



# 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 14th January 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Liturgical Colour: Green

**In Oundle**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus - white**

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass *(Jim duCassé RIP)*

9:15am **(MHNJ)** Holy Mass *(Private Intention)*

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass *(Pro Populo)*

### Rest of the Week

**Monday (STM) Feria**

10:00am Holy Mass *(Betts Family)*

**Tuesday (SPA) Memoria of St Fursay, First Irish missionary**

9:00am Holy Mass *(Private Intention)*

### **OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** **18-25 January**

**Thursday (SPA) Feria – Unity of Christians**

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Holy Hour**

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

**Friday (MHNJ) Memoria of St Wulstan**

10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Confessions**  
*(Marsland & Burton families)*

**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*

## Celebration of the Sacrament of CONFESSION

In order to follow good Safeguarding Practice Confessions will be celebrated in the following places and manners:

@ St Paul's church: in the room at the back with glass panelling, face to face.

@ Most Holy Name's church: in the church under the statue of Our Lady, face to face.

@ St Thomas' church: unfortunately, there is no possibility to celebrate the Sacrament in a safe way both for the penitent and for the priest.

We are looking to build or buy confessional boxes, so the anonymity of the penitent can also be taken into account. At St Paul's we have a proper confessional, but it needs to be cleared out and refurbished.

### Mobile Phones in Confessionals:

Due to the sacred nature of the confessional, clergy and penitents have been requested, by the Bishops Conference, not to have active mobile phones with them in the confessional. They should not just be put to silent mode but should be turned off before entering the confessional. This is because, even in silent mode, phones can still listen-in to conversations and artificial intelligence algorithms identify items of interest to potential advertisers.

*“Silver and gold I have none;  
but what I have, I give thee:  
In the name of Jesus Christ  
of Nazareth, arise, and walk”  
(Acts 3:6)*

## We have a card machine now!



At Most Holy Name's, Oundle & St Paul's, Thrapston

The Machine is easy to use

and you can easily

Gift Aid your Offertory

donation, pay for

Cards and items purchased from the Repository.

Each device is on a 3 months trial, to see how helpful and

successful they will be to our parishes'

income. The devices will cost each parish £15 per month to rent.

### COLLECTION OF SUN 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Holy Name's: £98.22	St Paul's: £132.95
S.O.: £225.00	St Thomas': £137.70
	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.

# PASTORAL MEETINGS

## Readers

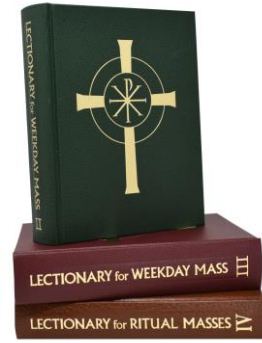
**St Thomas More church: Monday 5th February – 10.45am**

**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

## Parishes Dedication Patronal Solemnities

**Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle:** moved from 3<sup>rd</sup> January to **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**  
**St Paul the Apostle, Thrapston & Raunds:** moved from 25<sup>th</sup> January to **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January.**

## 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.

## Diocesan Directory - 2024

You can purchase a copy of the Diocesan Directory from our Repository at the back of church. £10 per copy.

## Diocesan Priests Calendar – 2024 – Pssss....Fr Pius is in it!!

You can purchase a copy of the Diocesan Priest Calendar from our Repository at the back of church. £5 per copy.

## Bring and Share Lunch - February 2024

### PLEASE SEE SIGN UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

**3rd February 2024 12.00 2.30pm** at the Bowls Club in Oundle. More information to come.  
Donations towards club heating and lighting for the session; any profit towards our churches maintenance.

## Retreat for Deepening our faith & Helping Us Pass it on to Others

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:

**Monday 22nd January** : St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Bletchley

**Monday 29th January** : Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby

**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

## Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

A reminder that the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity begins on 18th January and ends on 25th January.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/christian-unity/>

## 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>

## Youth Mass

Bishop David will preside at a Mass for young people at St Augustine's, Milton Keynes on Sunday 14th January at 6.30pm.

## LUX Weekend - Youth Ministry

Lux is a residential for young people organised by our diocesan youth ministry team, NYMO. From the evening of Friday 9th February - the afternoon of **Sunday 11th February**, those in **school years 7-13**, will gather in Northampton. The cost for the weekend is £125pp and this includes all program activities, all meals and accommodation. Transport to and from the venue is not included.

For more information visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> or email [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org)

# A new garden bench for Most Holy Name's



As a thank you for being given permission to use the church gardens to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation a group of local friends and neighbours have kindly donated an elegant 'Cambridge' bench to the garden of the Holy Name. The bench was blessed by Father Benedetto after Mass last Sunday and parishioners tested out the new addition.

The bench is made of teak and is designed for outdoor use - it does not need to have special pads on the legs because the supplier assures us that this wood will not rot. The group chose a bench which has been pretreated so it should be left with no attention and after about 10 months it will turn a silvery grey and blend fully into the garden. We hope that parishioners will make use of the bench as a place of contemplation, rest and sociable chats for many years to come.



Thank you for our neighbours' generosity!



## 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 January 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