



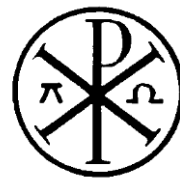
# Catholic Cluster of Blessed Peter Wright

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 17th March 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**PASSIONTIDE**

Liturgical Colour: Violet

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)  
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Marcella Varey RIP*)  
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Lilian and Percy Borg well-being*)

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (STM)** Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem

10:00am Holy Mass

**Tuesday (SPA)** Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

8:45am Holy Mass (*Bishops of our Province – well-being*)

**Thursday Feria**

**(SPA)** 10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**

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

**(MHNJ)** 4:00pm Reception of the body in church

**Friday (MHNJ) Feria**

10:30am **Requiem Mass** for Josie Duffy

**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: £67.08    St Paul's: £76.28  
S.O.: £225.00    St Thomas': £152.77  
S.O.: £150.00



### NEWSLETTER THROUGH CASPAR

From this Sunday you can receive the cluster newsletter through Caspar. Please log-in to your account and subscribe to receive the newsletter through email or text, if you have not done it already.

**We will stop sending newsletter through the old email list on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Thank you to Neil Horton for his help in sending the newsletter in the past years.**

### HOLY TRIDUUM

VENUE: church of St Paul, the Apostle, 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



**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)

### 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

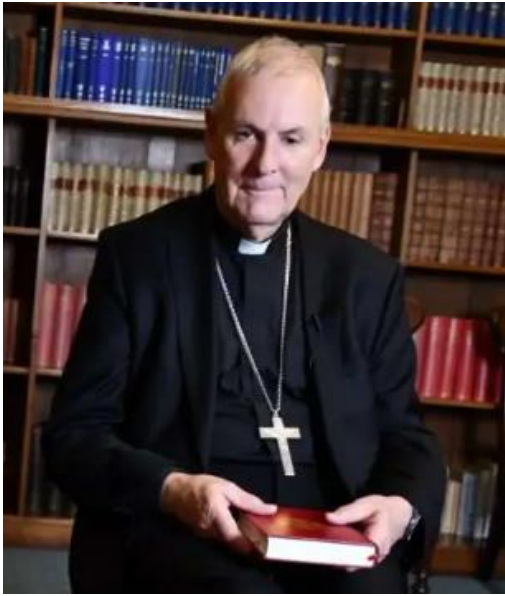
Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 7pm  
If you need further information, please email Marlene on  
[mrod268@yahoo.com](mailto:mrod268@yahoo.com)

#### 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

# Letter for the Fifth Sunday of Lent 2024

17 March 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
This is one of my favourite moments in the fourth Gospel. Some Greek-speaking Jews want to meet with Jesus. They need an introduction and approach the apostle Philip who came from Bethsaida, a busy commercial place where Greek was spoken freely. Philip recruits Andrew to the task and the two disciples go to Jesus with the request. Mention of Andrew reminds me of an earlier Gospel moment when this apostle first met Jesus. At the time, he was a disciple of the Baptist. John had just pointed to Jesus and declared, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God'. Now Andrew and a companion decided to follow Jesus along the road. He turns and asks them, 'What are you looking

for?' Some translations say, 'What are you seeking?' As the Passion unfolds, Jesus will ask the same question of those who come to arrest him. But at the beginning of the Gospel, there is a different response. Andrew and his friend want to know where Jesus is staying. What Jesus is really asking them is this, what do you desire? As the Gospel unfolds, the disciples come to see who Jesus is. They learn how to desire life in communion with him. They are living in the school of apostolic mission.

Today Jesus teaches Andrew and Philip a master-class. If these Greek-speaking Jews want to meet with Jesus, they must discover who he really is. He is the grain of wheat that must fall on the ground and die in order to yield a rich harvest. And the only way to learn this, is to enter into the same journey of dying and rising ourselves. If fascination attracts us to our Lord, it will not be enough to keep us within a deepening relationship with him. The master-class continues. 'Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.' Later in chapter 17 of John's Gospel, we are privileged to hear the high-priestly prayer of Jesus to his Father. Jesus prays, 'Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me'.

Do we desire that this prayer of Jesus is fulfilled for us during these days of Lent? Within Christian discipleship, wisdom is gained through the suffering of the crosses in our lives. We understandably shy away from the Cross. We are inclined to seek an easier form of discipleship. We join our Lord in our souls being troubled by the thought of such an hour in our lives. But we may also find encouragement that this is the path to our witnessing Jesus' glory. Today we enter into Passiontide. Our focus is on Jesus. Let us accompany him as he resolutely sets his face towards Jerusalem. And during these days, may we renew our conviction to serve the Lord and give ourselves generously to what has been asked of us.

I wonder whether those Greek-speaking Jews still wanted to meet with Jesus when the apostles returned to tell them what would be involved in this encounter?

Sincerely,

*Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton*

# CLUSTER NOTICES

## To All Readers

We need readers from all our three churches for the three services during the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. If you have not done it already please contact Meg Shepherd via email: [meganlshepherd@outlook.com](mailto:meganlshepherd@outlook.com)

## Anniversaries and Patronal Feast Days

**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>nd</sup> June**.

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**, Oundle: 76th 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**.

## 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.

## Station Mass in our Pastoral Area

Bishop David will be celebrating our Lent Station Mass in St Brendan's Church on **Thursday, 21st March at 7:00pm** and all are invited as we welcome our Bishop to the Pastoral Area.

## 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/>



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

## 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](mailto: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**





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Church in  
Need



# JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

Help us to support the Persecuted Church and those in pastoral need. Your support as an ACN volunteer makes a huge difference to people's lives.

## We Need Help For:

- Sharing our mailings with your parish
- Including us regularly in parish prayers
- Fundraising to support projects
- Supporting our school projects
- Leading a parish Red Wednesday event

### CONTACT US

[TERESA.KEHOE@ACNUK.ORG](mailto:TERESA.KEHOE@ACNUK.ORG)

for an informal  
chat

**REGISTER NOW**

Contact Us  
**07939 809412**



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](http://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](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage)

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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](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.

## Parish Priest: **Father Benedetto D'Autilia**

**01832 617 050 | email: [frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frbenedetto.dautilia@northamptondiocese.org)**

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