



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

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Psalter Week 4

Sunday 12th November 2023

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

Liturgical Colour: Green

Second Collection: Sick & Retired Priests

5:00pm(Sat) **(STM)** Vigil Holy Mass (*Hazel well-being*)

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

11:00am **(SPA)** Holy Mass (*John Cooper RIP*)

During the Week – Year I

Monday (STM) Feria

10:00am Holy Mass (*Fiona Murphy well-being*)

Tuesday (SPA) Feria (*Jackie Gudge well-being*)

9:00am Holy Mass

Thursday (SPA) Memoria of St Margaret of Scotland

10:00am Holy Mass (*Sharon Knox well-being*)

Friday (MHNJ) Memoria of St Hugh of Lincoln

10:00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration

10:35-11:00am **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday (SPA) Memoria of the Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul

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

9:45-10:30am **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 church, RAUNDS



On Remembrance Sunday some of the most moving thoughts are contained in the wonderful hymn '**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.**' Here the seed is that of wheat. In fact the Flanders fields had first been wheat fields. Here the seed represents not just the finest love that inspires heroism and sacrifice, but the very person of Jesus. He is that eternal love of God made visible in our flesh and experiencing, like us, the reality of death with its fear and abandonment. The hymn continues: *In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again. Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

Part of Homily of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 9th November, 2015

NOVEMBER BOX

At the entrance of the Sanctuary in our churches you will find a box or basket for your personal intentions for the dead during this month. Envelopes can be found at the back of church.

All donations will go for the maintenance or purchase of liturgical accessories.

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 Most Holy Name of Jesus church
in Oundle at 5.45pm. **The venue might change from next week. Families will be advised in advance of any change.**

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.

SUN 22nd OCTOBER

1st COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £180.02
S.O.: £196.00

St Paul's: £122.12
St Thomas': £131.03
S.O.: £100.00

2nd COLLECTION

Holy Name's: £64.40
St Paul's: £18.55
St Thomas': £29.00

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the eternal rest of **Rosa Mary Hartley**, who passed away peacefully last Wednesday by being comforted by the Sacrament of Holy Viaticum. The Funeral Service will take place at St Paul's church on **Mon 27th Nov at 12noon.**

Please pray for the eternal rest of **Deb Banerjee**, Ann's husband, who passed away last Friday. The Funeral Service will take place at Most Holy Name's church on **Thu 23rd Nov at 10.00am.** Keep their families in your prayers during this difficult time.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

12th Nov: Sick & Retired Priests

19th Nov: Maintenance of our churches

26th Nov: Catholic Youth Services

PARISH NOTICES

Cluster Coffee Morning in Oundle

I'll be hosting this event at my house, 18 Rock Road, Oundle on Tuesday, 28th November from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

If you'd like to come along, please text or WhatsApp me on 07546261552, so I can ensure I have enough supplies!

Any donations of loose change for charity will be most welcome.

Hope to see you then, and feel free to bring a friend!

Tricia Shingles

Big Clean at Most Holy Name Church

Advance warning of a Christmas Big Clean at Most Holy Name Church on Tuesday 12th December at 10.00. If you can join in and help that would be great! There are some standard cleaning materials but if you have any favourite cloths or cleaners they would be useful. Coffee and nibbles provided! Many thanks!

WALKER'S GROUP – Weekly Walk and/or Lunch

We walk every week at 10.30am in different locations in the area. We walk at a gentle pace for approx. one and a half hour and then relax and chat over coffee or lunch.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Marlene Rodrigues on mrod268@yahoo.com

Blessed Peter Wright Cluster Recipe Book

THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the Oundle recipe book - there were really not enough to use but too many to abandon! Now we have 'clustered' it would seem sensible to open this to St Paul's and St Thomas More.

Everyone has a 'go to' recipe or two, those family favourites which are cooked from memory or from recipe books which open regularly at that particular page. Please let me have any that you would like to share.

Email me (eandrpoole@gmail.com) Many thanks!

Elizabeth Poole

Love Christmas Campaign 2023 – Caritas Northampton

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

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.

LATEST NEWS

All the latest news and future events from around the diocese

[FUTURE EVENTS](#)

[CONTACT US HERE](#)

DIOCESAN NOTICES

“Safeguarding is rightly at the heart of our mission”

Safeguarding in our community is the responsibility of us all. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.

It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.

If you are in any role within our Church, you must refer allegations directly to our diocesan safeguarding office, or directly to the Police.

Every human being has a value and dignity which we as Catholics acknowledge as coming directly from God’s creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. We believe therefore that all people should be valued, supported and protected from harm.

In the Catholic Church this is demonstrated by the provision of carefully planned activities for children, young people and adults; supporting families under stress; caring for those hurt by abuse in the past; ministering to and managing those who have caused harm.

It is because of these varied ministries that we need to take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment for all which promotes and supports their wellbeing. This will include carefully selecting and appointing those who work with children, young people or adults at risk and responding robustly where concern arises.

