

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

Sunday 29th October 2023

XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Colour: Green

Parish Priest: Father Benedetto D'Autilia

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Psalter Week 2

Sunday 29th October 2023

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

5:00pm (Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Harry Collett RIP*)
9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Eusebio Ximenes, Domingo & Carolina De Jesus, Manuel Brani, Celina RIP*)

During the Week – Year I

Monday (STM) Memoria – Blessed Martyrs of Winchester

10:00am Holy Mass (*Harry Collett RIP*)

11:00am Blessing of graves at Raunds Cemetery

Tuesday (SPA) FERIA

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

Solemnity of ALL SAINTS - Holy Day

Tuesday (SPA)

7:00pm Vigil Holy Mass (*Private Intention*)

Wednesday (MHNJ)

10:00am Holy Mass (*Private Intention*)

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

ALL SOULS' DAY

Thursday

(MHNJ) 10:00am Holy Mass

11:30pm Blessing of graves at Oundle Cemetery

(SPA) 7:00pm Holy Mass

Friday (MHNJ) NO MASS

Saturday (STA) Memoria – St Charles Borromeo

9:00am Holy Mass followed by *Holy Hour*

9:45-10:30am **CONFESSIONS**

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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 church, RAUNDS

Creative Spirit Mission

Thank you to all who have been involved with the Cluster Mission during this past months.

Thanks to all those who have organised and got involved with the various initiatives around our three towns.

A special thank goes to Mission Northampton and those parishioners from around the diocese who have supported our Mission both through actions and prayers.

The Mission continues within our cluster community and in our homes.

Let the mark of God's Spirit shine in us!



Blessing of the graves

Raunds Cemetery: Mon 30th October 11am

Oundle Cemetery: Thu 2nd November 11:30am

Thrapston Cemetery: Tue 7th November 10:00am

If you would like your relatives' grave to be blessed but it is not in the three cemeteries mentioned above, organise a blessing of their graves with Fr Benedetto separately.

SUN 22nd OCTOBER 1st COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £46.10
S.O.: £196.00

St Paul's: £110.02

St Thomas': £131.75

S.O.: £100.00

2nd COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £73.53

St Paul's: £64.00

St Thomas': £42.95

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary McNeil and Paul Barry who have died recently.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

22nd Oct: World Mission Day

5th Nov: Bishop's Maintenance Fund

12th Nov: Sick & Retired Priests

MEETING TIMES THIS WEEK

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.

PARISH NOTICES

The Glory of the Saints

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the **saints**? What do they care about **earthly honours** when their heavenly Father honours them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we **venerate** their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous desire. Calling the saints to mind **inspires**, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to **enjoy their company**, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the **citizenship of heaven**, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be **united in happiness** with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them. Come, brethren, let us at length **spur ourselves on**. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory. When we commemorate the saints we are **inflamed** with another yearning: that **Christ our life may also appear to us** as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the **thorns of our sins**. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honour. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendour with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

St Bernard

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The cost of Gift Aid envelopes has increased considerably since last year. If you are able to switch your giving to standing order please do so, as it saves a lot of costs. The bank account details for each church are detailed in the newsletter.

If you wish to continue to use Gift Aid envelopes, your number may change with the next issue, due in November (Thrapston & Raunds) and April (Oundle). A listing will be produced for parishioners to sign for receiving their new box and number. Any questions, please speak to Mark.

