



# Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright

Comprising the churches of:

**Saint Paul the Apostle | Thrapston - Saint Thomas More | Raunds  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus | Oundle**

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## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Colour: **Violet**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Mary Catherine Moran well-being*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (SPA)** *Feria of Advent*

10:00am Holy Mass

(*Mary Moat well-being*)

**Tuesday (SPA)** *Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier*

09:00am Holy Mass

(*Peace on Earth*)

**Thursday (SPA)** *Feria of Advent*

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

10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS**

**Friday (MHNJ)** *Feria of Advent*

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

**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*



**Jubilee Year 2025**  
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. If you are not confident to use the internet, please ask a member of your family to help you signing-up. All you need is an email address.

### Thrapston & Raunds



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

### Oundle



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

## COURSE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION

The Programme is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5, who currently attend Mass each Sunday.

The Course will take place over roughly 18 months. In this way we will not rush the programme, and we will go at the pace of the children.

The course will begin on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 5:00pm** and will take place every Monday thereafter (during school Term Time) in the church of St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston.

**Parents Meeting** at St Paul's church, Thrapston. **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025** after 11am Mass.

**Please pick up a form from the back of church.**

Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is **essential** to complete the Programme.

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS 8<sup>th</sup> December - SVP

## MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

**RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**  
Meeting every Monday at 7pm during school term at St Paul's church in Thrapston.

**PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP**  
Zoom meeting on Tuesdays at **7pm**. If you need further information and a link, please email Marlene via the parish email.

**RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP**  
Meetings every Friday at St Thomas More chapel  
**2.00pm** Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet  
**3.00pm** Stations of the Cross

Parish Priest: **Fr Benedetto D'Autilia** email: [frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org)

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd** email: [parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org)

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



# PILGRIMS OF HOPE



**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PILGRIMAGE TO  
PREPARE FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR  
'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'**

**MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER, 10AM-4PM**

**9AM PILGRIMAGE WALK FROM ST. THOMAS MORE,  
RAUNDS TO THE SHRINE OF BLESSED PETER WRIGHT  
WHERE THERE WILL BE MASS, ADORATION AND  
CONFESSION BEGINNING AT 12 NOON.**

**ENDING WITH REFRESHMENTS AND THANKSGIVING**

**IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT BACK TO RAUNDS OR ARE  
ABLE TO OFFER A LIFT, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**PAULINE: [pwood1966@hotmail.com](mailto:pwood1966@hotmail.com)**

**THE FUTURE HAS A NAME AND ITS  
NAME IS HOPE - POPE FRANCIS**

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

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox

[sharon\\_knox@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon_knox@hotmail.com)

## Is your child crying during Mass?

Children are always very welcomed at Mass.

The following are logistic advices. Common sense should always be the main drive. Very small children—infants and toddlers—are quite capable of making a great deal of noise, but they generally do so for some reason: because they are uncomfortable, hungry, or tired, for example. If they are making a noise, it may be possible to quiet them there and then, but very often a parent will have to take them outside: not just for the sake of other people, but to meet the child's needs.

In our churches there are areas where you can take your child.

**Saint Paul's: back room with glass panelling.**

**Saint Thomas': Meeting Room.**

**Most Holy Name's: former sacristy.**

Standing outside a church with a small child is, after all, a way of serving God, and you are "morally present" at Mass as far as meeting your own obligation to attend is concerned.

Soft toys should be preferred to be brought into the church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass intention may involve an optional personal donation to the priest, which goes into the parish funds, as your parish priest receives a monthly allowance and so does not keep any 'stole fees'. If you wish, be generous as you can, for this is a small but pious contribution to our parish.



St Vincent  
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

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

[svp140512@gmail.com](mailto:svp140512@gmail.com) Joe Gasan on 07565 395955



### COST OF LIVING HELP BOOKLET

<https://www.caritas.org/>

You will find some copies of this Cost Of Living Help Booklet at the entrance of our churches.

## 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.



## CLUSTER NOTICES

### NEW Sunday Missals

The new Sunday Missals have arrived.

Please cross out your name from the list you signed for the pre-order. Then, use a white envelope for your payment, mark it 'Repository' and put it in the collection. If you are using the Dona Machine, pay by using the **Repository** entry.

Thank you for your cooperation.

(please do not leave money unattended around the church)

### Jubilee Year Initiative – Pilgrims of Hope

A Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Blessed Peter Wright is being organised by some of our parishioners on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024**. The walk will start from the chapel of St Thomas More in Raunds to the church of St Paul the Apostle in Thrapston, where the relic of Blessed Peter is kept.

For more details please see poster or contact Pauline on [pwood1966@hotmail.com](mailto:pwood1966@hotmail.com)

### SVP Christmas Collection

After your fantastic response to the Love Christmas campaign last year we are asking for your generous support again. Last year the SVP were able to provide bags of gifts to 26 families and elderly people who were extremely grateful of your thoughts and support. This year the SVP will work in partnership with Caritas Northampton and the Northamptonshire Children's Trust working with the most vulnerable families to provide Christmas gifts and spread some joy.

