



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 8th December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

Liturgical Colour: **Violet**

Second Collection – SVP

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Holy Souls RIP*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Graham Charles RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

09:30am Holy Mass (*John & Moira Haggarty RIP*)

Tuesday (SPA) No Mass

Thursday (SPA) *Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

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

(*Stewart Frandsen RIP*)

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

Friday (MHNJ) *Memorial of St Lucy*

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

(*Denis Moran well-being*)

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*

COURSE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION

DEADLINE FOR THE RETURN OF FORMS: 22ND DECEMBER 2024

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 13th 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 5th 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 24th December

5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas'

8.00pm Mass during the Night at St Paul's

Wednesday 25th December

9.00am Mass at Dawn at Most Holy Name's

11.00am Mass during the Day at St Paul's



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.

Thrapston & Raunds



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56088

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

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

Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd** email: parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org

Presbytery & Office TEL. 01832 617 050

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
Nativity Puppet Show

ON SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

1.30PM

AT ST. THOMAS MORE RC
CHURCH, RAUNDS



JOIN IN THIS FUN RETELLING OF
THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND MAKE
YOUR OWN PUPPETS TOO!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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

**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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Safeguarding officer – Sharon Knox

sharon_knox@hotmail.com



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

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)

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 8th**.

Oundle - Big Church Clean

Anyone who would like to join the band of cleaners for a Big Clean of the church on **Tuesday 17th 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!

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 30th 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

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

Diocesan Patronal Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Advent On-line Retreat

On 4 Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm, starting on **25th 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/>

40 Hours Devotion - Luton

The latest pastoral area 40 hours devotion is taking place in Luton at St Joseph the Worker on **9th December** and Our Lady Help of Christians on **10th 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

15th 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 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.

5th-7th 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 to find out more.

OTHER NOTICES

Assisted Suicide Bill

As you will be aware, MP's voted in favour of the bill at the second reading last Friday. [Find out how your MP voted here](#)
Your MP needs to be reminded of the possible impact of this bill. Right to Life once again make this easy to do.

Bishop John Sherrington, lead Bishop on life issues has released a [statement in response to the vote here](#).

Churches Together Christmas Carol service

Raunds Town Square on Saturday **14th December** beginning around 6pm. If anyone from our Church would like to read that evening to let him know. It will be wonderful to have you all join for the carols. For those who are interested, we'll be offering free mince pies and hot chocolate after for those who want to stay and chat and get to know others.

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 26th May-Monday 2nd June 2025**

Cost: £1750 based on two people sharing

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CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting me as your parish priest throughout the year. At Christmas it is a custom to donate the collection to the local active clergy as part of his salary. Blue envelopes are available in church. Thank you!
Fr Benedetto