

# 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 3

**Sunday 17th December 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent– Year B - GAUDETE SUNDAY**

**Start of the Octave before Christmas - O Sapientia: O Wisdom**

Liturgical Colour: Violet/Rose

5:00pm(Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Mary Moat well-being*)

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

11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Marito & Manuel Alonso De Jesus RIP*)

### During the Week

**Monday (STM) Feria of Advent – O Adonai: O Lord**

10:00am Holy Mass (*Maureen Turner RIP*)

**Tuesday (SPA) Feria of Advent – O Iesse Virgula – O stock of Jesse**

9:00am Holy Mass (*James Platt RIP*)

**Wednesday Feria of Advent – O Clavis Davidica: O Key of David**

**Thursday (SPA) Feria of Advent – O Oriens: O Rising Sun**

10:00am Holy Mass (*Claire Grant RIP*)

**Friday (MHNJ) Feria of Advent – O Rex Gentium: O King**

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration &

Confessions

**Saturday (SPA) Feria of Advent – O Emmanuel: O God-with-us**

9:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour** (*James, Eileen, Kevin & Fiona Murphy RIP*)

9:45-10:30am **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 church, RAUNDS



## caritas

diocese of northampton

**Love Christmas Campaign 2023 – Caritas Northampton**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

We were able to make 22 bags out of your donations. That was truly generous of you all!



### CHRISTMAS DAY 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 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

### SUN 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £146.44

S.O.: £225.00

St Paul's: £130.22

St Thomas': £144.52

S.O.: £150.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £123.70

St Paul's: £87.80

St Thomas': £41.90

### 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.

**NB: Classes suspended. Re-starts on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 24**

#### 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](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

All parishioners are welcome.

# PARISH NOTICES



In this third week of advent, you will notice that the colour of the candle is different to the usual purple. It is a rose coloured candle symbolising Gaudete Sunday. *'Gaudete, Christus est natus'*, 'Rejoice! that Christ is born'.

Joy is a gift from God, we recognise that. We are mindful of the many times we have tried to manufacture joy. But the Prophet Isaiah gives us a picture of joy when he speaks of what the Lord will do, how the Lord will bring new life to the wasteland.

They will come to Zion, shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces. Joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended. It is important that we appreciate that this is a gift from the Lord, and it is in response to what God has done. How often we find ourselves looking quite sorry for ourselves even in church. No wonder our Holy Father invites us not to look like sourpusses. We can be easily distracted from the heart of the Kerygma, the Gospel that God who created us and took compassion upon us when we were fallen into sin, has sent a Saviour and that Saviour has come with a promise of the spirit to those who are open to receiving the gifts of God. That is a great message of joy.

I always remember hearing where the word Kerygma came from. Apparently, a slave would be chosen by a general, to return to Rome with the message in his hand that the battle had been won. He did so gladly and rejoicing because he knew that once the message was delivered the emperor would grant him his freedom. Maybe we need to see joy in those terms. Our joy is given to us when we appreciate what we have received from the Lord and nothing can take away from that experience of joy. So we have thought about hope and we have thought about peace, and in so many ways this week in thinking about joy, we are reminding ourselves that God's work is fruitful and that we can indeed rejoice.

*December 17, 2023*

*Sincerely, Bishop David Oakley Bishop of Northampton*

## **Video of the Bishop's Advent Message:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=MDM4TDNmSN6fjViW&v=yAllUfvF9rY&feature=youtu.be>

## **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.

## **Diocesan Directory - 2024**

You can purchase a copy of the Diocesan Directory from our Repository at the back of church.  
£10 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](http://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/>

### 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/](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

### 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](http://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/>



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

Dec 2023

### **A huge thank you from your St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference**

The SVP team would like to extend a huge “thank you” for the generosity shown within our parish for the money donated during the second collections at Mass before Christmas – this exceeded last year and will help us to support families in need in our area.

Thank you also for the generous Christmas gifts donated by our three parishes, the response has been overwhelming and this has helped us to give presents to dozens of children and families in need at Christmas time.

The past year has been even busier for the SVP, and we saw a steep rise in the number of families needing support and struggling with the cost-of-living crisis across our region.

Our team of volunteers has been able to support several families this year from securing grants to help with their winter fuel and food payments, to providing household items such as beds, wardrobes, furniture, and white goods, in addition to our ongoing befriending visits. We also set up and delivered basic and intermediate English lessons to Ukraine families in Oundle, and supported group trauma counselling initiatives for Ukraine refugee families in Kettering.

Further afield, our SVP conference supported the purchase of 5 milking cows for a village in rural Kerala, India which is in an area twinned with our Conference here. The primary school children at St Thomas More, Kettering were amazing and helped us raise the money through their “singathon” in the summer. We were also able to sponsor a mature student to undertake a 4-year Bachelor in Nursing course in Thanjavur, India as well as purchasing school uniforms for 10 primary school children in Kerala to enable them to start their schooling.

We thank you all for your kindness and generosity, and for your support and prayers for our continued work in the SVP.

## 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](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.

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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](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.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Masses at Christmas

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas'

8.00pm Mass during the Night at St Paul's

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Mass at Dawn at Most Holy Name's

11.00am Mass during the Day at St Paul's



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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