



# 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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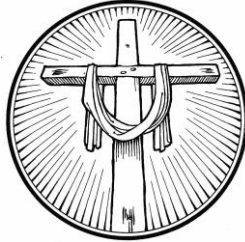


## Sunday 21st April 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Day of prayer for Vocations – Second Collection

Liturgical Colour: White

- 5:00pm(Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass  
*(Jerome & Joyce Betts RIP)*
- 9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass  
*(Sebastian well-being)*
- 11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass  
*(Pro Populo)*



Rest of the Week

**HE IS RISEN!**

- Monday (STM) FERIA**  
10:00am Holy Mass *(Salvatore Celato RIP)*
- Tuesday (SPA) Solemnity - St George, Patron of England**  
9:00am Holy Mass *(Catherine Edwin well-being)*
- Thursday (SPA) Feast – St Mark the Evangelist**  
10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**
- 10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS** *(Peter Cooper RIP)*
- Friday (MHNJ) FERIA** *(Bishop Charles Grant RIP)*  
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

### BAPTISMS IN OUR CLUSTER

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am – **MILA SOPHIA MACIAG** will be baptised at Most Holy Name of Jesus'.

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.00am – **SEBASTIAN** will be baptised at Most Holy Name of Jesus'.

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am – **MERCIO & JULIA PEREIRA PINTO** will be baptised at St Paul the Apostle's.

### CONFIRMATIONS IN OUR CLUSTER

Our *Confirmandi* (candidates for Confirmation) will receive the Sacrament through imposition of the hands and anointing by Bishop David on **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm** in the chapel of Oundle School.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN OUR CLUSTER

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am** in St Paul the Apostle's.  
**Please keep all our children and youngsters preparing for the Sacraments of the Christian Initiation.**

### HOW TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Once you register on Caspar you will be able to receive the newsletter via email by opting-in on your subscription.



**CASPAR** is our new Cluster Database.

We would like to keep in contact with each of you in a more effective and efficient way.

In order to do this we would like you to sign up via a web page using the QR Code here or simply typing in this 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. Fr Benedetto is happy to help out too.

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)

### LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £116.62	St Paul's: £140.82
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £112.75
	S.O.: £150.00

### NEXT SECOND COLLECTIONS:

21<sup>st</sup> April: Vocation Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> April: Churches Maintenance  
12<sup>th</sup> May: Catholic Communications Network



### MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM

On Mondays  
at St Thomas More church in Raunds at 5.00pm

#### CONFIRMATION CATECHISM

Confessions at MHNJ church – 5.30pm.

#### PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 7pm  
If you need further information, please email Marlene on  
[mrod268@yahoo.com](mailto:mrod268@yahoo.com)

#### RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings every Friday at St Thomas More church  
2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet  
3.00pm Stations of the Cross

# CLUSTER NOTICES

## Anniversaries and Patronal Feast Days

**St Thomas More**, Raunds: Patronal Solemnity, St Thomas More, **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

**Cluster**: Oundle, Thrapston and Raunds: Patronal Solemnity, Blessed Peter Wright, moved from 19<sup>th</sup> May to **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> August**.

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**, Oundle: 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of the parish of St Wilfrid, **8<sup>th</sup> August**.

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**, Oundle: Patronal Solemnity, St Wilfrid of York, moved from 12<sup>th</sup> October to **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Message from Fr Benedetto

Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to share with you an update on my health situation. This time two years ago I became your parish priest with much joy and enthusiasm. I had told you that the doctors were investigating a flaw in my nervous system. This week I have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Finally, I can start treatments for it. I am not scared, and I trust in God's help.

Thank you for your prayers over the past years and for your support.

Don't worry, the promise I made to you, when I moved-in in 2022, is still standing. I am going nowhere; I am here to stay! ☺

## Parish Property Fire Marshal

From our diocesan property department regarding a parish fire marshal:

We are seeking two fire marshals from each church. If you are interested, please let Fr Benedetto know.

# DIOCESAN NOTICES

## 61st World Day of Prayer For Vocations – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

This Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> April) is the **fourth Sunday of Easter** which the Church calls Good Shepherd Sunday.

Over this weekend a second collection is taken to support the work in three key areas of priestly life:

1. Ongoing formation
2. Seminary training
3. Priestly vocations promotion

## National Day of Prayer For Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April this year is dedicated as the National Day of Prayer For Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Parishes are asked to recognise this on the following weekend, the fifth Sunday of Easter (28<sup>th</sup> April).

