



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 30th March 2025

Laetare Sunday

Fourth Sunday of LENT

Liturgical Colour: **Violet or Rose**

Second collection – Our churches maintenance

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Private Intention*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Peter & John Cooper RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Feria

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

Tuesday (SPA) Feria

09:00am Holy Mass (*Barbara Dunphy Well-being*)

Thursday (SPA) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Diana Charles Well-being*)

Friday Commemoration of *St Isidore*

10:00am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass followed by **CONFESSIONS**
(*Ellie De Freitas RIP*)

7:00pm **(SPA)** Stations of the Cross

CONFESSIONS: As advertised above or by appointment

MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder about when to approach the altar for the reception of Holy Communion. Once the priest has drunk the Most Precious Blood from the chalice and the bell is rung, please start making your way to the altar (sanctuary). This will make communion swifter and will show our spiritual willingness that we truly desire to be fed by Christ.

HOLY TRIDUUM

VENUE: St Paul, the Apostle's, Thrapston

HOLY THURSDAY 6.30pm Mass of the Supper of the Lord

GOOD FRIDAY 3.00pm Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY 8.00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER MORNING MASSES

9.15am Most Holy Name's, Oundle

11.00am St Paul the Apostle's, Thrapston



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?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

Troubles 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



**Jubilee Year
2025**

**Pilgrims of
Hope**

to watch videos,
click on image.

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Next meeting on Monday 28th April at 5pm.

RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Next Meeting Monday 7th April at 7pm.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday via Zoom at 7pm

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Meetings every Friday at St Thomas More chapel

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chapel

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Parish Priest: **Fr Benedetto D'Autilia**

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11am-1pm)**

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

DIOCESAN NEWS: <https://northamptondiocese.org/news/>

email: frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org

email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Newsletter items to be emailed to Meg by **Wednesday**



St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

www.svp.org.uk

svp140512@gmail.com Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

CLUSTER NOTICES

From REPOSITORY

My Day by Day: £2.00 - Jubilee booklet: £1.50

Walk With Me Lent Booklets: these are available at the back of church. Donations are welcome.

We Dare to HOPE

A small group will be meeting on five **Wednesday evenings, 6-7pm** during which we will be working through the We Dare to HOPE booklet, Northampton diocese edition, with a foreword by Bishop David Oakley.

Each week this booklet with its five chapters based on stories of Hope that complement the Jubilee Year theme will be used as a way for us to draw upon the Scriptures and to encourage us in our faith in a trusting environment. No commitment to all evenings required, just come along as you can - and no need to book, just turn up.

Session 3 The Prayer of Hope on **Wednesday 2nd April at Thrapston**

Session 4 Hope Against Hope on **Wednesday the 9th April at Oundle**

Session 5 Christ, Our Hope on **Wednesday 16th April at Raunds**

You are warmly invited to come and share this gentle and prayerful resource with us. Refreshments provided.

Church cleaning at St Pauls

We have two small teams of volunteers who clean our Church twice a month on a **Monday evening at 6pm** and a **Saturday morning at 10am**. If you are able to help on the following date, it would be much appreciated:

Monday 7th April.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass this year will take place on **Wednesday 16th April at midday**. All are welcome.

CELEBRATE@Home "Lent Family Activity Pack"

This resource is designed to support faith in the family. The pack is full of engaging activities with ways to pray, books to savour, and films that both entertain and promote conversations in faith. You can access the free family activity: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

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/national-safeguarding-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

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.

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.



Life In The Spirit Seminars 2025

These seminars offer participants an opportunity to deepen their faith and experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

- Duration:** Five weekday evenings complemented by a day retreat.
- Content:** Each session includes talks and discussions, supported by short daily reflections.

These seminars are part of the diocese's mission to foster a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit, recognizing its vital role in evangelisation and personal spiritual growth. For more details, please visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>

Diaconate Open Day

Considering the Diaconate? Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on **Saturday, 31st May, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West St., Dunstable**. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The diocesan pilgrimage will take place on the **14th June 2025**.

Please contact Deacon Michael Fleming at:
deaconmichael.fleming@northamptondiocese.org

Altar Servers Retreat

Bishop David Oakley warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass. This special celebration will take place at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on **Saturday, 28th June 2025**, at **11:00 am**. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Deacon Peter Griffin at pfgriffin@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with you.
Poster is attached.

