



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

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent– Year B

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*John Foster well-being*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Mark Lee well-being*)

During the Week – Year I

Monday (STM) *Feria of Advent*

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

Tuesday (SPA) *Memoria of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00am Holy Mass (*Denis Moran well-being*)

Thursday (SPA) *Memoria of St John of the Cross*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Agnes & David Timlin RIP*)

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria of Advent*

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

(*Bishop Dudley Cary-Elwes RIP*)

Saturday (SPA) *Feria of Advent*

9:00am Holy Mass followed by *Holy Hour*

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

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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*



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Love Christmas Campaign 2023 – Caritas Northampton

THIS SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF COLLECTION
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Share God's love for us with so many locally who are in real need and poverty. Join the SVP, Caritas and parishes and schools across the diocese to support families with young children, the elderly, the lonely and isolated, young carers, children from broken homes, children in care, young people leaving the care system, and many others.

If you are able to please donate a present for an adult or child which will be distributed to local people and families in need.

A box will be put at the back of each church from December. More information can be found in a poster at the back of the church or on the link. <https://youtu.be/pfJiM5K-gal>

2nd COLLECTIONS

3rd Dec: SVP Society of St Vincent de Paul
10th Dec: Christmas Flowers



SUN 3rd DECEMBER 1st COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £75.90
S.O.: £225.00
St Paul's: £161.83
St Thomas': £106.50
S.O.: £150.00

2nd COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £71.00
St Paul's: £111.80
St Thomas': £93.00

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the eternal rest of **Julia Bridget Sperring**, who passed away peacefully last Tuesday. Keep her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

The Funeral will take place at Most Holy Name's church on **Mon 11th December at 2.00pm.**

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM

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

CONFIRMATION CATECHISM

On Fridays at Oundle School Chaplaincy building at 5.30pm.

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.

PARISH NOTICES



In this second week of advent, we will reflect for a moment on the theme of peace. Of course, when we look around our world today, during these advent weeks, we see so much need for peace. We see peace needed in the wars that are taking place in the Ukraine and in the Holy Land. We see the need for peace in our communities, we recognise the need for peace within our families and perhaps we recognise too, the need for peace within ourselves as individuals.

As always, I would like to share with you a few words from the Advent scriptures. These are the words of the Prophet Isaiah used by the evangelist Luke to talk about the ministry of John, the son of Zechariah, the one who would be known as the Baptist.

“A voice cries in the wilderness. ‘Prepare a way for the lord, make his paths straight’. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill will be made low, winding waves will be straightened and rough roads made smooth and all mankind will see the salvation of God”.

This is the peace that the Lord speaks of in his Word, it is a peace which begins when we are open and receptive to the Word of God, to the power of God, His Kingdom at work in our lives, and it involves some hard works. The prophet puts it in those beautiful and familiar terms, about hills being laid low and about valleys being filled in.

Sometimes when I’m driving and see workmen on the motorway, it reminds me how challenging it is to keep that road straight that we use so often to get around the place. Then I look inside myself and I recognise that peace comes at a cost. Peace was won for us by our Lord's death on the cross and when we receive the grace of that cross into our lives, then we are at peace with almighty God.

So let’s pray for peace in our world and let us recognise that the journey towards worldwide peace, comes with that step of peace within ourselves. When we respond to the invitation of God to become peacemakers, not least, and first of all, within ourselves.

December 10, 2023

Sincerely, Bishop David Oakley Bishop of Northampton

Video of the Bishop’s Advent Message: <https://youtu.be/cthluqNbWVY?si=hhWfWg9qylgzmd9r>

Big Clean at the church of the Most Holy Name

Tuesday 12th December 10.00 am. To all parishioners, not just cleaners: Please consider coming to help clean the church ready for Christmas. If you are unable to come but would like to help, please be an extra pair of eyes to spot any deficiencies which may occur before Christmas! Cuppa and nibbles provided as long as you don't drop crumbs! Many thanks.

Gaudete Sunday Coffee & Mince Pies

Coffee and Mince Pies - Sunday, **17th December** after 9.15am Mass at our church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle.

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.

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/>

Online Advent Retreat 2023 – Let the wilderness bloom!

4 Monday evenings, **7.30-8.30pm, from 27th November**, with Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent

We know that parishes are starting their Advent planning and this could make a lovely resource for a parish Advent group, either live on the night, or available at any time afterwards. It is available on YouTube so does not require zoom and can be played via smart TVs. Here is last year’s series to give a flavour of what to expect: https://pastoralministryoffice.org/walking_by_starlight-2/

Sycamore – Advent Course

An advent course for those wishing to renew their faith in the season of Advent. This is a four-week video series

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

60 Second Advent Reflections

Fr Brendan Seery has recorded more of this popular series for the season of Advent. In each video, Fr Brendan explores a theme for this time of year in less than one minute. Watch the first of the video's here

Mass for people with disabilities and their families

The next Mass for people with disabilities and their families will be on **Sunday, December 10th** at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9 AY. (About 15 mins. from Junction 10 of the M1).

Access to the Church is step-free, and there is ample parking. The Mass will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome to this joyful celebration.

Synod: an evening with Austen Ivereigh

On Thursday **13th December**: 7.30pm there will be an online event with Austen Ivereigh, papal biographer and co-author of Let us dream with Pope Francis. He will share his insights from the first assembly of the Rome Synod, and what he sees as the challenges and opportunities ahead. Register here: https://voices_from_rome_synod.eventbrite.co.uk

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/>

Trinity Conference:

Reawakening the Catholic Vision On Saturday 17 February 2024, 9 am to 5pm, you are invited to explore all of this and more at the Trinity Conference: Reawakening the Catholic Vision.

How can the Catholic Church respond to an increasingly disaffiliated and disengaged generation? What is the future of our Catholic parishes, schools, and homes? TC24 will explore the context of 'post-Christendom' society, and the implications this has for the Church's mission today.

For the full timetable and booking info see: <https://www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/events/events/trinity-conference-2024-reawakening-the-catholic-vision.php>

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLigXOaGqhQzN4s4QVC3its7F71gJYet_Q&si=9EMtIjf2EqU7IQPr

The Sisters of the Morning Star Convent

A community of contemplative sisters who reside in the Diocese of Plymouth would like to pray for your intention. The Sisters of the Morning Star Convent in Lynton, Devon will pray for you, your parish and any other intention you have, simply fill out this brief online form: <https://www.marymorningstar.co.uk/prayer-requests>

Holy Land Crisis

Will you email the Foreign Secretary to urge the UK to play its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and working with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region? CAFOD are urging individuals to email the Foreign Secretary here:

https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/136932/action/1?_gl=1*8ygc13*_ga*NTQ5NDY2ODA4LjE2OTczNTg2NzM.*_ga_S7Z01NJESC*MTY5OTQyNjA2My4yLjEuMTY5OTQyNjA4Ni4zNy4wLjA

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

Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales

The Bishops of England and Wales, including Bishop David met at Hinsley Hall last week for their November plenary meeting. With the conclusion of the meeting, CBCEW announced the following resolutions from the meeting:

1. Environment, St Winefride, Eucharistic Congress and the conflict in Gaza <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/short-plenary-resolutions-autumn-2023/>
2. Synod on Synodality <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synod-plenary-resolution-autumn-2023/>

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: 6 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Masses at Christmas

Sunday 24th December

5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas'

8.00pm Mass during the Night at St Paul's

Monday 25th December

9.00am Mass at Dawn at Most Holy Name's

11.00am Mass during the Day at St Paul's



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