. We encourage all to read, share, and join in prayerful reflection during this special time.

[National Marriage Week](#)

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's Retreat - 4 & 11 February 2026

A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a five-day, shortened form, guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). The retreat is open to ordained, religious, and lay men who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. Event details:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

Oundle Lent Lunches

Oundle Lent Lunches are here again! **Every Thursday in Lent (19th February - 2nd April incl.), 12 noon to 1.30 pm** in Oundle Methodist Church: homemade soup, bread and cheese (gluten-free bread available). No fixed charge - donations to Christian Aid. All welcome.

The day our church is hosting is **26th March** but don't forget that it is happening every Thursday in Lent and it is a great social occasion when members of all the churches get together, and there is always a great choice of homemade soup.

It's Opera time again!

St Paul's organist Vincent Davy will be conducting Offenbach's comic operetta 'Orpheus in the Underworld' with **Thrapston Plaza Opera, 19th, 20th & 21st February** in the Thrapston Plaza. Choir member Kathy Franklin is also singing in the chorus. This amusing take on Greek mythology, which includes the famous Can-Can dance, is fully staged with orchestral accompaniment - our 15th annual production is not to be missed.

Tickets: £20 adult, £5 child/student available online at: ticketsource.co.uk

(search event - Thrapston Orpheus)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

V P Davy - Music Director

Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle

20–22 February 2026

2026 marks 100 years since St John of the Cross was declared a Doctor of the Church. To celebrate this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will lead a reflective weekend exploring the themes of love and beauty in the saint's most celebrated poetry.

From 20–22 February, participants will be invited to delve into the spiritual richness of *The Spiritual Canticle* and deepen their appreciation of St John's timeless insights into God's love.

[Further information and booking details can be found via the Christian Heritage Centre.](#)

'God in Number 10'

Fr. Mark Vickers is a Westminster priest who spends part of his time in Oundle. He is speaking at Oundle School on his book on the faith of the twentieth-century Prime Ministers: seances in Downing Street, mystical revelations, and genuine Christian devotion. **7.45 pm on Thursday, 26 February** in the Great Hall complex in New Street. All welcome.

Webinar: The Role of Beauty in Moral Formation

The Catholic Union invites you to a webinar on **Monday 20th April at 6.00pm** exploring the place of beauty in the moral formation of individuals and society. Chaired by journalist Catherine Pepinster, speakers include Fr Patrick van der Vorst, priest and founder of Christian Art, and Stefan Kaminski, Director of The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Booking is essential: Email info@catholicunion.org.uk to receive your Zoom link.

Catholic Young Artist and Young Writer Awards

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust is delighted to announce the Catholic Young Artist Award, newly launched this year and open to primary school-aged children.

Theme: *Forgiveness*

Judge: Margaret Mizen, Founder of the Mizen Foundation

The winner will be announced before the end of the academic year and will receive a cash prize, with runners-up also recognised.

This Award runs alongside the Catholic Young Writer Award, open to Catholic pupils of secondary school age, which invites young people to reflect on the question:

"Why do we go to Confession?"

More information:

<https://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/01/young-catholic-artist-award-2026/>




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REFLECTIONS AND RECORDINGS FROM WITHIN A MONASTERY

A CONTEMPLATIVE FILM BY DANIEL ROTHCHILD

Screening at the Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey
Saturday 28th February 2026



Start at 10am, lunch after Midday Office,
followed by the final part.
Ends approximately 3pm

£25 donation with lunch provided
(please inform Brother John of any special
dietary requirements)

Book at turveymonks@yahoo.co.uk

Thrapston Plaza Opera 2026 presents

Orpheus in the Underworld

Jacques Offenbach

Comic operetta in three Acts from the original by HECTOR CREMIEUX and LUDOVIC HALEVY

New book and lyrics by PHIL PARK. Music adapted and arranged by RONALD HANMER

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd.



Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February 2026 @ 7.00pm
Saturday 21st February 2026 @ 5.00pm

Tickets £20 available from [TicketSource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

Thrapston Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS

www.thrapstonplazaopera.com

Creative Art Retreat Days 2026

Each day consists of a group of 10-12 like-minded people.

(No previous experience is necessary.)

There is unlimited tea and coffee on tap and a home cooked vegetarian lunch.

The day begins at 9-45 am, with a welcoming cuppa and ends around 4 pm.

Around 11.30 those who wish can join for a short Mass .

Continue with work until 1.pm for lunch, followed by a short optional meditation, or a wander.

Then finish around 3.30 for tea and cake and a general "Happy chat ", about our work and the day .

Cost of the day is £50 and includes all the materials and refreshments.

Payment can be made by cheque to :

The Monastery of Christ our Saviour

Or by Direct Debit

Monastery of Christ Saviour. Sort: 60-16-45
Account No: 68198140

Reference "creativity retreat" Or Cash

To request a bookingplease e mail Jane : on
cjanemonk@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday. **March. 14th.** The Heart's Impress.

Exploring basic printing.

Marie Ryan & Pauline Wood

Saturday. **May 2nd.** Going for a song.

Bird song and a certain type of Music.

Brother John

Saturday. **July 11th.** Mosaic Magic.

Be creative with glass.

Cathy Ebbels

Saturday. **September 12th.** Words Pictures.

Calligrams—Using words to create pictures.

Tina Rogers

Saturday. **October 10th.** Mindful Quilting.

Produce a table mat or cushion.

Glynis Harper

Saturday. **November 21st.** Book Folding.

Relax before Christmas and create a unique Christmas Angel.

Marie Heath