



# 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 4th February 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Liturgical Colour: Green

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)  
9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass (*Peter Bond RIP*)  
Oundle: 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the blessing of new church  
11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*Michael Lepine RIP*)

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (STM)** *Memoria of St Agatha of Sicily*  
10:00am Holy Mass (*Kay Collett well-being*)  
**Tuesday (SPA)** *Memoria of St Paul Miki & Companions*  
9:00am Holy Mass (*John McDonnell RIP*)  
**Thursday (SPA)** *Memoria of St Josephine Bakhita*  
10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**  
10:30-11:15am **CONFESSIONS** (*Mgr Paul Donovan RIP*)  
**Friday (MHNJ)** *Feria*  
10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Confessions** (*Alice Mullen 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*

## LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

10.00am Mass in Oundle  
7.00pm Mass in Thrapston

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Throughout the year, we have Stations of the Cross in Raunds at 3.00pm on Fridays and it is organised by parishioners. I would like to know parishioners' ideas of how to organise Stations in Thrapston and Oundle before Lent begins.

## SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda

There will be an appeal by EVC to support the education of children in the Kyansi RC Parish of central Uganda. This is an extremely impoverished parish in the Diocese of Masaka. The charity is engaged in providing assistance to destitute families such that their children can attend school. We are also involved in the construction of a much-needed local primary school. For more information, please visit our website on [www.evcuganda.org](http://www.evcuganda.org).

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the eternal rest of **Eileen Yvonne Steward**, who passed away recently. 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 **Thu 15<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am**.



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: £114.65	St Paul's: £129.28
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £110.42
	S.O.: £150.00

### 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

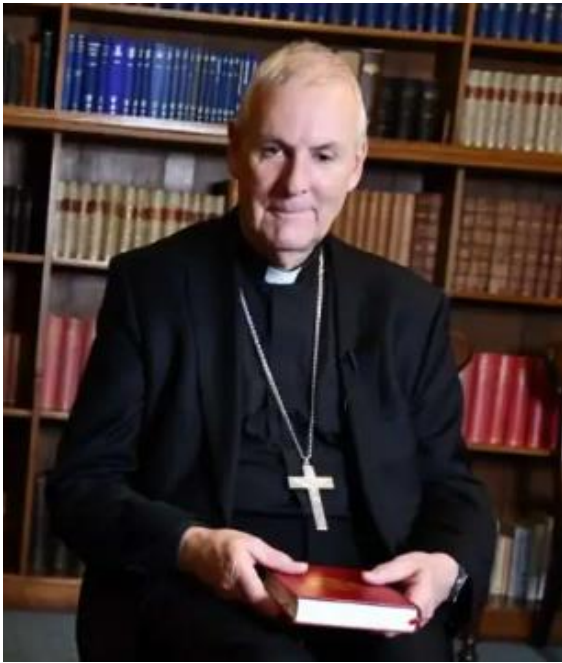
3.00pm Stations of the Cross

All parishioners are welcome.



# LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

*11 February 2024  
Journeying Towards A Jubilee Year*



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Lent is an invitation for us all to reflect upon the great mysteries of faith we commemorate, particularly during Holy Week.

Next year is a Jubilee year, with the theme, **Pilgrims of Hope**. But what is this Jubilee about? This is how Pope Francis explains things:

'We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to

the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.'

As I make my pilgrim way around the parishes of the Diocese, the life and witness of our parish communities are very encouraging. When we consider the decisions which must be made, we may recognise the trust and vision which these demand of us. This encourages us all to pray together for the gift of hope.

There is a particular context for our journey through Lent this year. As we look forward to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asks us to make 2024 a time of prayerful preparation, with a focus on the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Our Father. Prayer is a central element of a Jubilee year. Prayer, personal and communal, is essential if we are to discern the Lord's will for us as a Diocese moving forwards. There is an opportunity for us to reflect on the Lord's Prayer during the coming months, either individually or in groups, as we use a national resource that has been published by the Bishops' Conference. It is called *We Dare To Say*. Your priest will have copies of this and will no doubt encourage you to use this resource as a wonderful means of grace during this year.

From ancient times, Christians have made pilgrimages to holy places. They have sought to encounter the face of Christ, to deepen their faith and to touch the merciful reconciliation which Jesus offers each of us as pilgrims. Many of us may remember the opportunity to pass through a Holy Door. This may have been in Rome. In recent times, dioceses have been able to make a holy door accessible more locally. And so pilgrimage is an important part of a Jubilee Year. Holy doors remind us of Jesus' words in the Gospel, 'I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.' Pilgrimage then, is a powerful expression of our decision to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd and to be guided by Him.