LATEST NEWS

All the latest news and future events from around the diocese

[FUTURE EVENTS](#)

[CONTACT US HERE](#)

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Celebrating Our Riches

Bishop David will preside at Mass to celebrate diversity across our diocese. On **Saturday 4th November** at **midday** at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Luton. Mass will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Two Apostolic Exhortations

Laudate Deum : Pope Francis has followed up on his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si* with another document focussed on the current ecological situation in our world. It is worth reading either the full document

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Or a summary from Bishops Conference here

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/laudate-deum-summary/>

16th General Ordinary Assembly of Bishops, Rome

You will be aware that the synod on synodality has reached the global phase in Rome. They have reached the half-way point and this little video from 'Rome Reports' gives a summary of the last two weeks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmlFgk27zS0>

Global Church Statistics

On Saturday the Vatican released the global Catholic statistics for World Mission Sunday. The headlines are:

- Number of Catholics is rising (an overall increase of 16.24 million to 1.375 billion)
- Number of priests is falling (to around 407,872, a drop of 2,347 priests)
 - Number of Bishops decreasing to 5340
 - Number of Deacons increases to 49,176
 - Number of religious decreases with 10,588 fewer nuns
- Diocesan priests in the world decreased by 911, while religious priests decreased by 1,400
 - The global percentage of Catholics decreased slightly to 17.67%.

Engaging The Disengaged

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is partnering with the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales to host an online seminar with Sherry Weddell on "Engaging the Disengaged". The seminar will take place on

Tuesday 21 November at 6 pm, tickets are £10. To register visit

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/event/accompanying-the-non-religious-person-in-day-to-day-life/>

Mass of Thanksgiving for Donors

This is an opportunity to show gratitude for all those who have offered to our mission this year, through prayers, time or a financial gift. Mass will be at 11 am on **25 November** at Northampton Cathedral. You would be very welcome to attend and please encourage anyone who has given to attend also.

PACT Roadshow

This is on Saturday **18th November** 10am-1 pm in the St Thomas Centre, Northampton Cathedral. All are welcome to attend to find out more about this ministry to prisoners and their families. PACT is currently supporting 6 prisons in our diocese.

Love Christmas Campaign 2024 – Caritas Northampton

<https://northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas/>

Shall our Cluster join this Campaign this Christmas?

Please let Fr Benedetto if you are interested.

Many thanks to all of our parishes and schools who so generously supported the diocesan Love Christmas 2022 Campaign. It was a tremendous success again this year due to all the wonderful donations, help, support, and prayers. This meant we could share God's love for us with so many locally who are in real need and poverty. All parts of the diocese took part and we were able to donate 950+ gift bags supporting over 2000 individuals last Christmas.

We supported families with young children, the elderly, the lonely and isolated, young carers, children from broken homes, children in care, young people leaving the care system, and many others. So, thank you again to all those involved for all your love, kindness, and generosity for those in need.

LUX – Youth Ministry Office

Our diocesan youth ministry office, NYMO has announced the dates of the next residential weekend for young people.

'Lux.dive' will take place from

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th

February 2024. The weekend is open to all those in school years 7-13 and costs £125 pp (which is great value in today's inflated market!) visit

<https://nymo.org/lux-dive/>

lux.dive

9th – 11th February 2024

King's Park Centre, Northampton



<https://nymo.org/lux-dive/>

AQUINAS 101 – Thomistic Institute

Aquinas 101 is a project of the Thomistic Institute that seeks to promote understanding of the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, the eminent 13th century philosopher and theologian. Aquinas is a masterful interpreter of reality. His writings assist us in answering perennial questions on topics like God, man, the natural world, law, and morality, and questions of special relevance to our time like the relationship between modern science and faith or pursuing happiness in the digital era.

Each Aquinas 101 video walks viewers through a different theme in just a few minutes. On Aquinas101.com, you'll also find short readings and podcast lectures accompanying each video. We encourage you to enrol in a course to receive full lessons in your email inbox. You can also browse the lessons at your own pace at Aquinas101.com.

Please help us spread the light of truth by sharing these videos with your friends and family — because it matters what you think!

To enrol visit: <https://aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org/>

Aid To The Church In Need – Red Wednesday

The international #ACN **Red Wednesday** event is on **November 22nd** this year and it would be great if for that week you could remember persecuted Christians and invite people to pray for the persecuted Church.

More here

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

ACN - Break the Silence on Christian Persecution - VIDEO

Please click on link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPXXY7R72Fc>

Online Advent Retreat 2023 – Let the wilderness bloom!

