

Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright

Comprising the churches of:

Saint Paul the Apostle | Thrapston

The Most Holy Name of Jesus | Oundle

Saint Thomas More | Raunds



Parish Priest: Father Benedetto D'Autilia

Sunday 24th December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent– Year B

Liturgical Colour: Violet

- 5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*James Platt RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Feliciano, Elisa, Felix Xavier Pereira RIP*)

Solemnity of the NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Christmas

Holy Day of Obligation – Liturgical colour: White/Gold

24th December (Sunday evening)

- 5:00pm(STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Margôt Hasson well-being*)
7:30pm(SPA) Carols
8:00pm(SPA) Mass during the Night (*Pro Populo*)

25th December (Monday morning)

- 9:00am **(MHNJ)** Mass of the Dawn (*Alcide Rodrigues RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Mass of the Day (*Bishop Francis Thomas RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Tuesday (SPA) *Feast of St Stephen, Protomartyr*

(Note different time) 10:00am Holy Mass (*Bishop William Wearing RIP*)

Thursday (SPA) *Feast of the Holy Innocents*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Moran Family well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) *Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Adoration & Confessions**
(*Private Intention*)

Saturday (SPA) *Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas*

9:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**
(*Catherine Harries & Family well-being*)

9:45-10:30am **CONFESSIONS**

Sunday 31st December 2023

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

Liturgical Colour: White/Gold

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

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

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

Solemnity of MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

31st December (Sunday evening)

5:00pm(SPA) First Vespers and singing of *TE DEUM*

1st January (Monday morning)

10:00am(SPA) Singing of *VENI, CREATOR* & Holy 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 church, RAUNDS



We have a card machine now!

At Most Holy Name's, Oundle & St Paul's, Thrapston

The Machine is easy to use and you can easily Gift Aid your Sunday Offertory donation, pay for Cards and items purchased from the Repository and even make your Christmas donation for your parish priest.



COLLECTION OF SUN 17th DECEMBER

Holy Name's:	£90.00	St Paul's:	£72.27
S.O.:	£225.00	St Thomas':	£123.10
		S.O.:	£150.00

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM

On Mondays

at St Thomas More church in Raunds at 5.00pm

NB: Classes suspended. Re-starts on Monday 8th January

CONFIRMATION CATECHISM

On Fridays at Oundle School Chaplaincy building at 5.30pm.

NB: Classes suspended. Re-starts on Friday 12th January

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 7pm

All parishioners are welcome.

If you need further information, please email Marlene on

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

All parishioners are welcome.

CHRISTMAS 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 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

PARISH NOTICES



On this Christmas Eve, our season of advent is nearly completed, now we are going to think about the theme of Love. We have reflected over the weeks on hope, joy and peace, and now we are going to think about love.

That single English word has so many meanings and in the Greek Language, there are many words for love. As always, with our themes during this advent, we can only begin to comprehend the meaning of Love when we think about God's love for us. That is agape love, it is the complete and perfect love that is self-giving. 'Greater love has no one', Jesus tells us, 'than that they would lay down their lives for their friends' and we must be invited into that circle of the blessed Trinity's love for all people. I love the words that we will hear at the beginning of the reading in tonight's Mass during the night.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light and those who live in the land of deep shadow a light has shone. Love shines a light upon our world in its darkness and shadow, Love brings to birth the mystery of God's great sacrifice for us. God's word became flesh and dwelt amongst us and we saw that light in Jesus. We are invited to undertake our own personal journey of Love into the heart of Christ. Our Love is not to be something which is limited just to a few, those we get along with, those we feel obliged to care for, and our love for ourselves. All these things are important, but above all, there should be in our hearts that great deep love for what God has done for me, for us, and for our world. There's no doubt about it, that our world is crying out parched for Love, and these days of advent we have been preparing for the birth of Love in Bethlehem.

We make our own pilgrimage in love to the King of Love, and my prayer for you and your families is that you will experience a renewed Love of what God has done for us and a renewed Love for each other. Life's too short. Let's put aside all those arguments and disagreements and resentments that we have. Let's do what we can to build a world that is built upon love.