OTHER NOTICES

Popes Prayer Intention April - For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Assisted Suicide Legislation

The important vote for all MPs on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on **25th April**. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here:
<https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>.

Oundle Lent Lunches

Thursdays throughout Lent, from **12 - 1.30** in the Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane (at the back of the Talbot.)

Homemade soup, nice bread and cheese, and a cuppa afterwards. Donations to Christian Aid. A great opportunity to meet other Christians from the area. 'Our' lunch, when our church provides and serves the soup is on the **27th March**.

CAFOD Jubilee Year Retreat

In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis calls on us to be tangible signs of hope to others. We have a wonderful opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives and spend it with God. We are blessed to have Fr John Udris lead this retreat so do come along and bring friends and family too. Date – **Saturday 5 April 2025** Venue – **St Anne's church Hall, Aylesbury Rd, Wendover, HP22 6JG** Time – **10am** coffee/tea (for a 10:30 start) – 1pm (9:30 optional mass)
Please bring a packed lunch.

Catholic Union

The next public event regarding the bill will be a special webinar on assisted dying, open to the whole Catholic community, on **Thursday 3 April**. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes. Please register your attendance [here](#) and the zoom link will be sent to you in due course.

Called to Love: Masculine & Feminine, 9 – 11 May 2025

A weekend for single young adults and dating or engaged couples, exploring the nature of masculinity and femininity.

The retreat will consider the contemporary challenges to being a man and a woman and the Church's wisdom for this, drawing particular inspiration from St Pope John Paul II.

For more information and to book:

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

SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society for a pilgrimage to Walsingham in this year of Jubilee. A wonderful occasion to gather members from all across the Society, taking place on **Sunday 6th July 2025**. The day will include Mass, Anointing of the sick and Benediction. If you have any questions, get in contact: bethant@svp.org.uk

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome

30th July – 3rd August, Rome
Ages 18–35

One of the highlights will be the canonisation of Pier Giorgio Frassati. We will be joining the Sion Community's pilgrimage to Rome at the end of July to take part in the exciting programme of events. The pilgrimage cost is approximately £650, depending on final flight and accommodation arrangements. The sooner we book, the better the flight prices—so don't wait if you're thinking of joining us! Visit <https://nymo.org/events/jubilee-of-youth/> or contact NYMO.admin@northamptondioces.com to find out more.

Booking deadline: 14th April

We Believe Festival

Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ.

From **25th-28th July**, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at **St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham**. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Early Bird Tickets available now at

www.webeliefestival.com

Radio Maria

Are offering digital and FM radio's for free (optional donation is available). These radio's are proving to be very popular and could be great presents for mothers day! More here <https://rmengland.civi-go.net/dab-radio>

AQUINAS 101

Get unlimited access to video lessons exploring faith and reason, happiness, man, God, the problem of evil, and much more. St Thomas Aquinas is one of the most valid theologians of the Church, whose teachings are ever new and very captivating to young minds of the 21st Century.

www.aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org

Plea for Volunteers: MHNJ

How would you feel if you came into church one day and the altar cloths were creased and grubby, nothing was set up ready for Mass and the heating hadn't been re-set so it was cold; if the flowers were dead and the carpet covered in bits, with hymn books on the floor. Quite rightly, you would be horrified. But preventing these things doesn't just happen. As in an ordinary family, as a church family, everyone can do their bit, however small.

We are gradually losing volunteers for health reasons or moving away. It used to be that cleaning came round once every three months, now it is creeping up to more often. Counting the collection also comes round much more frequently; we really do need more counters. We have been pleading for another sacristan for a while, as if the three of us are away it would all be left to Fr Benedetto, who to be fair already covers much more than his job description! Are you a good gardener? Could you occasionally put a few flowers in a vase - we have some great flower arrangers but if you are not skilled at wonderful arrangements (as I am not) that's no barrier. Sharpening pencils for the children's box, making sure the towel in the loo is clean and dry – as the advert says 'Every little helps!' It was so encouraging that Jan came forward to volunteer to fix the leaded window in the door – many thanks to him.

Even if, with your circumstances, all you can manage is to tidy your row of chairs as you go out, that would save the cleaners a good twenty minutes and a sore back, going along each row to tidy before hoovering. Please consider what you could do. Many thanks!

Elizabeth