

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 10th March 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE

Liturgical Colour: Violet or Rose

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Josie Duffy RIP*)
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Darragh McDonagh well-being*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) *Feria (Susan Chamberlain RIP)*

10:00am Holy Mass

Tuesday (SPA) *Feria*

9:00am Holy Mass (*Borthwick & Edgar families RIP*)

Thursday (SPA) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Michael Daly RIP*)

NO Holy Hour & CONFESSIONS

Friday (MHNJ) *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Confessions**
(*Fr David Woodard*)

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*



CASPAR is our new Cluster Database.

This weekend we are launching a new parish database system. 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

Oundle



www.caspar.church/m?ID=56072

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £108.36	St Paul's: £104.16
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £200.60
	S.O.: £150.00



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the eternal rest of Josie Duffy, who passed away last Wednesday. Keep her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

The Requiem Mass will take place at Most Holy Name's church on Friday 22nd March at 10.30am

HOLY TRIDUUM

VENUE: St Paul, the Apostle's, Thrapston

HOLY THURSDAY 6.30pm Mass of the Supper of the Lord

GOOD FRIDAY 3.00pm Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY 8.00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER MORNING MASSES

9.15am Most Holy Name's, Oundle

11.00am St Paul the Apostle's, Thrapston

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.

WE DARE TO SAY PRAYER GROUP – DURING LENT

Prayer meetings every Monday (during Lent)
at St Thomas More church 6.15 -7.15pm

PARISHIONERS PRAYER GROUP

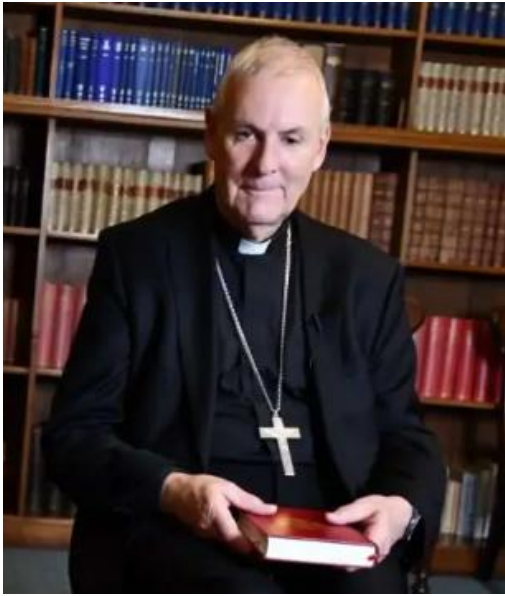
Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 7pm
If you need further information, please email Marlene on
mrod268@yahoo.com

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

Letter for the Fourth Sunday of Lent 2024

10 March 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, The Gospel today, and next week, is not from the Gospel of Mark. Instead, we listen to the Gospel of John. Jesus has called his first disciples. He has invited them to re-imagine faith as trust in him. They have witnessed the first sign, the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. And then that somewhat disturbing event, the cleansing of the Temple that we reflected upon last week.

Now we meet another character. Not one of the disciples as such, but one described as ‘a leader of the Jews’. He is intrigued. He wants to know more. At the same time, Nicodemus is cautious. He wants to protect his reputation.

Nicodemus has come to meet with Jesus by night. This great intellect is struggling to understand what Jesus is talking about. ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old?’ He is not prepared, at this point, to come out into the open about his interest in Jesus. And this blinds him to so many truths of God’s Kingdom.

In today’s Gospel, we join the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus towards the end. Nicodemus seems to be out of his depth. Our Lord is speaking about baptism. And the root of the word “baptism” is to be immersed into something. Through our baptism we are immersed into the life of the Blessed Trinity. We are born into the relationship that Jesus has with his heavenly Father.

When Jesus is lifted up on the Cross and sheds his last drop of blood in love for us, the gates of heaven are thrown open to us. And we receive all this when we are baptised.

Perhaps we are inclined to imagine that the gift we receive in baptism, must be carefully carried throughout our lives, so that we may be able to hand it back at the end. This is not how Jesus sees things. He does speak of the one servant who buries his gift in this manner. But he also speaks of others, servants who believe that what they have received, are gifts destined to grow. We too hear the words Jesus spoke to Nicodemus. They are life-giving words which speak of God’s love for our world. They witness to the eternal life, first offered us in baptism, and brought to new growth through our everyday lives of faith. The ancient philosophers thought that philosophy brought people out of darkness into light. The Gospel of Nicodemus shows us how challenging our minds can be at times, when it comes to receiving the Gospel of life.

