

CLUSTER NOTICES

Anniversaries and Patronal Feast Days

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

Cluster: Oundle, Thrapston and Raunds: Patronal Solemnity, Blessed Peter Wright, moved from 19th May to **Sunday 3rd /4th August**.

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**.

Message from Fr Benedetto

Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to share with you an update on my health situation. This time two years ago I became your parish priest with much joy and enthusiasm. I had told you that the doctors were investigating a flaw in my nervous system. This week I have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Finally, I can start treatments for it. I am not scared, and I trust in God's help.

Thank you for your prayers over the past years and for your support.

Don't worry, the promise I made to you, when I moved-in in 2022, is still standing. I am going nowhere; I am here to stay! ☺

Cleaning at St Thomas' - Raunds

If you are interested in being involved in keeping our chapel in Raunds tidy and clean, please join the group of volunteers - you can text Pauline W. on 07597707388 to join the club!

Catholic Post Newspaper – Subscription enquiry

The Catholic Post is UK's first carbon neutral Catholic newspaper. It is published monthly and aims to bring news, information, faith and Catholic teaching to readers throughout the UK.

For more info: <https://www.caspar.news/?NL=1247-35293>

Send an e-mail to the parish office if you are interested, so we know how many copies to request. If we order more copies we will pay less, as a parish.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Sat 8th June 2024

12 midday Mass with Bishop Davide presiding.

3.00pm Procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds.

Service at the site of the original Holy House.

If you are interested, please let Fr Benedetto know. You can travel by your personal car to Walsingham. It would be great to organise a coach from our cluster, if anyone is interested in organising a coach service please let Fr Benedetto know.

National Week of Prayer For Victims and Survivors of Abuse

28th April – 5th May this year is dedicated as the National Day of Prayer For Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Parishes are asked to recognise this on the following weekend, the fifth Sunday of Easter (28th April).

Resources for prayers, homily notes and pastoral sessions as well as an introduction to the theme for this year can be found here www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/

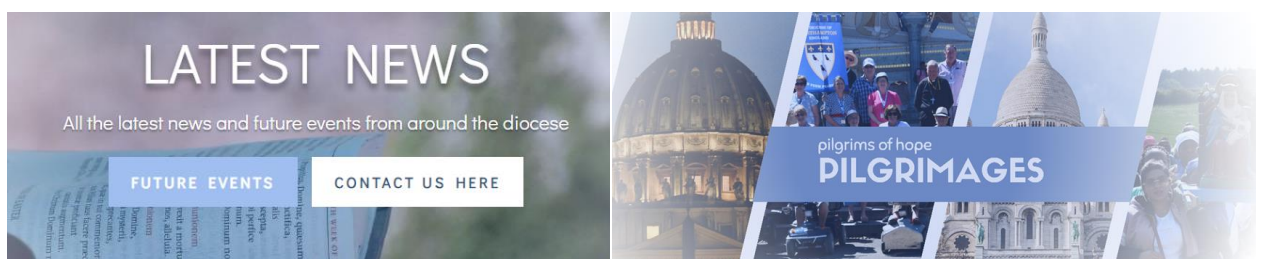
Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales

Last Wednesday, at the end of the Plenary press conference Bishop David presented a pastoral reflection from the Bishops Conference. The document, titled *Intricately woven by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales*, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction."

This document has been two years in the making and has been well received by both media and those in pastoral ministry.

Read the **full document** here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/04/REFLECTION-Intricately-Woven-By-The-Lord.pdf>

Read a **summary** here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/04/SUMMARY-Intricately-Woven-By-The-Lord.pdf>



Return To The Upper Room

Mission Northampton will host a virtual gathering exploring the call to return to the upper room and prepare our hearts for Pentecost. Join them on Friday **10th May at 7.30 pm** on zoom. More here www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/return-to-the-upper-room-preparing-for-pentecost-2024-may-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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Takes place on **Sunday 12 May**. The theme for World Communications Day 2024 is 'Artificial Intelligence and Wisdom of the Heart'.

Read Pope Francis' message here www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message

Mass For Those With Additional Needs

Bethany Mass: Mass for people with disabilities and their families: the next Mass will be on **May 19th at 3 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9 AY. (About 15 mins. from Junction 10 of the M1) All are welcome. Access to the Church is step-free, and there is ample parking. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

Called & Equipped

What is God calling you to do next? Our year-long formation course isn't for everyone but covering the foundations of Catholic teaching alongside developing a personal spirituality, it might just be for you. Find out more here

<https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> and at our introductory webinar on **23rd May, 7.30pm**.

Women in Ministry – The Gathering 3

Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own web page <https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on **June 8th** at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the catholic church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information, please email helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org All are welcome!

Vacancies

The Diocese is currently recruiting for a **Financial Accountant** and an **Accounts Assistant** to join their central team based in Northampton.

Full information for both positions, including how to apply, can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> The **closing** date for applications is **Friday 17th May 2024**, however we reserve the right to close the vacancy earlier if a sufficient number of applications have been received. Interviews dates to be confirmed.

All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org, together with a covering letter detailing their qualifications, experience, and why they are interested in the position.

INTRODUCING THE NEW TRANSLATION of the LECTIONARY

11 June 2024 - Day for catechists, teachers, musicians, chaplains, and all interested.

The Liturgy Commission have organised a day for implementing the new translation of the Lectionary with Father Paul Turner. Please book yourselves in as soon as you can. It is hoped every parish and school will be represented.

