



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 3rd March 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgical Colour: Violet

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

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) *Commemoration of St Casimir*
10:00am Holy Mass *(Thanksgiving)*
Tuesday (SPA) **NO MASS**
Thursday (SPA) *Feast of the Dedication of St Paul's church*
6:00pm **Holy Hour and Confessions**
7:00pm **Holy Mass** *(Pro Populo)*
Friday (MHNJ) *Commemoration of St John of God*
10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Confessions**
(Young priests of the Diocese)

CONFESSIONS: As advertised above or by appointment

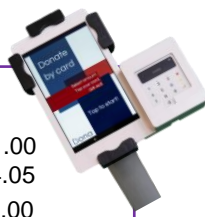
MHNJ: Most Holy Name of Jesus church, OUNDLE

SPA: St Paul the Apostle church, THRAPSTON

STM: St Thomas More chapel, RAUNDS

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £110.00	St Paul's: £161.00
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £104.05
	S.O.: £150.00



60th 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 7th 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



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

Oundle



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

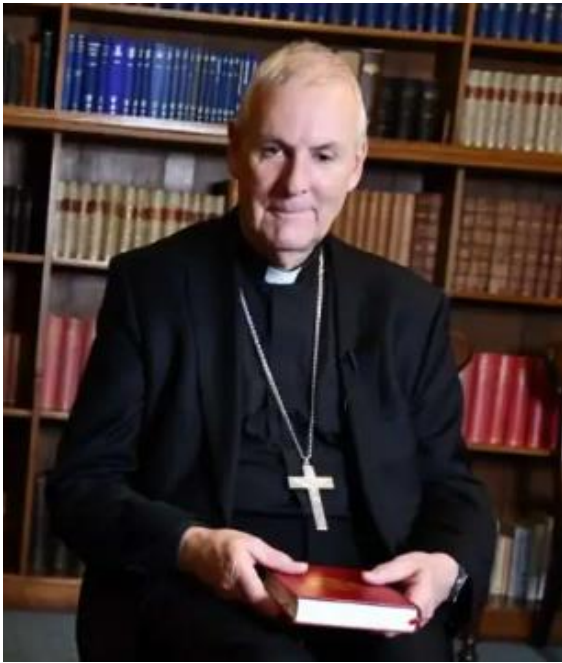
Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 7pm
If you need further information, please email Marlene on
mrod268@yahoo.com

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 Third Sunday of Lent 2024

3 March 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, There is something disturbing about today's Gospel. What sense can we make of the Lord's action, making a whip out of some cord, driving sellers out of the Temple and overturning the tables of religious commerce? I am reminded of that moment when Jesus was an infant. Our Blessed Lady and St Joseph took him up to Jerusalem where he could be presented to the Lord in the Temple there. They offered a sacrifice to God in accordance with the Law, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. The Temple in Jerusalem was all about sacrifices to God; sacrifices of thanksgiving for blessings received, holocausts of desire for God's mercy for sins committed.

There were various sacrifices for the many feasts celebrated by the children of Israel. The most important one being the sacrifice of a lamb for the Feast of the Passover. The Sacred Heart of Jesus burned with compassion for all people. He came to establish God's reign, the Kingdom of God. This Kingdom is about life within a restored relationship with God after the Fall. Ultimately, Jesus himself would become the sacrificial lamb, the Lamb of God whose blood was poured out for us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Jesus came to heal the sick, cast out demons, restore order to our broken world. This is what Jesus seeks to do today. He invites us to become his workers in the vineyard. We are to break down the walls of prejudice and division. We are to work tirelessly for justice and peace. It is only right that the followers of Jesus should share his Heart, on fire with desire for a better world.

I wonder what it would have been like, to be a disciple of Jesus in the Temple that day. Maybe we would be having second thoughts. Do I really want to be identified with someone who acts in that manner? Do I want to be associated with someone who is so clearly a source of concern to the authorities? How many of us prefer a more quiet life! And yet we are baptised to make a difference in our world. And the Cross is part of what this difference is all about. Jesus tells us this himself. Unless we take up our cross and follow him, we cannot be his disciple.

I said earlier, there is something disturbing about today's Gospel moment. This speaks to what happens after this event too. The Gospel tells us, many came to believe in Jesus. They saw the miraculous signs for themselves. They were excited with what was happening. The Gospel suggests Jesus was looking for more. Are we disciples who are just looking for signs and wonders? During this time of Lent, there is an opportunity for us to deepen our lives of faith. Jesus sees our weakness and frailty. He also sees our desire to stay close to him. To stay the course, and the challenges we encounter as disciples of Jesus.

Sincerely,

Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton

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 church rooms,
Marshalls Road, Raunds NN9 6HP.

Join as you can. No booking required. Refreshments offered.

All welcome. Info at:
pwood1966@hotmail.com



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 OUNDLE

'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: 60th Anniversary of the Opening and blessing of the new parish church, **7th March**.

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

St Thomas More, Raunds: Patronal Solemnity, St Thomas More, **Sunday 22nd June**.

Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle: 76th Anniversary of the Foundation of the parish of St Wilfrid, **8th August**.

Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle: Patronal Solemnity, St Wilfrid of York, moved from 12th October to **Sunday 13th 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!

Coffee & Tea volunteers at St Paul's

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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.

Life Issues

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has praised the government's decision to allow baby loss certificates for parents who have lost their children before 24 weeks. The full statement can be read in the link below:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-sherrington-welcomes-introduction-of-baby-loss-certificates/>

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 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/>



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

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



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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

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OF NORTHAMPTON



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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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

Pro Tempore Safeguarding officer - Kathy Franklin
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

Website:

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

Joe Gasan on 07565 395955

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