

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete

Liturgical Colour: **Rose**

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December (SPA)

7:00am Rorate Mass

5:00pm(Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*The Collett Family well-being*)

9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)

11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Agnes & David Timlin RIP*)

### Rest of the Week

#### Monday (SPA) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Eamonn Queenan & Family well-being*)

#### Tuesday (SPA) Feria

09:00am Holy Mass (*Sharon Knox & Family well-being*)

#### Thursday (SPA) Feria

5:00pm Holy Hour

5.45pm Vespers

6:00pm Holy Mass (*Tadhg Scanlon well-being*)

#### Friday (MHNJ) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **CONFESSIONS**

(*Richard & Elizabeth Poole well-being*)

**MHNJ:** Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

**SPA:** St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

**STM:** St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS



Jubilee Year 2025  
Pilgrims of Hope



## 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 Paul's Confirmation Classes 2025-2026

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

11 December

08, 15, 22, & 29 January

04 & 12 February

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Craig Wilker: 07799761665, [craig.wilker@gmail.com](mailto:craig.wilker@gmail.com)

Diana Charles: [cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cherry.vincent@hotmail.co.uk)

## Christmas Mass Times

6:00pm Vigil Mass at STM

11:00pm Midnight Mass at SPA

9:15am Christmas Morning Mass at MHNJ

11:00am Mass of Christmas Day at SPA

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

### Oundle



[www.caspar.church/m](http://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](mailto:support@caspar.church)

Phone Us on 01440 730399

Parish Priest: **Fr Jonathan Creer** email: [frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frjonathan.creer@northamptondiocese.org)

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11.30am-1pm)** email: [parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org](mailto: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

### The End-Of-Year Missio Red Box Collection Is Now Taking Place

Please return your red box/brown envelope to the church. You can also pay electronically by clicking on the link [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) Thank you sincerely for your kindness and your continued support of MISSIO's mission work.

MISSIO contact: Nuala Wilker  
Email: [nualabyrnemayo@hotmail.com](mailto:nualabyrnemayo@hotmail.com)

### MHNJ Big Clean - 10.30 Monday 15th December

Anyone up for a 'Big Clean' before Christmas? The sunshine last weekend highlighted a number of cobwebs up high!

### Mince Pies and Coffee

Join us for mince pies and coffee on **Sunday, 21st December after 9.15 am Mass**. All are welcome.

### Please Help At St. Thomas More, Raunds.

Volunteers needed to prepare our chapel with some light cleaning and Christmas decorating, on **Tuesday 23rd December from 10am - midday**. Any help appreciated! Refreshments offered! Thank you!

### Bring and Share Epiphany Lunch

For the whole cluster is planned for the **10th January at 12.30**. Details from Richard or Elizabeth Poole. Just turn up with a food contribution (not too much as there is always masses of food!) There will be a bar.

As it is the Epiphany and the Wise Men brought gifts there will also be a collection for Oundle Foodbank.

Please sign on the sheet on the noticeboard in your church.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Strategic Lead for Caritas Social Action

We're seeking a passionate individual to lead Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton. This part-time role (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton.

If you are committed to Catholic Social Teaching and have experience in project leadership and community outreach, we'd love to hear from you! 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](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**The closing date for the position is 9 January 2026.**

### Supporting the Jubilee for Prisoners – A Call to Action

In the lead-up to the Jubilee for Prisoners on **14th December**, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is delighted to share a new Call to Action Guide, developed in response to last year's Bishops' Conference publication *Remember Me*, which explores the realities of the criminal justice system in the UK. Documents can be found here <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/responding-to-remember-me-a-call-to-prayer-reflection-and-action/>

### Online Advent Retreat: Monday 15th December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, for our final Advent Retreat, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Canon John Udris who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Canon John will be unpacking Bathsheba for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more information and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

### Alpha Training Day – Saturday, 7th February 2026

Thinking about running Alpha in your parish? Join us at St Joseph the Worker, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS, from **11:30 AM to 4:00 PM**, for a day that will equip you and your team to run Alpha effectively. Topics include running sessions, creating the right environment, organising day/weekend events, promoting Alpha, and fostering a culture of welcome and leadership. Lunch, tea, and coffee are included, and the cost is £15. While individuals are welcome, bringing a small parish team is highly recommended.  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/alpha-training-day/>

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox [sharon\\_knox@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_knox@hotmail.com)

### Congratulations to our First Holy Communion candidates Johan, Eliza and Jeffrin who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday



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Email: [svp140512@gmail.com](mailto:svp140512@gmail.com)

Visit: [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk)

Call: Joe Gasan on 07565395955

### Advent Novena

We are pleased to share the *Crown of Advent Novena*, a beautiful reflection based on the O Antiphons, created by parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham Parish in Corby. Individuals are warmly invited to sign up to **receive the novena by email each day from 17 December through Christmas Day**. This offers a simple yet profound way to prepare spiritually for the Nativity of the Lord. Please consider promoting this initiative within your parish communities as we journey together through the final days of Advent. [www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/advent-novena/)

### LUX Youth Residential Weekend

Our diocesan residential weekend for young people in school years 7–13 will take place from **13–15 February** at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Packed with workshops, drama, music, worship, Mass, games, and time with friends, this year's theme is *Belong*. The cost is £110. For more information or to book, visit [nimo.org/lux-belong-2026](http://nimo.org/lux-belong-2026) or email [NYMO@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO@northamptondiocese.com).