Check for your roles and responsibilities on our diocesan weblink below:

<https://northhamptondiocese.org/sgresresponsibilities/>

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%.

The Sisters of the Morning Star Convent

A community of contemplative sisters who reside in the Diocese of Plymouth would like to pray for your intention. The Sisters of the Morning Star Convent in Lynton, Devon will pray for you, your parish and any other intention you have, simply fill out this brief online form: <https://www.marymorningstar.co.uk/prayer-requests>

Holy Land Crisis

Will you email the Foreign Secretary to urge the UK to play its part in upholding international law, ensuring humanitarian aid can reach people in need, and working with other world leaders to secure a lasting peace for the region? CAFOD are urging individuals to email the Foreign Secretary here:

https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/136932/action/1?_gl=1*8ygc13*_ga*NTQ5NDY2ODA4LjE2OTczNTg2NzM.*_ga_S7Z01NJESC*MTY5OTQyNjA2My4yLjEuMTY5OTQyNjA4Ni4zNy4wLjA

Diocesan Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Bishop David will preside at Mass to celebrate our Diocesan Patronal Feast. Our two diocesan Patrons are Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas Becket. All are invited to attend Mass in **Northampton Cathedral at 7 pm on Friday 8th December** and for mince pies after in the St Thomas Centre.

Trinity Conference:

Reawakening the Catholic Vision On Saturday 17 February 2024, 9 am to 5pm, you are invited to explore all of this and more at the Trinity Conference: Reawakening the Catholic Vision.

How can the Catholic Church respond to an increasingly disaffiliated and disengaged generation? What is the future of our Catholic parishes, schools, and homes? TC24 will explore the context of 'post-Christendom' society, and the implications this has for the Church's mission today.

For the full timetable and booking info see: <https://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/events/events/trinity-conference-2024-reawakening-the-catholic-vision.php>

Synod On Synodality

This week the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops concluded following three weeks of (relatively) unreported dialogue. The delegates issued a letter to the people of God, pre-empting the release of the synthesis closing this part of the synodal journey.

The **letter to the people of God** can be found here <https://northamptondiocese.org/listen-to-everyone-start-with-the-poorest/>

The **synthesis** can be read here <https://northamptondiocese.org/a-synodal-church-in-mission/>

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.

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.

2024: Year of Prayer

After a year devoted to reflecting on the documents and studying the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer. In preparation for the Jubilee, parishes are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer.

Jubilee Year <https://northamptondiocese.org/jubilee-2025/>

2023: Year of the Council <https://northamptondiocese.org/council/>

2024: Year of prayer <https://northamptondiocese.org/year-of-prayer/>

These web pages will be developed in the coming months.

Thriving or Closing?

Thursday 7th December 7 PM

Will my parish still be here in 10 years? If it were to close, would the community even notice?

In the face of such sobering thought, the good news is that parishes can come to new life if they live their missionary identity and make new disciples. Think it's time to take a more serious look into the problem of church decline? Join Bishop David Oakley and Fr. James Mallon on Tuesday, **7th December** in our online event, Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going? <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/CPSDecember>

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/>



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!

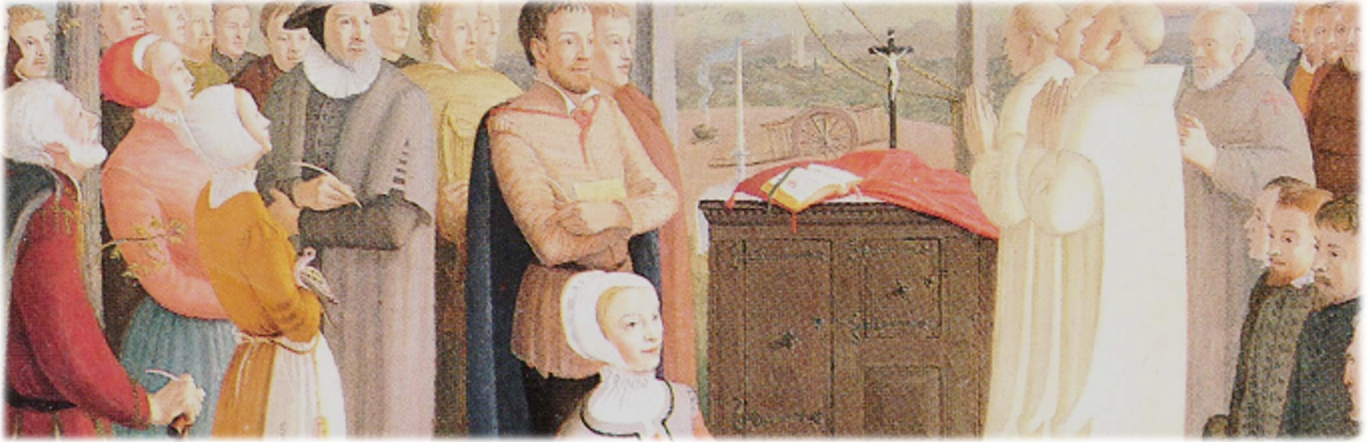
An Advent journey with John the Baptist

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

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