

# 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 18th February 2024

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Liturgical Colour: Violet

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)  
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Thanksgiving*)  
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Donald & Mary Laeck RIP*)

#### Rest of the Week

##### Monday **(STM)** *Feria*

10:00am Holy Mass (*Fr John Harris RIP*)

##### Tuesday **(SPA)** *Feria*

9:00am Holy Mass (*Karl + Louise Edwin + family well-being*)

##### Thursday **(SPA)** *Feast – The Chair (Cathedra) of St Peter*

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

##### 10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS**

(*Maria & Roop Pandya + fam. well-being*)

##### Friday **(MHNJ)** *Memoria – St Polycarp*

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

(*Melvyn & Catherine Edwin well-being*)

**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*



**No, it isn't a typo.**

**It isn't Casper, the friendly ghost!**

**Neither Caspar, one of the Magi! 😊**

**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/me?ID=56088](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56088)

#### Oundle



[www.caspar.church/me?ID=56072](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56072)

#### LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £76.30    St Paul's:    £92.35  
S.O.: £225.00    St Thomas': £103.80  
S.O.: £150.00

Second Collection last Sunday – ECV Uganda: £579.04

Thank you for your generosity!



## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the new church of St Paul the Apostle

As it falls during Lent, we cannot move it to the closest Sunday.

Therefore, on 7<sup>th</sup> March we will have a Mass at 7.00pm

## 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.

##### 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

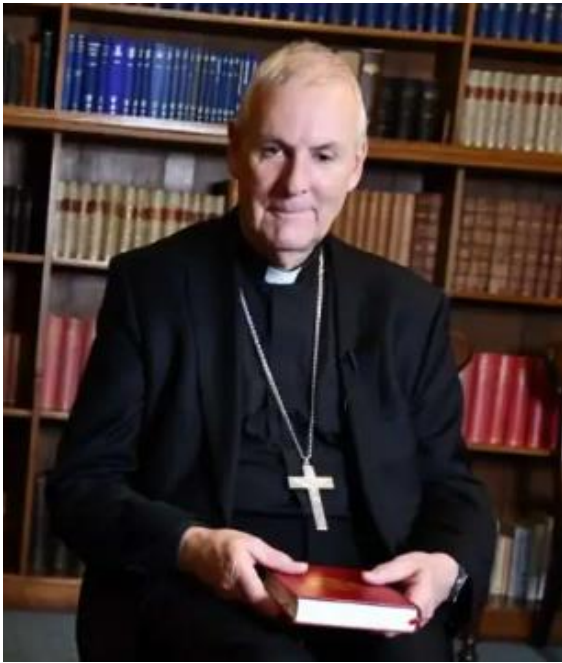
2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

All parishioners are welcome.

# Letter for the First Sunday of Lent 2024

18 February 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, This year, we hear a very short account of Jesus' time in the wilderness. In fact, unlike the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Mark does not give us any detail of the temptations Jesus faced during this time in the desert. Maybe there is something very helpful to us in this. We do not have the power to change stones into bread. We would be very foolish to try throwing ourselves off high places, in the hope we would be caught by angels.

And then, isn't every sin a bowing down to worship our enemy? We are simply told that our Lord was 'tempted by Satan'. I love these encouraging words from the Letter to the Hebrews, 'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our

weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.' (Heb 4.15 16) We are not disciples of a Lord who stands apart from our weakness and temptations. But Jesus has overcome these temptations. And this means a powerful grace for ourselves. It means we can drink deeply from the mercy he has won for us on the throne of his glorious Cross. What we hear in today's Gospel is very much part of our heavenly Father's loving plan of salvation. Because of the Fall, humanity fell from the life of grace. We lost our relationship of intimacy with God. And let's be honest here, we struggle to get along with each other most of the time. And so God found a way to bring us back home. The Holy Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness. This sounds a bit more than just a suggestion or a hint. Jesus is compelled to go out into the desert with the loving obedience of a Heart that is totally focused on the Father's will. And this becomes our vision for the Season of Lent. This is a time of great blessing. What a gift is offered us over the coming days. Jesus was with the wild beasts. It is relatively safe to be a Christian in our part of the world. Sadly, this is not so for every disciple of the Lord. And it wasn't for those first Christians who read this Gospel. They were being persecuted and martyred for their faith by the Roman authorities. They were keeping company with wild beasts in the circuses of the Empire. But then we hear something else. We hear what happens when Jesus' forty days in the wilderness were over. Jesus began his Galilean ministry. He proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom. The work of bringing home the lost and suffering begins. And this work still continues today. And this mission is our task today. I truly hope and pray, we all have a blessed and grace-filled Lent this year. Sincerely, Bishop David Oakley Bishop of Northampton

## PASTORAL MEETINGS

### Sacristans

St Paul the Apostle church: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am



### Let's do lunch in Lent

The Lent Lunches will run each Thursday in Lent (February 15<sup>th</sup> - March 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



Thank you, to all the Altar Servers and Lay Ministers who have been meeting up during this past weeks!

### LENT LUNCHES IN OUNDLE

'Our' week is the 7<sup>th</sup> March. They are really enjoyable and a good way of getting to know people. If you are free to come and/or lend a hand on the 7<sup>th</sup> it would be great if you could make it!

# CLUSTER NOTICES

## Anniversaries and Patronal Feast Days

**St Paul the Apostle**, Thrapston & Raunds: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening and blessing of the new parish church, **7<sup>th</sup> March**.

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

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

**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**.

## LAST WEEK - Appeal by Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda

It was a pleasure to make our appeals last weekend and we thank you for your very warm and friendly welcome. The amount collected to date from the whole Cluster is **£579.04** with Gift Aid, an exceptional and very generous donation. We were also delighted to see the interest shown in child sponsorships. All money collected will go directly towards our projects in Uganda and will make a real and immediate difference to the education and lives of the children.

Be assured of the children's prayers. God bless, Phil and Gordon on behalf of EVC Uganda

## Take Action: Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law.

Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

## Coffee & Tea volunteers at St Paul's

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

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

**Saturday 24th February 1.30pm – 4pm**

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)

# DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

**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/>

## Light up Lent 29th Feb – 7th March

Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more and sign up here

<https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

## LATEST NEWS

All the latest news and future events from around the diocese

FUTURE EVENTS

CONTACT US HERE



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

Thrapston  
Plaza  
Opera  
2024

# L'Elisir d'Amore

Gaetano Donizetti

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
@ 7.00pm*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
@ 7.00pm*

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
@ 5.00pm*

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NN14 4PS

Tickets available from  
the Box Office  
01832 733586

[www.thrapstonplazaopera.com](http://www.thrapstonplazaopera.com)



## 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.

## 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