## Save the Date – Diocesan Mission Conference 2026

Mission Northampton warmly invites everyone across the diocese with a heart for sharing the Good News to our Annual Mission Conference on  
**Saturday 14th March 2026, 10:30am–4:00pm,**

at Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HZ.

Parking is available onsite. Come and be inspired, equipped, and encouraged in the work of mission. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. We look forward to welcoming you for a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal in our shared mission. More here [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/mission-conference-2026/)

## OTHER NOTICES

### Advent Resources

As we enter this season of hopeful preparation, we invite you to explore our [Digital Resource Page](#) on the diocesan website. We have also created a separate [Advent Opportunities page](#) featuring links to retreats, prayers, and other seasonal events to support you and your communities during this sacred time. The Mark 10 Mission: a moving rendition of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel sung by Sr Chiara, a Franciscan Sister of the Renewal. This ancient hymn, drawn from the Church's O Antiphons, expresses the longing and hope of God's people awaiting the Messiah, both in salvation history and in our lives today. Video link: [https://youtu.be/S\\_tXIIJxoEE?si=DHKEPPhKUS5wUmtF](https://youtu.be/S_tXIIJxoEE?si=DHKEPPhKUS5wUmtF)

### Wave of Hope

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has released an excellent Advent resource entitled Wave of Hope. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, this series offers 25 short multimedia reflections, one for each day, featuring contributors who share a personal moment from 2025 that has renewed their sense of hope. More here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wave-of-hope/>

### St Peter's Carol Singing

The December session of the regular hymn singing will be on the **16th December** at 10.30 and will consist of carols.

### Advent Bible Studies

Join Mauro Iannicelli for four engaging Bible studies on the Advent Sunday Gospels, exploring the readings in depth with thought-provoking insights and questions to enrich the celebration of Holy Mass.

Sessions will take place on **10, and 17 December, 7–8pm** UK time, free of charge via LIVE YouTube. To register, visit <https://comeandsee.org/advent-bible-studies>

### The Theology of John Henry Newman & Its Relevance for Today's Church- Tuesday 20 January, 5.30pm

In celebration of St John Henry Newman's importance for Catholic education, the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, together with the Newman Association, has developed a six-session short course designed to deepen your understanding of key themes in Newman's theology and their relevance for the Church today. The course will be team-taught by leading theologians and delivered live online, one Tuesday evening each month. Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-theology-of-john-henry-newman-its-relevance-for-todays-church-tickets-1906599794309>

### The Bereavement Journey

Run by the Baptist Church in Oundle, starting on Wednesday evenings from **21st January 2026**; it will run for 7 weeks, at No.1 St Osyths Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG. It is an award-winning series of films and discussion that gently guides adults bereaved at any time, through the varied ways grief and bereavement can impact, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps. Guests do their own grief work, facilitated by volunteers. Contact Judith Brashaw at Oundle Baptist Church. [Office@oundlebaptist.org.uk](mailto:Office@oundlebaptist.org.uk)

More information at <https://www.thebereavementjourney.org/>

### 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>

### Love & Beauty in St John's *Spiritual Canticle* - 20–22 February 2026

2026 marks the centenary of the declaration of St John of the Cross as a Doctor of the Church.

In honour of this anniversary, **Fr Matthew Blake, OCD**, will offer a weekend reflecting on the themes of love and beauty in the most celebrated poetry of the great Spanish mystic.

Event details:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/love-beauty-in-st-johns-spiritual-canticle/>

### 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](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) to receive your Zoom link.

### Patmos Pilgrimage

JC Journeys are organising a pilgrimage to Patmos, led by Fr Jerome Ituah, OCD. Known as the site where St John the Theologian received the Book of Revelation, Patmos is a place where faith and history intertwine.

**Dates:** Monday 1 June – Sunday 7 June 2026

**Cost:** £1,595 (based on two people sharing)

For more information, please contact JC Journeys at [enquiries@jcjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com).

# The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham

*Called to the Fullness of Life and Love*



A new religious community dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham offering talks, parish missions, retreat days, accompaniment and more, both in Norfolk and around the country. Retreats, both personal and guided are also available at their convent in Dereham, located thirty minutes from Walsingham and with good public transport links to Norwich.

## *Mary's House Appeal*

*Help us to establish a place of prayer and service in Walsingham, our spiritual home.*

Please support as we raise funds for the purchase of a mission house in Walsingham as our community continues to grow, visit the website to find out more.

Any donation you can give is appreciated!



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