



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Third Sunday of Advent "GAUDETE!" – Year C

Liturgical Colour: **Rose**

- 5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*James & Eileen & Kevin & Fiona Murphy 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 (*Louise & Jeremiah & Declan Moran well-being*)

### Second Part of Advent Tue 17<sup>th</sup> – Tue 24<sup>th</sup> December

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings in the liturgy changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. The 'Oh' antiphons start the liturgy of the hours.

- Tuesday (SPA) O Sapientia**
- 09:00am Holy Mass (*John & Margaret Ryan well-being*)
- Thursday (SPA) O Radix lesse**
- 10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**  
(*Phyllis Hasson well-being*)
- 10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS**
- Friday (MHNJ) O Clavis David**
- 10:00am Holy Mass followed by **CONFESSIONS**  
(*Catherine 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*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION COURSE DEADLINE FOR THE RETURN OF FORMS: 22<sup>ND</sup> 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. 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.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

- 5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas'  
8.00pm Mass during the Night at St Paul's

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.caspar.church/m?ID=56088)

#### Oundle



[www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072](http://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](mailto:frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org)

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

## 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)



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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

### 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)

#### 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 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)

### DIOCESAN NOTICES

#### 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/>

## 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 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](#)

### 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@northamtondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com) to find out more.

### 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@northamtondiocese.com](mailto:NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.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.

### 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

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.

### Oundle Carols at St Peter's Anglican Church

Tuesday **17th December** at 10.30.

It would be good if there could be a representative number of our parish to join with members of the other Christian churches to sing carols, followed by a cuppa and mince pie or two!

### Oundle Carols in the Market Place

4pm on Christmas Eve. A half hour service which is a traditional beginning to the Christmas festivities for many families.

### Pilgrimage to Patmos, Greece

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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[www.aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org](http://www.aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org)



### 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



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

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