We are blessed to have Fr Paul in our diocese for this event, please do all you can to attend. Email the Bishop's secretary on bishopssecretary@northamptondiocese.org

SOCIETY OF SAINT GREGORY - ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL, LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

31 JULY (pm) - 3 AUGUST 2024 (lunch)

A Symphony of Praise in Word and Music

"In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great symphony of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him." Pope Francis

The programme includes Keynote speakers, liturgy, workshops, other presentations and more.

Keynote Speakers - Sue Price, David McLoughlin, Fleur Dorrell, Martin Foster

Director of Music – Christopher Walker; Director of Liturgy, Kathryn Turner.

They welcome both Residential and Day Delegates and Bursary funding is available.

Further details, including the programme, and online booking are available at www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2024 or by emailing summerschool@ssg.org.uk

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth.

Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

JUBILEE 2025 - Prayer Suggestions

The Catholic bishops Conference of England and Wales have produced a step-by-step for parish group reflections. More here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/getting-started/>

Appeal From Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Over the next two years ACN UK will fund every single ACN project in **Liberia**, one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. Due to extreme poverty and lack of media attention, the Church in Liberia needs your help. ACN UK is working together with the bishops, priests and Sisters in Liberia to make sure that they have everything they need to minister to their growing congregations.

<https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/liberiaappeal/>

Appeal From CAFOD

Sudan is now in the grip of the world's worst hunger and displacement crisis where nearly half the population (25 million) are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance (this is about 2.5 times the population of London!). Our Caritas and Church networks are there and can deliver aid to make a big difference.

It isn't in the news much as other problems in the world are being given coverage more. Hence, we need our Catholic community to help spread the word and give their support.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

Would you like to learn more about your faith?

Consider joining online to follow the **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies** or **Diocesan Certificate in Religious Studies**? Both courses offer the same eight modules in Scripture and Catholic Theology with the CCRS leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Those who follow the CCRS/DCRS say they gain a great deal from the course, deepening their knowledge and understanding of their faith. To find out more about the course, contact Ann Collon E-mail:

educationserviceadmin@northamptondiocese.org or visit our website: www.northamptondioceseschools.org

PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED PETER WRIGHT



Eternal Father, your priest and martyr, Blessed Peter Wright of the Society of Jesus, worked with zeal and dedication in your vineyard and gave his life freely because of his faith in you and in your Church. Through his intercession grant that this humble flock may reach where Jesus, our brave Shepherd, has gone.

In blessed Peter's name, I come to you with my needs:

(pause and silently mention your request)

Lord, help me always to imitate the great faith, generous love, and burning zeal of Blessed Peter. Grant that Your Church may proclaim him as a Saint serving at your Throne in Heaven and interceding for us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SCHEDULE

Dates and Programme - Please see details of the specific dates in the poster below. The programme will begin with teas/coffees/welcome at **6:30pm**, followed by Praise and worship from **7pm to 7:30pm** with the talks starting at **7.30pm**. The talks will last 30 minutes. The music and talk will be livestreamed from the Cathedral to the selected hubs and the small group sharing will also take place in the hubs. The **Holy Spirit retreat** day at the **Cathedral is on 18th May from 2pm to 6pm** followed by the Pentecost vigil mass which participants can join should they wish to do so.

Hubs - We are very grateful and thankful to the Priests and Parishioners of the selected hubs below.

MILTON KEYNES – St Augustine’s Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes. MK13 7PL

LUTON – St. John the Apostle, 296 Sundon Park Rd, Luton LU3 3AL

AYLESBURY – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 69 Camborne Ave, Bedgrove, Aylesbury HP21 7UE

SLOUGH/BURNHAM – Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Lower Britwell Rd, Burnham, Slough SL2 2NL

CORBYP – Final location be confirmed

CRANFIELD - Cranfield University Chapel, Building 33, College Road, Wharley End, Cranfield, MK43 0AL

BEDFORD - Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP

Information and Registration - Information and the link to register can be found on the Diocese website at: www.northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spiritseminars-2024/ which also includes a video message from Bishop David (<https://youtu.be/kKt5g-M1qe8>) encouraging parishioners to join the seminars.

There is also the poster attached which has a QR code that parishioners can scan to access the registration page.

Northampton Diocese
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
APR 16 - MAY 21
SEMINARS

GOD'S LOVE

16
APRIL

TUESDAY

SALVATION

Dr. Maria Heath

23
APRIL

TUESDAY

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Fr. Emmanuel Okami

30
APRIL

TUESDAY

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS

Pauline Gray

7
MAY

TUESDAY

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY

Pentecost Eve
Ros Powell

18
MAY

SATURDAY

GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION

Jenny Baker & Fr. Pius Amoako

21
MAY

TUESDAY

for more info visit
<https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

Scan QR code to
register



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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE
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



www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage



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.

Diocesan Audit by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA)

As you know, the diocese was audited by the CSSA in November last year. This was our first baseline audit under the new national arrangements, and we very much appreciated your support during this process. We are now in a position to be able to share our audit feedback with you and we are delighted to say that the diocese was given an overall rating of Comprehensive Assurance, which represents the second highest grading. The executive summary is now accessible on the CSSA website: <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/audits-and-reports/cssa-audit-reports/> The full report will soon be made available through our diocesan communication channels.

As well as highlighting many areas of good practice, the audit has also assisted us in identifying further areas that we would like to develop. We plan to highlight more detail about our audit feedback later in the year when we meet with you through various training opportunities.

To make any 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.

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 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

Parish Priest: Father Benedetto D'Autilia

01832 617 050 | email: 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

Website:

www.eastnorthantscatholic.org