



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 3

Sunday 5th November 2023

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

Liturgical Colour: Green

Second Collection: Bishop's Maintenance Fund

- 5:00pm (Sat) (STM) Vigil Holy Mass (*Pro Populo*)
 9:15am (MHNJ) Holy Mass (*Marriage Encounter Priests Retreat*)
 11:00am (SPA) Holy Mass (*Pauline & John Wood well-being*)

During the Week – Year I

- Monday (STM) Feria**
 10:00am Holy Mass (*Harry Collett RIP*)
Tuesday (SPA) Feria
 9:00am Holy Mass
 10:00am Blessing of graves at Thrapston Cemetery
Thursday (SPA) Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 10:00am Holy Mass
Friday (MHNJ) Memoria of St Leo the Great, Pope
 10:00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration
 10:35-11:00am **CONFESSIONS**
Saturday (STA) Memoria of St Martin of Tours, Bishop
 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

Blessing of the graves

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

5th Nov: Bishop's Maintenance Fund

12th Nov: Sick & Retired Priests

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

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.

Creative Spirit Mission

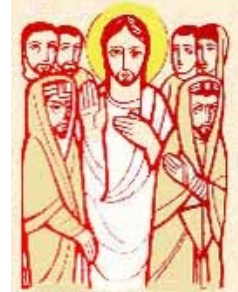
Thank you to all who have been involved with the Cluster Mission during this past months.

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!



First Confession and Holy Communion

Sunday 5th November 2023 (THIS SUNDAY) – Enrolment of children at all our Sunday Masses.

Monday 6th November 2023 5pm – START of classes at St Thomas More Meeting Room in Raunds.

Confirmation

Friday 10th November 2023 5.30pm – START of classes at MHNJ church or in a classroom at Oundle school TBC.

Catechesis for Adults

For Adults who want to become Catholics or for Catholics who want to deepen their knowledge of the faith.

The course started last Monday evening, but nobody turned up. There will be another attempt this

Monday 6th November 2023 at 7.00pm.

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.

The Pope's Cathedral – The mother of all churches

On Thursday we will celebrate one of the most unusual feast of the Church, the **Dedication of the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran**, a day when a church is born and dedicated for sacred rites. But the celebration is more than architecture; it is about the birth of men and women into eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ under the power of the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of He, established for this purpose. The proper name of the Pope's cathedral -not Saint Peter's—is the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, Saint John Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist at the Lateran. The honour the Church bestows on us is remembrance of the cathedral on the day it was consecrated. The Lateran Basilica is "*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput...*the Mother and head of all the Churches of the City and of the World."

In the past the residence of the Popes which was named the Lateran Palace was built by *Lateranus Palutius*, whom Nero put to death to seize his goods. It was given in the year 313 AD by the emperor Constantine the Great to Saint Miltiades, Pope, and was inhabited by his successors until 1308, when they moved to Avignon, France. The Lateran Basilica built by Constantine near the palace of the same name, is the first Basilica of the West. Twelve councils, four of which were ecumenical, have assembled there, the first in 649, the last in 1512.

If for several centuries the Popes have no longer dwelt in the Palace, the primacy of the Basilica is not thereby altered; it remains the head of all churches. Saint Peter Damian wrote that just as the Saviour is the Head of the elect, the church which bears His name is the head of all the churches. Those of Saints Peter and Paul, to its left and its right, are the two arms by which this sovereign and universal Church embraces the entire earth, saving all who desire salvation, warming them, protecting them in its maternal womb.

The Divine Office narrates the dedication of the Church by the Pope of Peace, Saint Sylvester I:

It was the Blessed Pope Sylvester who established the rites observed by the Roman Church for the consecration of churches and altars. From the time of the Apostles there had been certain places dedicated to God, which some called oratories, and others, churches. There, on the first day of the week (which is Sunday), the assembly was held, and there the Christian people were accustomed to pray, to hear the Word of God, and to receive the Eucharist. But never had these places been consecrated so solemnly; nor had a fixed altar been placed there which, anointed with sacred chrism, was the symbol of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who for us is altar, victim and Pontiff. But when the Emperor Constantine through the sacrament of Baptism had obtained health of body and salvation of soul, a law was issued by him which for the first time permitted that everywhere in the world Christians might build churches. Not satisfied to establish this edict, the emperor wanted to give an example and inaugurate the holy labors. Thus in his own Lateran palace, he dedicated a church to the Saviour, and founded the attached baptistry under the name of Saint John the Baptist, in the place where he himself, baptized by Saint Sylvester, had been cured of leprosy. It is this church which the Pontiff consecrated in the fifth of the ides of November; and we celebrate the commemoration on that day, when for the first time in Rome a church was thus publicly consecrated, and where a painting of the Saviour was visible on the wall before the eyes of the Roman people.

When the Lateran Church was partially ruined by fires, enemy invasions, and earthquakes, it was always rebuilt with great zeal by the Sovereign Pontiffs. In 1726, after one such restoration, Pope Benedict XIII consecrated it anew and assigned the commemoration of that event to the present day (9th November). The church was afterwards enlarged and beautified by Popes Pius IX and Leo XIII.

by Dom Prosper Guéranger

LATEST NEWS

All the latest news and future events from around the diocese

[FUTURE EVENTS](#)

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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

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://northamptondiocese.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%.

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/>

Pray With The Pope – November

For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

You may find the Pope Video helpful. <https://youtu.be/XGzKlIP7uJs?si=fKj8WB3Ed9i-yafy>

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/>

Israel and Gaza

This week Pope Francis became the only world leader to call directly for an immediate ceasefire and allow humanitarian aid into Gaza. Pope Francis said, "stop, brothers and sisters: war is always a defeat—always, always!" Amid the war between Israel and Hamas, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, consecrated the Holy Land to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday 29 October.

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.

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/>

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.

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