



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 16th March 2025 Second Sunday of LENT

Liturgical Colour: **Violet**

Second collection - Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart

5:00pm(Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (Teresa Cawley RIP)
9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (Terry & John Foster well-being)
11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (Pro populo)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) Feast of St Patrick

10:00am Holy Mass (Fr David Harris RIP)

Tuesday (SPA) Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem

09:00am Holy Mass (Fr Bernard Quinlan RIP)

Thursday (SPA) Feria

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

10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS** (Fr John Scott RIP)

Friday (MHNJ) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **CONFESSIONS**
(Fr David Woodard RIP)

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

Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuikwe will be making an appeal from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, for the work of missionary Sisters of England and Wales to support the poor and marginalized. We work in different countries around the world serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people.

Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday 23rd March – Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham

Sunday 30th March – Our Churches Maintenance

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE

Meetings every Monday during term time at 5pm.

RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Meetings every Monday during term time 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 chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross



**Jubilee Year
2025**

**Pilgrims of
Hope**

to watch videos,
click on image.



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)

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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

New Wineskins Discernment Process

Bishop David is asking all pastoral areas to reflect on their community life and mission into the future. This includes our priestly provision, property and finance, together with all that we need to be outward-looking, flourishing and resilient Catholic communities.

The process begins in the St Luke pastoral area with an open meeting with Bishop David

**on 18th March, St Brendan's School,
Beanfield Ave, Corby NN18 0AZ, 7.30-9pm.**

It involves listening to as many voices and experiences as possible. You are invited to join the conversation. At this gathering our Pastoral Area Representatives (Elizabeth Poole for the Parish of the Most Holy Name of Jesus & Pauline Wood and Meg Shepherd for the parish of St Paul the Apostle – with St Thomas More's chapel) will offer three positives and three challenges about each church. All parishioners can contribute to the discussion by suggesting three positives and three challenges (not negatives!) to **Meg, Pauline** and **Elizabeth**, e.g.:

- Positive: More people are working together in our Cluster.
 - Challenge: Recruiting volunteers.
- Positive: Having a Cluster Pastoral Council.
- Challenge: Encouraging people to sing at Mass.

Parish Priest: **Fr Benedetto D'Autilia** email: frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd (Thurs 11am-1pm)** email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

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

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



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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the eternal rest of **John Allan Smoker**. Keep his family and friends in your prayers as they go through this difficult time. The Requiem Mass will take place at **Saint Paul's church** on **Thursday 27th March at 10:30am**.

Clarification about collections for CAFOD

A gentle reminder that as it was decided by our finance council, we support only one collection for CAFOD per year which is collected in Autumn. Therefore, the Lenten collection is not taking place like last year.

From the 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.

My Day by Day Subscription

Please could you let Fr Benedetto know if you would like to subscribe to the My Day by Day booklets so that the correct number can be ordered.

Currently we are getting too many copies and only 6 are purchased by parishioners.

We Dare to HOPE

A small group will be meeting on five **Wednesday evenings, 6-7pm** at **St. Thomas More Chapel Raunds**, through Lent beginning on the 19th March 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 five evenings required, just come along as you can - and no need to book, just turn up.

We are looking forward to welcoming you. 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**. We have recently lost some helpers so are looking for some extra willing hands particularly for the Saturday team. If you are able to help on any of the following dates it would be much appreciated:

~~Saturday 22nd March, Monday 7th April.~~

Safeguarding Key Message

Our key message this year is: ~~'The Diocese of Northampton have adopted the National policies of BCEW'~~

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.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

St Joseph's Day and Episcopal Ordination Anniversary

Next Wednesday, **19th March** marks the fifth anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Bishop David. You are invited to take part in Mass at midday in our Cathedral in Northampton.

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/>

Permanent Diaconate Information Day

You are invited you to learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our Diocese. Join us on Saturday, **31st May, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at **St. Mary's Parish**, 82 West Street, Dunstable. For more information, please contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or via email at parish.stmarydunstable@northamptondiocese.org.

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.

Seminar Structure:

•**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/>

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

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**.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

2025 Leadership programme for Sixth Form students

The CHC's Christian Leadership Formation programme is a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 12 / Lower VI, and is now open to applications for 2025. Offering media training, tools for personal development, philosophical and theological study, and a chance to meet like-minded peers and Catholic academics and public figures, the programme offers a certificate validated by St Mary's University, Twickenham. Amended dates to allow for the Jubilee of Youth in Rome.

For more information and to apply: <https://www.christianleadershipformation.com>

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/>

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome.

30th July - 3rd August, Rome. Ages 18-35.

Part of the events in July include the canonisation of Pier Giorgio Frassati! We will be joining the Sion Community's pilgrimage to Rome at the end of July to engage in the [programme of events](#) being run. The pilgrimage will cost approximately £650 depending on final flights and accommodation. The sooner we book the better for flight costs, so don't wait if you're thinking about joining us. Visit <https://nymo.org/events/jubilee-of-youth/> or contact NYSO.admin@northamptondiocese.com to find out more.

We Believe Festival

We Believe is a festival set to take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, from the **25-28th July**. Families and individuals, clergy and laity are welcome to attend.

More information can be found here <https://www.webeliefestival.com>

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