Suggested donations are toys, books, toiletries, gloves, scarves, socks, biscuits, chocolates. For more details please look for the leaflet in Church. Boxes will be available in all Churches in the parish from mid November until **December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### Oundle - Big Church Clean

Anyone who would like to join the band of cleaners for a Big Clean of the church on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, please turn up at 2pm. If you have a favourite cloth/brush/spray please bring it along, otherwise just turn up as we have plenty of cleaning materials. Refreshments available!

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### 'The Well' in Luton

You are invited to join this evening of prayer and formation on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm at St John's Catholic Church in Luton. The theme is Prophecy and a team from Cor et lumen Christi will give a teaching on the gift of prophecy and a practical demonstration.

### Advent and Christmas

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team is offering the following online talks, via Zoom. All talks start at **7.30pm** and finish at about 8.30pm on the dates stated below.

Please register in advance, and you will be sent a link to join the talk in the week beforehand. This session will include prayer, input and the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. There is no charge but there will be the opportunity to make a donation. [More here](#)

### Advent On-line Retreat

On 4 Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm, starting on **25<sup>th</sup> November**, Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading an on-line retreat called '**Doorways to Grace**'. We explore the 4 Holy Doors of Rome and the saints behind them. How we, like them, are being called into a grace filled encounter with Jesus in the coming Jubilee Year. To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat go to <https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways/>

### Diocesan Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David in our Cathedral at midday on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Diocesan Leadership Course

The Diocese of Northampton is offering the opportunity to take part in a year-long leadership training course beginning in **January 2025**, called the Bethsaida Leadership Course.

Are you a leader in your parish, either in a formal role or you find people look to you for leadership even if you don't have a formal role? Do you feel called to lead? Do you find yourself wishing you had the confidence to take a lead with a project in your Parish or Pastoral Area? Do you want to grow in your leadership skills? If the answer is yes, please apply for the Bethsaida Leadership Course.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Flame 2025

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, OVO Arena, Wembley. Ages 14-25.

The bookings and tickets for Flame 2025 are now live on the NYMO website! Bookings can be purchased by individuals or by a group. There are 2 options for tickets: entrance only tickets (£29) or entrance + transport tickets (£48). We have a limited number of these early bird tickets available and once they are all sold, prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets, and £50 for entrance + transport. To secure your places you will need to both submit a booking form, and purchase tickets. Transport pick up points will be: Northampton, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Luton, Slough, and High Wycombe. Contact [NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com) to find out more.

Bishop David is looking forward to participating in this event both as our diocesan Bishop and in his national role as chair of the department for evangelisation.

### LUX 2025 - LUX.Hope

LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18yrs. **5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February**, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. The theme for LUX this year is Hope in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. We'll be exploring what Hope means for young people today, using the life and travel of St. Paul to guide us.

Bookings are now live on the NYMO website:

<https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>. Included in the cost is accommodation, food, and social activities (e.g. high ropes, inflatable obstacle courses ect). We have a maximum capacity of 60 this year, so make sure you book sooner rather than later to avoid missing out. Contact

[NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com) to find out more.

### From Our Diocesan Education Service

St Mary's University and Swansea University are conducting a research study into how parents in Catholic schools in England and Wales support young people's learning, and how school staff and clergy can support parents and families. We'd like to invite you to take part in our online surveys of [parents](#), [school staff](#) and [clergy](#), in Catholic schools – please click the link for the relevant survey for you! We hope the findings will help us keep improving young people's learning, through schools, families, and the diocese working together.

## OTHER NOTICES

### CAFOD Jubilee Reflection Guide

CAFOD has produced the Jubilee 2025 Reflection Guide to help parishes, groups and individuals to prepare for the Jubilee year. It is available as an online download or a booklet to order from CAFOD's website, the guide has reflections on different themes within Luke 4:16-21 and is suitable for individual or group use over the course of four sessions, or only one session if preferred. It can be used at any point during the year. CAFOD is also offering an online reflection guide 'taster' session to anyone who might be interested in seeing what the resources are like: **Wed 4 December 6:55 for a 7pm start to 8pm.** [Please sign up here](#)

### **Pilgrimage to Patmos, Greece**

Patmos is an island touched by Heaven. The setting of a vision of Jesus by the Apostle John which led to the writing the book of Revelation, this tiny island in the Greek Aegean sea is a unique blend of natural beauty and the hum of ancient piety. Voted by

Forbes as 'Europe's most idyllic place to live', the story of Patmos will be brought to life by this pilgrimage. We will spend time in timeless monasteries and churches discovering the rituals, art and culture of the richly fascinating Greek Orthodox church. Reflections on scripture and contemplative prayer time in flower-filled courtyards overlooking turquoise waters will be a way of drawing near to God while Mass, led by Canon John Udris, will take place daily in various locations, from the beach to the breathtaking highest point on the Island, Mount Elijah. Based at the charming Skala Hotel, with its seawater pool and harbour front location, the pilgrimage promises to be a fun, relaxing and enriching experience in this most special of places.

Dates: **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May-Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Cost: £1750 based on two people sharing

### **AQUINAS 101**

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