



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 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: **White**

Second Collection – Our Churches Maintenance

5:00pm (Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pat, Mary & John Moran RIP*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Graham Charles RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*Helen & Jim Kilbride RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) NO MASS

Thursday (SPA) Solemnity of St George

5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Brendan Dunphy well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) Memorial of St Adalbert

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Confessions (*John & Moira Haggarty RIP*)

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

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

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To sign-up to CASPAR, our Cluster Database, please use the QR Codes or simply type in the address into your web browser.

Trouble with CASPAR?

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

Email us at: support@caspar.church

Or

Phone us on: 01440 730399

Thrapston & Raunds



www.caspar.church/m e?ID=56088

Oundle



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



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

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

Oundle Lent Lunches

Many thanks to all who supported the **Lent Lunches** this year, either by making soup and helping or by their patronage. Nearly £1,400 was raised in total for Christian Aid, a record! Thanks to the Methodist Church too for the use of their facilities. The week the MHNJ church made the soup, over £200 was raised.

Red Box 2025: Thank You!

In 2025 St Paul the Apostle with St Thomas More raised £120.00 and Most Holy Name of Jesus raised £120.00 through our Red Boxes. Thank you! Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature in this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Fraud Protection Session Cancelled

Due to lack of numbers, the Fraud Protection session in Kettering which was supposed to be on **22nd April**, has been cancelled.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

There is still time to register for the Life in the Spirit seminars starting on Tuesday 28th April and then weekly until June. Sessions are on Teams and cover:

- **28th April** – The Father's Loving Plan
- **5th May** – The Joy of the Gospel
- **12th May** – The Gift of the Spirit
- **19th May** – Unwrapping God's Gift
- **26th May** – Encountering the Holy Spirit (part B)
- **2nd June** – Living in the Spirit

There is also a special in-person event from **11am-4pm on Saturday 23rd May** (Pentecost Eve). The Baptism in the Spirit Day will be led by Bro. Gary Stephens at Our Lady Help of Christians in Luton. You can find out more at <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2026/>

OTHER NOTICES

Holy Hour - Assisted dying

Join the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to pass the Assisted Dying Bill into law. The Holy Hour will begin at **4.30pm on Sunday 19th April**.

The Place of Beauty

The Catholic Union will be hosting a **webinar** on The Place of Beauty from **6pm on Monday 20th April**. It will explore the place of beauty and other transcendentals in the moral formation of both the person and of society. Well-known journalist Catherine Pepinster will chair the event, which will also feature Fr Patrick van der Vorst and Stefan Kaminski.

Booking is essential and spaces are very limited, so please email info@catholicunion.org.uk if you wish to attend.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (**Year 12, 10-15 August**) and to The Human Ecology (**Year 13, 5-10 July**). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. For more information please visit: www.christianleadershipformation.com

Called to Love

A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from **Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May**, with the option of staying Friday night.

For more information please visit:

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

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

The Catechism of the Catholic Church group invites parishioners and friends to join a one-day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on **Saturday, 18th April 2026**. Knock, Ireland's National Marian Shrine, has been a place of prayer and pilgrimage since the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist in 1879. This day offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and fellowship away from the busyness of daily life. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing and footwear for all weather conditions.

For more information email catechismstudies.ie@gmail.com

Save the date: National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse (Tuesday, 5th May)

This day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse is an important initiative. Originally observed during the season of Lent, the Bishops of England and Wales, listening to the voices of victims and survivors, moved the date on which the day is marked in England and Wales to the Tuesday of the fifth week of Easter. Please "mark the date" and keep it free this year: **Tuesday 5th May 2026**.

Dear God,

We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the family of the Church; whether they are known to us or not, we know that you know them by name. For those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape. For those in pain, bring comfort and healing. For those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength. As the Church, we are one body; if one part suffers, every part suffers. Give to all who suffer, someone who will listen, support and accompany.

Amen.

Called & Equipped 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>



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.