



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 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C

Liturgical Colour: Violet

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pat Hasson well-being*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Pro populo*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Peter and John Cooper RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (SPA) O Emmanuel

10:00am Holy Mass (*Tom, Pat, Micky, Steve Goff RIP*)
6:30-7:30pm **Confessions at SPA**

Solemnity of the LORD'S NATIVITY

Tuesday 24th December

5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas' (*Alison Amis well-being*)
8.00pm Mass during the Night at St Paul's (*Anna Benigno well-being*)

Wednesday 25th December

9.00am Mass at Dawn at Most Holy Name's (*Pro Populo*)
11.00am Mass during the Day at St Paul's (*Gaynor & Gwen Perreault well-being*)

Thursday (SPA) Feast of Saint Stephen

10:00am Holy Mass
(*Pat Bailey well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) **No Mass**

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*

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

RCIA COURSE: DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Next meeting Monday 6th January 7pm at the Presbytery.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

There will be no Oundle prayer group on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve and the group will restart on Tuesday 7th January 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



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

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION FOR OUR 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFESSION COURSE

DEADLINE FOR THE RETURN OF FORMS: THIS SUNDAY

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 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.

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Parish Secretary: **Meg Shepherd**

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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

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)

Oundle: Coffee and Mince Pies after Mass

This Sunday – 22nd December. Please join us.

Christmas Eve Carols At St Paul's

As is our tradition, Carols will be sung from 7.30pm before the 8pm 'Mass during the Night' by members of St Paul's Choir together with supporting singers.

New singers are welcome to join us.

There will be a short rehearsal after the 11am Mass this Sunday. Come and join in!

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

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

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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 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 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](#)

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.

Art Retreat in Turvey Abbey

1 February 2025 - 9.45am-4.30pm

Monastery of 'Christ Our Saviour'

Jacks Lane

Turvey

Bedfordshire MK43 8DH

Come and enjoy a relaxed day of imaginative prayer and artistic expression, where we will be exploring mixed media drawing & painting, collage, mono-printing, poetry and music. No experience necessary!

£50 for the day which includes materials, refreshments and a vegetarian lunch (optional) Overnight stays are available on request. For bookings please contact:

Br John Mayhead OSB - 01234 881211

turveymonks@yahoo.co.uk

www.turveymonks.org.uk

or Sue McQueen - 07540 807695

suemcqueenartretreats@gmail.com

www.suemcqueen.com

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 26th May-Monday 2nd June 2025**

Cost: £1750 based on two people sharing

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Alone for CHRISTMAS?
JOIN US FOR
LUNCH
Wednesday 25th December
Starts at 11:30 AM
At Thrapston Baptist Church, NN14 4FE

All are welcome. If you are able to RSVP it would help with planning, or just drop in on the day. RSVP to
07506706174 or Christmaslunch.tbc@gmail.com





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:**

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