



# 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 24th March 2024

**PASSION SUNDAY with the Palms**

**PASSIONTIDE – Beginning of HOLY WEEK**

Liturgical Colour: Red

5:00pm(Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)  
9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (*Margaret Ring RIP*)  
11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Baby Alex Critchley well-being*)

### Rest of the Week

#### Monday (STM)

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

6:00pm – 7:30pm Adoration with **CONFESSIONS**

#### Tuesday (SPA)

9:00am Holy Mass

## HOLY TRIDUUM

VENUE: church of St Paul, the Apostle, Thrapston

**HOLY THURSDAY** 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY** 3.00pm Passion of the Lord

**HOLY SATURDAY** 10.00-11.00am **CONFESSIONS**  
8.00pm Easter Vigil

### NOTA BENE:

**The clocks move 1 hour forward this Sunday.**

## EASTER MORNING MASSES

**9.15am** Most Holy Name's, Oundle

**11.00am** St Paul the Apostle's, Thrapston

**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*

### EASTER GIFT TO THE PRIEST

A big and warm thank you to all, who will generously make your Easter donation to Fr Benedetto.

The purple envelopes are out if you'd like to use one.

The collections at Easter will serve, as per tradition in our country, as part of our priest's salary.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

The collection on **Good Friday** will be for the **Holy Land**.

### LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £284.00	St Paul's: £132.41
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £132.10
	S.O.: £150.00



**CASPAR** is our new Cluster Database.

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

#### Oundle



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

### 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 of 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.**

### 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

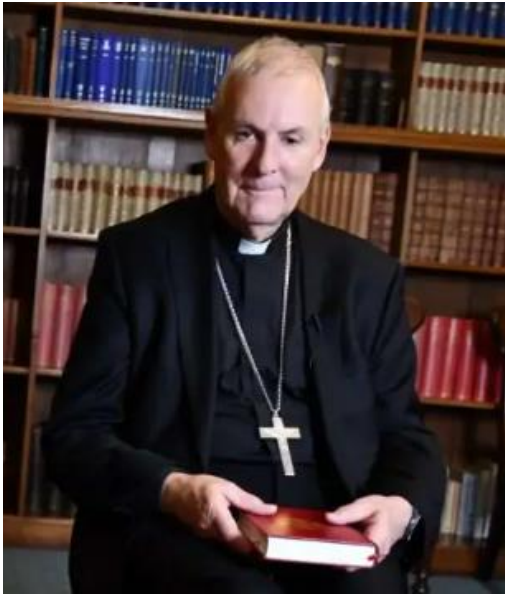
Prayer meetings every Friday at St Thomas More church

2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

3.00pm Stations of the Cross

## Letter for Passion Sunday 2024

24 March 2024



To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

A reflection on this Passion Sunday Gospel may begin with a question, which Gospel? Many of us will hear the account of Jesus sending two of his disciples to the village to find a tethered colt. Jesus even gives the disciples the answer they must use if anyone questions them about this seeming act of theft. Jesus then rides into Jerusalem to a rapturous welcome from some at least. We listen to this Gospel before our liturgical re-enactment of this moment by procession into our churches. It's a strange story. We very easily get the sense that Jesus is in charge. He is not only the central figure in these events, he is director and producer too. Things seem to change very quickly when we consider the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This

year we listen to St Mark's account of these events. The action begins in Bethany and the woman 'wasting' the expensive perfume over Jesus' head. There is much for us to ponder here. Are we so generous in our witness to our faith in Christ? Are we prepared to become disciples without counting the cost? Again, we need to hold this truth in our hearts. All this is about Jesus.

This event is a mystical prelude to what Jesus will accomplish on the Cross. He will be obedient to the Father's will and lay down his life in love for us. There is so much mystery in the story which unfolds. Again, disciples are sent into the city and invited to prepare the room where Jesus and his disciples will eat the Passover. This is not any ordinary table reservation in a local hostelry. The moment echoes the earlier one with the finding of the colt for Jesus to ride into the city. Now they must follow a man carrying a pitcher of water. Something in all of this may encourage our hearts to look forward to the Easter Vigil. There will be water there. The blessing of the font. Possibly baptisms, and certainly our renewal of baptismal commitment with the sprinkling of water.

At the end of the Passover meal, psalms are sung and Jesus and his disciples leave for the Mount of Olives. Things seem to change. The weakness of the disciples is very much on display. Something seems to slip away from Jesus himself. We hear the chilling words of the traitor, 'the one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge'. It seems that others are now in command. Despite the prophetic words of our Lord, 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven', there is an inevitable impetus towards the death and destruction of Jesus of Nazareth.

The desolation reaches a new pinnacle when Jesus cries out from the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' And if others are assured this prefaces the end of it all, through the gift of faith, we know differently. We hear the testimony of one who came to faith whilst standing at the foot of the Cross. We too echo the words of the centurion, 'Truly this man was the son of God.'

Sincerely,

*Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton*

# CLUSTER NOTICES

## 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.

## Chrismal Mass at the Cathedral – Thu 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 11am

The Chrismal Mass is the yearly event when every bishop around the world, blessed the Holy Oils of the Catechumens and of the Sick, and consecrates the Holy Oil of Chrism. These oils are used for the dispensation of the Sacraments in the parishes they serve.

This Mass is also the opportunity for our bishop to meet all the clergy of the diocese and for all the priests to renew their priestly promises.

**If you are planning to attend, please let Fr Benedetto know in advance.**

REFRESHMENTS will be served after Mass at the St Thomas Centre; however, as the buffet is ticketed this year, please let Fr Benedetto know your attendance after all the Masses this Sunday. Tickets will be given out at the door on arrival.

# 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.

## 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/>

## ALLELUIA!

### A DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY

**SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024 11am – 3.30pm**

for Singers and Choirs, showcasing Parish Music for all ages. Instrumentalists Welcome.

Between Ascension and Pentecost is a great time to encourage singers and music groups of all ages in your parish.

VENUE: THOMAS BECKET SCHOOL, BECKET WAY NORTHAMPTON NN3 6HT

With Marcela Campaña & Matt White (School Choirs)

Fr Kevin McGinnell (Music & Liturgy) & Fr Daniel Rooke

Teresa Brown (Pilgrimage Mass composer)

and members of the Liturgy Commission Music Section

Adults £10, Young people Free if 18 or under, must be accompanied by an adult.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, juice provided. Bookings will open next week.



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**





Aid to the  
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)

# DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF NORTHAMPTON



Places  
Limited

## 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**

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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