



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 11th February 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Liturgical Colour: Green

5:00pm (Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Thanksgiving*)

9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)

11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Alan Mason RIP*)

Rest of the Week

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Kay Collett well-being*)

Tuesday (SPA) NO MASS

BEGINNING OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

(MHNJ) 10:00am Holy Mass followed by **Stations** (*Pro Populo*)

(SPA) 7:00pm Holy Mass (*Alison & James Gamby + family well-being*)

Thursday (MHNJ)

11:00am Requiem Mass for Eileen Yvonne Steward

Friday (SPA) Feria of Lent – *please note different venue*

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

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

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*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

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.

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



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

Oundle



www.caspar.church/me?ID=56072

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £134.10

St Paul's: £115.50

S.O.: £225.00

St Thomas': £127.02

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

RAUNDS PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings every Friday at St Thomas More church

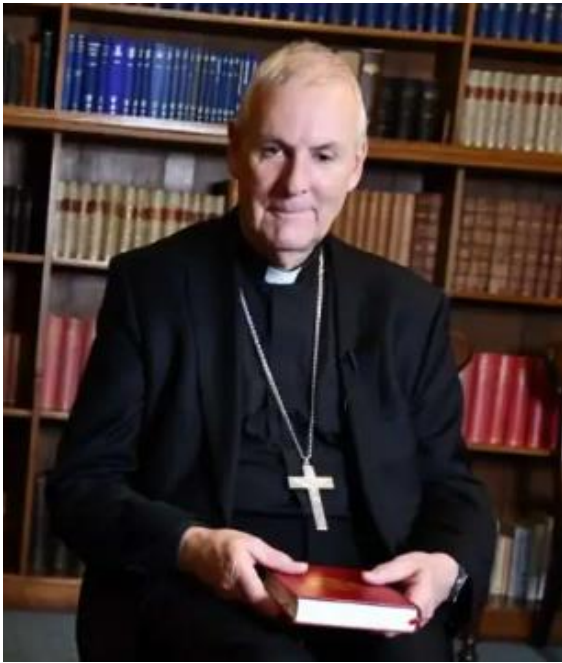
2.00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet

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

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



TRAINING AND LUNCH WITH OUR ALTAR SERVERS AT ST PAUL'S LAST SUNDAY



Thank you to all the
Altar Servers and Readers
who have been meeting up
during this past week!

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 22th 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**.

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.

Liturgy Commission

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up meat and other particular kinds of food or drink or forms of amusement. Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence.

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

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:

Thursday 7th March: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Wellingborough

Thursday 18th April: Our Lady of Peace, Burnham

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/>



BRING & SHARE LUNCH

Cluster Bring and Share - Thanks!
A huge thank you to all those who supported the Bring and Share, with amazing food and a lot of cheerful help, in the kitchen, hoovering etc! It was great to see so many, particularly those who made the effort to come from Thrapston and Raunds. Richard and Elizabeth



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!

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.





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