Resources for prayers, homily notes and pastoral sessions as well as an introduction to the theme for this year can be found here [www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/)

## Return To The Upper Room

Mission Northampton will host a virtual gathering exploring the call to return to the upper room and prepare our hearts for Pentecost. Join them on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm on zoom. More here [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/return-to-the-upper-room-preparing-for-pentecost-2024-may-2024](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/return-to-the-upper-room-preparing-for-pentecost-2024-may-2024)

## ALLELUIA! - A DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY - SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024 11am – 3.30pm

for Singers and Choirs, showcasing Parish Music for all ages. Instrumentalists Welcome.

Between Ascension and Pentecost is a great time to encourage singers and music groups of all ages in your parish.

**VENUE: THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL, BECKET WAY NORTHAMPTON NN3 6HT**

With Marcela Campaña & Matt White (School Choirs), Fr Kevin McGinnell (Music & Liturgy) & Fr Daniel Rooke, Teresa Brown (Pilgrimage Mass composer) and members of the Liturgy Commission Music Section

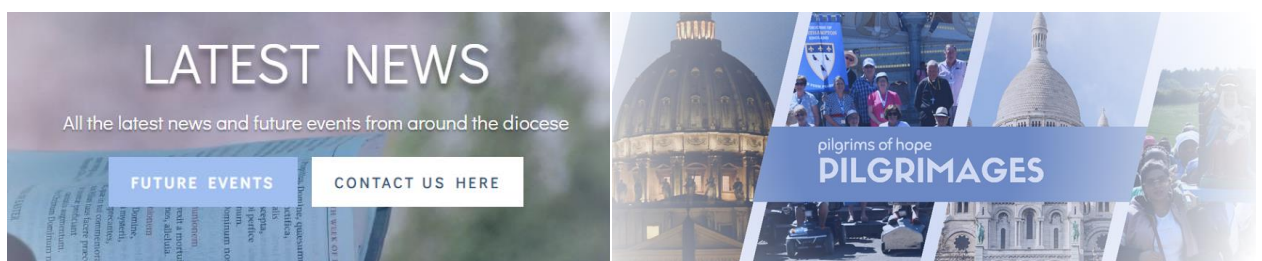
Adults £10, Young people Free if 18 or under, must be accompanied by an adult.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, juice provided. Bookings will open next week.

## Women in Ministry – The Gathering 3

Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own web page <https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We

have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on June 8<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the catholic church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information, please email [helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org) All are welcome!



Please click on the pictures above to access our diocesan News and Pilgrimage Programmes



# GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



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Without priests, we do not have a Church. What makes the Church is the Eucharist and priests are those who celebrate the Mass with us and for us.

*Bishop David Oakley*



scan the code with your phone camera and click the link to find out more about our priest appeal



## CHAIN OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

A San Damiano cross, blessed by Bishop David has become a symbol of prayer for priestly vocations across our diocese. The cross is journeying to each parish to encourage prayers for vocations in family homes.



## VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

In June 2023, Bishop David appointed Fr Pius Amoako as our diocesan Director of Vocations. Please pray for the ministry of Fr Pius as he journeys with young men discerning a call to priesthood.

## Ongoing Clergy Formation

As with all of us, the ongoing development of priests never ends. Formation for clergy in our diocese is led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell. Formation is focused on the four areas of spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human development.

In 2024 and 2025 a full programme of clergy formation has been designed. The programme is a mixture of scriptural, theological and canonical studies, homiletics, prayer and retreats .



# GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Men preparing for the priesthood through discernment activities and studies usually spend 6-7 years in seminary.

Our diocese is blessed with three men in seminary at present. Our seminarians have shown prayerful dedication to being witnesses of the Gospel through the sacrifice of giving their lives to God.

It costs approximately £30,000 each year for a man to attend seminary.

Please continue to prayerfully support these young men and to the courageous witness of all our priests.



## PRIEST CALENDAR

Thank you for purchasing a copy of the priest calendar 2024. Over 700 copies were purchased and a profit of almost £3000 was made. These funds will be spent on Promotions for priestly vocations. Keep your eyes open in your parish for the Priests calendar 2025!



## Under 10's Formation and Training

Priests who have been ordained less than ten years meet regularly for formation, training and fellowship. The gatherings mirror the four strands of seminary training; academic, spiritual, pastoral and human formation.

## Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father,  
inspire the hearts of your people to answer your call to the priesthood  
Bless our families with a spirit of generosity and may those you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith.  
Enlighten their minds to show them your desire for them; fill their hearts with the determination to answer your call in faith, hope and love.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SCHEDULE

**Dates and Programme** - Please see details of the specific dates in the poster below. The programme will begin with teas/coffees/welcome at **6:30pm**, followed by Praise and worship from **7pm to 7:30pm** with the talks starting at **7.30pm**. The talks will last 30 minutes. The music and talk will be livestreamed from the Cathedral to the selected hubs and the small group sharing will also take place in the hubs. The **Holy Spirit retreat** day at the **Cathedral is on 18th May from 2pm to 6pm** followed by the Pentecost vigil mass which participants can join should they wish to do so.

**Hubs** - We are very grateful and thankful to the Priests and Parishioners of the selected hubs below.

MILTON KEYNES – St Augustine’s Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes. MK13 7PL

LUTON – St. John the Apostle, 296 Sundon Park Rd, Luton LU3 3AL

AYLESBURY – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 69 Camborne Ave, Bedgrove, Aylesbury HP21 7UE

SLOUGH/BURNHAM – Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Lower Britwell Rd, Burnham, Slough SL2 2NL

CORBRY – Final location be confirmed

CRANFIELD - Cranfield University Chapel, Building 33, College Road, Wharley End, Cranfield, MK43 0AL

BEDFORD - Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP

**Information and Registration** - Information and the link to register can be found on the Diocese website at: [www.northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spiritseminars-2024/](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spiritseminars-2024/) which also includes a video message from Bishop David (<https://youtu.be/kKt5g-M1qe8>) encouraging parishioners to join the seminars.

There is also the poster attached which has a QR code that parishioners can scan to access the registration page.

Northampton Diocese  
**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**  
APR 16 - MAY 21  
**SEMINARS**

**GOD'S LOVE**

**16**

**APRIL**

**TUESDAY**

**SALVATION**

Dr. Maria Heath

**23**

**APRIL**

**TUESDAY**

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

Fr. Emmanuel Okami

**30**

**APRIL**

**TUESDAY**

**RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS**

Pauline Gray

**7**

**MAY**

**TUESDAY**

**HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY**

Pentecost Eve  
Ros Powell

**18**

**MAY**

**SATURDAY**

**GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION**

Jenny Baker & Fr. Pius Amoako

**21**

**MAY**

**TUESDAY**

for more info visit  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

Scan QR code to  
**register**



# DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF NORTHAMPTON



Places  
Limited

## PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

15/10/24 - 22/10/24

### NORTHERN FRANCE:

LISEUX / CHARTRES / PARIS



#### The price £1875 includes:

- Coach travel from our diocese
- 7 nights accommodation
- Daily breakfasts and dinner
- Daily Mass led by Bishop David Oakley
- Reflections from Fr John Udris



[www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage)

# DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF NORTHAMPTON



Places  
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## PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER

2025 JUBILEE YEAR

27/03/25 - 3/04/25

### ROME AND ASSISI

#### The price includes:

- return flight from Birmingham or Heathrow/Rome
- 5 nights in Rome
- continental buffet breakfast in Rome and Assisi
- 2 nights in Assisi



[www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage)





## 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.

## Safeguarding

Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the healing and reconciliation group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact safeguarding office on **01604723514** or [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

*Pro Tempore* Safeguarding officer - Kathy Franklin  
[franklin.kathym@gmail.com](mailto:franklin.kathym@gmail.com)

## Is your child crying during Mass?

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.

## You're Needed...!

Helpers are needed to help as Sacristan, readers, cleaners and to count the offertory after Mass on Sunday.

If you are willing to help, please let Fr Benedetto know.

Thank you.

**Parish Priest: Father Benedetto D'Autilia**

**01832 617 050 | email: [frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org)**

**Our Churches:**

**St Paul the Apostle:** Sackville Street, Thrapston NN14 4NZ

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus:** Stoke Hill, Oundle PE8 4BH

**St Thomas More:** Marshall's Rd, Raunds, Wellingborough NN9 6HP

**Contact us:**

**Postal address:** The Presbytery, 2 St Paul's Gardens, Thrapston, NN14 4FE

**Newsletter additions (deadline Tuesday 5pm) :** [parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.eastnorthants@northamptondiocese.org)

**Website:**

[www.eastnorthantscatholic.org](http://www.eastnorthantscatholic.org)

## 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 stipend 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.

## Safeguarding Key Message

Our key message for January 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/>



**St Vincent de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

[svp140512@gmail.com](mailto:svp140512@gmail.com)

Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

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

## 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.

Thank you