December 24, 2023

Sincerely, Bishop David Oakley Bishop of Northampton

Video of the Bishop's Advent Message: <https://youtu.be/lvM82SCCT6w?si=l9pVmwH42VSLREIR>

Bishop David's Christmas Message

Bishop David has released his Christmas message for 2023. This message can be viewed here

<https://youtu.be/zayN3NZttul?si=IKfhwOxRLxeuFr8Z>

Diocesan Directory - 2024

You can purchase a copy of the Diocesan Directory from our Repository at the back of church. £10 per copy.

Diocesan Priests Calendar – 2024 – Pssss....Fr Pius is in it!!

You can purchase a copy of the Diocesan Priest Calendar from our Repository at the back of church. £5 per copy.

Bring and Share Lunch - February 2024

3rd February 2024 at the Bowls Club in Oundle. More information to come.

Donations towards club heating and lighting for the session; any profit towards our churches maintenance.

Retreat for Deepening our faith & Helping Us Pass it on to Others

Do you feel called to be a catechist?

Do you want to help children, young people or adults grow as disciples of Jesus?

Are you already a catechist and want to develop your understanding and skills?

If so you are welcome to come along to this in person Catechist Retreat designed to equip you.

Saturday 24th February 1.30pm – 4pm at St Paul the Apostle RC Church, Thrapston.

To book please see the poster at the back of church or www.northamptondiocese.org/courses

Blessed Peter Wright Cluster Recipe Book

As there have been no more additions since this was opened to the whole cluster I am proposing to have it available online. There are not enough recipes to make it a viable option to print them all. Thank you so much for all those who have contributed and I hope to have an online version ready soon. Many thanks! *Elizabeth*

DIOCESAN NOTICES

“Safeguarding is rightly at the heart of our mission”

Safeguarding in our community is the responsibility of us all. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are in any role within our Church, you must refer allegations directly to our diocesan safeguarding office, or directly to the Police.

Every human being has a value and dignity which we as Catholics acknowledge as coming directly from God’s creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. We believe therefore that all people should be valued, supported and protected from harm.

In the Catholic Church this is demonstrated by the provision of carefully planned activities for children, young people and adults; supporting families under stress; caring for those hurt by abuse in the past; ministering to and managing those who have caused harm.

It is because of these varied ministries that we need to take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment for all which promotes and supports their wellbeing. This will include carefully selecting and appointing those who work with children, young people or adults at risk and responding robustly where concern arises.

Check for your roles and responsibilities on our diocesan weblink below:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/sgresponsibilities/>

Year of Prayer – Pilgrims of Hope

Bishop David will travel to parishes and pastoral areas across our diocese throughout 2024, to share on the theme of ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ as part of our journey towards the Jubilee Year in 2025. The confirmed dates and venues so far are:

Monday 22nd January : St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Bletchley

Monday 29th January : Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby

Tuesday 6th February: Our Lady Immaculate, Great Missenden

Thursday 7th March: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Wellingborough

Thursday 18th April: Our Lady of Peace, Burnham

MISSION NORTHAMPTON

The Secrets of St Paul is a 10-week online course beginning on **Wednesday 10th January** and finishing on **Wednesday 20th March**. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on the life of St Paul as a model missionary disciple. For more information visit www.northamptondiocese.org/courses or call 01604 434362

LUX – Youth Ministry Office

Our diocesan youth ministry office, NYMO has announced the dates of the next residential weekend for young people.

‘Lux.dive’ will take place from **Friday 9th – Sunday 11th February 2024**.

The weekend is open to all those in school years 7-13 and costs £125 pp (which is great value in today’s inflated market!) visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/>

LATEST NEWS

All the latest news and future events from around the diocese

[FUTURE EVENTS](#)

[CONTACT US HERE](#)



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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Pro Tempore Safeguarding officer - Kathy Franklin
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.

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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

Website:

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.



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

svp140512@gmail.com
Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

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