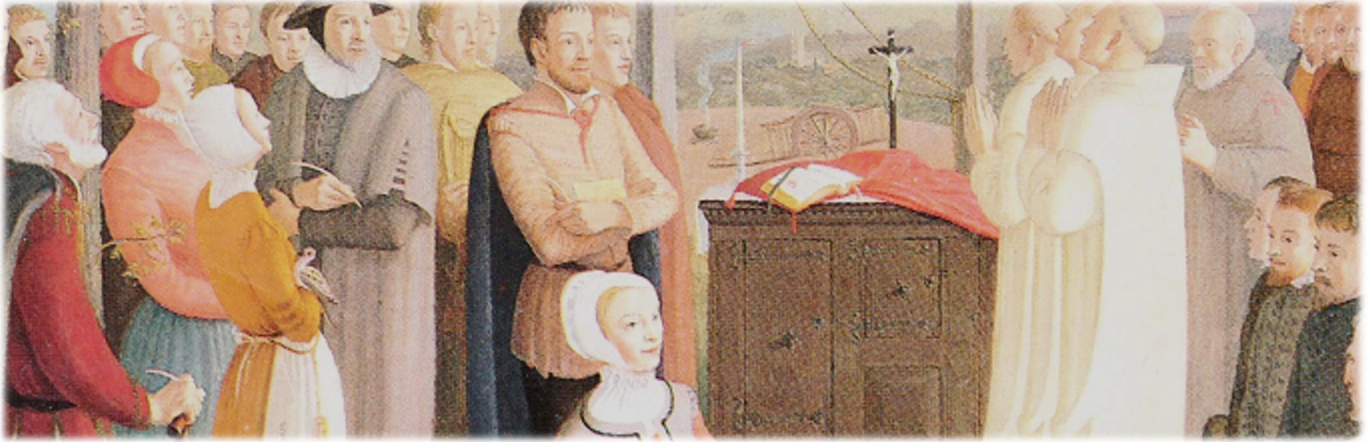
An Advent journey with John the Baptist

4 Monday evenings, **7.30-8.30pm, from 27th November**, with Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent

We know that parishes are starting their Advent planning and this could make a lovely resource for a parish Advent group, either live on the night, or available at any time afterwards. It is available on YouTube so does not require zoom and can be played via smart TVs. Here is last year's series to give a flavour of what to expect: https://pastoralministryoffice.org/walking_by_starlight-2/



The Guild of OUR LADY OF RANSOM



The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom through a Grant has funded our Parish Mission for 2023, which will take place around Thrapston and Raunds in the Autumn.

The Guild was founded on 29th November 1887 with the following mission:

- The conversion of heart of the people of England and Wales
'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations'
Matthew 28:19
- Welcoming home those who have lapsed from the practice of their Catholic faith
'We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' Luke 1:24
- Praying for those who have died who have no one to pray for them
'It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.' 2 Maccabees 12:46

Please let us pray for the success of our Parish Mission of Evangelisation and for the work of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom.

The prayer on the right is a great tool for us to ask for Conversion.

The Ransomer's Prayer

Jesus, Convert England

Jesus, Have Mercy On This Country.

(Dying Prayer of Blessed Henry Heath)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Our Lady of Ransom, Pray for us
Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us
St Gregory the Great, Pray for us
St Augustine of Canterbury, Pray for us
St Thomas Becket, Pray for us
St John Fisher, Pray for us
St Thomas More, Pray for us
St Margaret Clitherow, Pray for us
St John Henry Newman, Pray for us
Blessed Henry Heath, Pray for us
Blessed English Martyrs, Pray for us



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: 6 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Masses at Christmas

Sunday 24th December

5.00pm Vigil Mass at St Thomas'

8.00pm Mass during the Night at St Paul's

Monday 25th December

9.00am Mass at Dawn at Most Holy Name's

11.00am Mass during the Day at St Paul's



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

svpthrapston@gmail.com

Joe Gasan on 07860 372283

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