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Over the next two years, we have a number of diocesan pilgrimages available to us. These include our customary pilgrimages to Walsingham and Lourdes. In these places, we seek the maternal intercession of Our Lady. In October 2024, there will be a pilgrimage to Northern France, visiting Lisieux, Chartres and Paris. During the Jubilee Year in 2025, our Diocese, along with many others from around the world, will make a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Whilst in Rome there is an opportunity to walk through the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica. I look forward to being with you in these pilgrimages. Closer to home, there is a walking pilgrimage from the Cathedral in Northampton to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Bedford. In September this year, there is a National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott College. You may wish to organise parish pilgrimages to other holy places. I am very aware that many are unable to afford an overseas pilgrimage these days. But hopefully there will be an opportunity for each of us to participate in a pilgrimage journey.

We experience a Jubilee Year every twenty-five years in our Church. The last one was the millennium year of 2000. Occasionally, popes declare an extraordinary year of Jubilee, just as Pope Francis did when he proclaimed the Year of Mercy in 2015. The Jubilee Year of 2025 is already familiar to us. We chose its theme, Pilgrims of Hope, as the title of our diocesan Assembly last July. We continue to pray together. We hold spiritual conversations across the Diocese. We seek to discern the way forward in regard to the decisions we need to make. In all of this, we are involved in a holy pilgrimage. It is my sincere hope and prayer, each one of us will journey towards the forthcoming Holy Year with a sense of expectation. It is also my hope and prayer that the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, will enable us to strengthen our witness of prayer across the Diocese and our endeavour to become truly and intentionally, missionary communities. To this end, I am spending an evening in a number of parishes across the Diocese. These evenings, rooted in prayer and dialogue, are opportunities to unpack and discuss the theme of Pilgrims of Hope. It would give me much joy to meet with you there.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+David Oakley  
Bishop of Northampton

Given at Northampton on 25th January 2024, The Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and appointed to be read or distributed in all churches and chapels of the Diocese on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10th and 11th February, 2024



# PASTORAL MEETINGS

## Readers

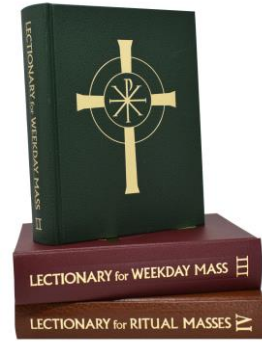
**St Thomas More church: Monday 5th February – 10.45am**

**St Paul the Apostle church: Tuesday 6th February 10am**

**St Paul the Apostle church: Tuesday 6th February 7pm**

**Most Holy Name church: Friday 9th February 10.45am**

**Most Holy Name church: Friday 9th February 7pm**



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**St Paul the Apostle church: Monday 12th February 7pm**

**Most Holy Name church: Friday 16th February 10.45am**



## Sacristans

**St Paul the Apostle church: Monday 19th February 11.30am**

**Most Holy Name church: Friday 16th February 10.45am**



## Altar Servers

**St Paul the Apostle church: Sunday 4th February 12.30am**  
after Mass (it will be followed by lunch in the Presbytery)



# CLUSTER NOTICES

## Anniversaries and Patronal Feast Days

**Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle:**

52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Opening and blessing of the new parish church, moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**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.

## Cleaners at St Paul's

'We are in need of more people to help with the cleaning of the church at St Paul's. The next cleaning session is on **Saturday 27th January at 10.30 am**. All equipment and materials are provided, you just need to bring a pair of willing hands.

If you can spare an hour of your time you would be most welcome and all help is much appreciated'

## 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:

**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

## THE IMPORTANCE OF RELYING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO MAKE US HOLY

The guest speaker for the next in the series of *Adore conferences* is Charles Whitehead. Charles is a parishioner of St Joseph's Catholic Church in Gerrards Cross (in our diocese) and worked closely with Pope St. John Paul II for many years as President of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council. He also founded the popular *Celebrate Family Conferences*.

The Mini-retreat is on **27th January 10.00 am - 1.00pm** on Zoom.

Full details and advance registration at <https://bit.ly/ADOREJAN2024>

# 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.

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

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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