



# 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 25th February 2024

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgical Colour: Violet

5:00pm (Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Thomas Kennedy RIP*)

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

11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Mary & Patrick Herity RIP*)

#### Rest of the Week

**Monday (STM)** Commemoration of Blessed Robert Drury

10:00am Holy Mass (*Sean & Cait Moran RIP*)

**Tuesday (SPA) NO MASS**

**Thursday (SPA)** *Feria*

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

10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS** (*People of the Parish*)

**Friday (MHNJ)** *Feast of St David, Patron of Wales*

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Confessions**  
(*Pious Abraham RIP*)

**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*

#### LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £87.75	St Paul's: £124.14
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £140.21
	S.O.: £150.00



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

#### Oundle



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

## 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.

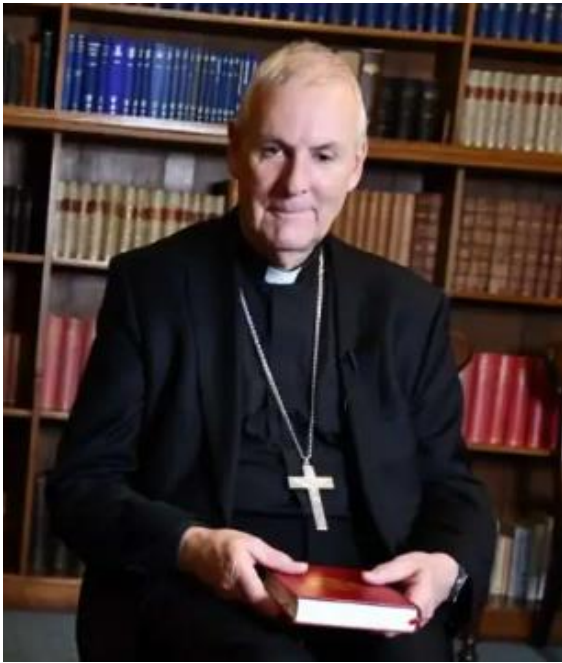
If you need further information, please email Marlene on  
[mrod268@yahoo.com](mailto:mrod268@yahoo.com)

##### 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 Second Sunday of Lent 2024

25 February 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Today we hear an account of the Transfiguration. We always listen to this Gospel moment on the Second Sunday of Lent. The Transfiguration is full of Old Testament images. God revealed himself to his chosen ones on high mountains. There the prophets were unable to look at his face. When Elijah encounters God, not in earthquake or fire, but in a still small breeze, he wraps his face in his mantle (cf 1 Kings 19.13). People who meet with God in the Bible are generally filled with awe and even fear. All of this, and more, is present in today's Gospel. The message is very clear. The apostles are meeting with the living God when they encounter Jesus.

And then those words of our heavenly Father, spoken from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.' Jesus speaks to his disciples about what lies ahead when they reach Jerusalem. He will be crucified. Not something the disciples could imagine. He will rise again on the third day. Not something the disciples could understand.

As we listen to the Gospel of the Transfiguration this Sunday, how may we live this moment in our own lives? We may wish to commit ourselves to regular times of prayer. We can become so caught up with what we want to do for God, we struggle to simply rest before the Lord and listen carefully to what our Lord may be sharing with us. In our busy schedules, how is the season of Lent going? Are we finding ourselves caught up in the demands of daily life and struggling to find time to meet with the Lord in prayer?

Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, when we pray, we should go into our room and close the door. We may want to take these words literally. But a great Carmelite saint, Edith Stein sees the "room" in this teaching as our heart. And what are we closing the door of our heart to? All the noise and chatter around us. I remember someone telling me last year, he had decided during Lent, not to listen to the radio between 8.00pm and 8.00am. It was a way to keep his heart a little more quiet and still.

Maybe there is something of the apostle Peter in many of us. We want to do something for the Lord. After all, there is so much to do! During these days of spiritual conversation around our MDiocese, with all the decisions we must make in the coming years, it's easy for us to begin all this with a quick prayer and then move on to the main business as we see things. Perhaps we need a radical change of mind. To my mind, none of our conversation will be of the Lord, unless we make time and space for the Holy Spirit to come amongst us, saturate us with the desire for Jesus, for holiness. 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Sincerely,

Bishop David Oakley  
Bishop of Northampton

## PASTORAL MEETINGS



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

### 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.



### LENT LUNCHES IN OUNDLÉ

'Our' week is the 7th 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 7th 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**.

## 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!

## Ecumenical Prayer Service in Oundle

World Day of Prayer Service, written by the women of Palestine, prepared by all the Christian denominations in Oundle. All Welcome!  
Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane, Oundle on **Friday March 1st at 11 am**.

## Coffee & Tea volunteers at St Paul's

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

# 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

## CAFOD Family Fast Day

If you would like to donate to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal which will help hardworking people with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good, please give online : [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

## 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

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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](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