During these days of Lent, we are invited to walk humbly with the Lord. Someone once said, faith is not about knowing something new, it’s a new way of knowing. Through faith, we can see the world with different eyes. We recognise a world loved by God. And it is heart-breaking to witness all the pain and hurt around us. We need to find ways to speak the language of God’s Kingdom to our world today. And that language is love.

Sincerely,

Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton

Prayer Meeting WE DARE TO SAY

Small, informal prayer group for **Monday evenings** during **Lent** using the *We Dare To Say* booklet as a guide to going deeper with the prayer Jesus taught us. **Mondays 6.15 – 7.15pm** (4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March)

St. Thomas More chapel room,
Marshalls Road, Raunds NN9
6HP. Join as you can. No
booking required.
Refreshments offered. All
welcome. Info at:
pwood1966@hotmail.com

LENT LUNCHES IN OUNDLE



Let's do lunch in Lent

The Lent Lunches will run each Thursday in Lent (February 15th - March 28th incl), from 12 noon to 1.30 pm in the Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane. Homemade soup, bread and cheese are served; tea and coffee are also available. There is no fixed charge, but donations are invited for the work of Christian Aid.



VERY IMPORTANT: The Abortion Bill (Amendment)

Message from the Society of the Protection of Unborn Children

We are now facing the very frightening prospect of self-induced abortion being legalised in all cases. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that “no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy” at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would not commit a crime.

The seriousness of this threat cannot be overstated. MPs want to legalise DIY abortion up to birth, and many voices in the media and in Government are promoting it.

Fortunately, there is still time to defeat this amendment. The earliest it could be debated is 18th March, which means there is time to lobby MPs and rally public opinion. Besides encouraging as many people as possible to write to their MPs opposing the amendment, we are also acutely aware of the spiritual battle to save the lives of unborn children and to protect women in need and families from the tragedy of abortion.

Bishop John Sherrington is supporting this action.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MP

CLUSTER NOTICES

Anniversaries and Patronal Feast Days

Cluster: Oundle, Thrapston and Raunds: Patronal Solemnity, Blessed Peter Wright, moved from 19th May to **Sunday 8th/9th June.**

St Thomas More, Raunds: Patronal Solemnity, St Thomas More, **Sunday 22nd June.**

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

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

Coffee & Tea volunteers at St Paul's

More volunteers for the coffee rota are needed. Please speak with Mark Lee.

Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Tuesday 19th March)

4th anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination

Mass will be celebrated at Northampton Cathedral at 11.00am on this day. In our diocese it is a double celebration as it is also the 4th anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. It would be lovely to see as many lay faithful and clergy as possible.

Lent Lunches in Oundle

Many thanks to all who helped with the Lent Lunch and those who attended. We raised £241.50 for Christian Aid, and everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion. Don't forget they are still on 12- 1.30 every Thursday in Lent, including Maundy Thursday. Homemade soup, good bread and cheese, for a donation.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Bishop's Decree

In accordance with canon 515 §2, having made the necessary consultations including that with the Council of Priests, Bishop David has issued a decree amalgamating the parishes of Saint Brendan and Saint Patrick in Corby. The new parish of St Brendan and St Patrick will come into effect as of 1 April 2024.

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:

Thursday 18th April: Our Lady of Peace, Burnham

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Registrations are now open for the Life in the Spirit seminars. We hope that these seminars will be accessed by anyone looking to recognise the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

If you'd like to come to the Seminars in person but don't live close enough to Northampton Cathedral, why not join us at one of our "Hub" locations around the diocese. More here <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

BBC Radio Northampton Make a Difference Awards 2024

You can nominate at www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference where you can also see full Terms and our Privacy Notice.

Nominations are now open and will close on the Sunday **10th March 2024 at 11:00pm.**

The winners will be announced at our Make a Difference awards ceremony in September.

Follow #BBCMakeADifference on social media for more details.

Please see details on church notice board.



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

You are invited to an...

Easter Puppet Show

A fun and accessible retelling of the the death and resurrection of Jesus for children.



Saturday 6th April, 11am at
St. Thomas More Catholic Church,
Marshall's Road, Raunds, NN9 6ET

Refreshments provided
All children must be accompanied by an adult

Puppet templates can be downloaded to make your own puppets

and run your own puppet show.

Visit www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/support-for-parishes/children-youth/easter-puppet-show-resources

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF NORTHAMPTON



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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



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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.

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
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