

**St Paul the Apostle | Thrapston**  
**The Most Holy Name of Jesus | Oundle**  
**St Thomas More | Raunds**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
 The Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: White

Parish Priest: Father Benedetto D’Autilia

Please Pray for the D’Autilia Family and Father Benedetto.  
 His Mother is now recovering at home and he will remain with the family in Sicily for the time being.

**THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU**

I massive thanks for those that attended and made the Triduum in Oundle a special time together.

There were many firsts this year – not least the organising team!

- Thanks : Father Benedetto for the stage one set up and briefing
- Thanks : Father Prasad for celebrating and advice and guidance
- Thanks : Friends and parishioners from Raunds and Thrapston for coming
- Thanks : Tess for all those Sacristan duties
- Thanks : Our excellent altar servers
- Thanks : Mark Lee for the back of the scenes running around and deliveries
- Thanks : Diana for fetching the candles
- Thanks : Vincent, Charles and the choir for the music on two organs
- Thanks : The readers and those giving us the Passion
- Thanks : Megan for the owning the rotas in Thrapston and Raunds
- Thanks : Carol and Peter for advice
- Thanks : Carol and David for setting up and flowers
- Thanks : Richard for setting the heating to come on in time!
- Thanks : Elizabeth for last minute stepping in here and there.
- Thanks : Our cleaners and Pat & Marian

We lost the use of the portaloo at the last minute for the vigil. Youthful high spirits rather than vindictive vandalism – even so our neighbours helped report to the police and Mark arranged the clean up and we are back up and running again : from this weekend the gate will be locked until we get our internal loo completed. On that: drainage and sewage connection work starts in mid May; we are not connected to a sewer yet – that’s stage one and the work has been donated gratis by a parishioner. Please pray in thanks for this huge generosity.

Many have said : “How lovely to have both Parishes together!”

**MEETING TIMES NEXT WEEK**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Most Holy Name Oundle | 9:15am  
 St Paul Thrapston | 11:00am  
 St Thomas More | Raunds 11:30am  
 \* Raunds Vigil is moved to Sunday

**Weekdays**

No weekday Masses currently

**CONFESSIONS**

By appointment Corby or Rushden

**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).

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Welcome to Raunds Canon Joe and thanks for celebrating Sunday Mass for us.

	St. Paul the Apostle Thrapston	Most Holy Name of Jesus Oundle	St. Thomas More Raunds
Sunday	16th April The Divine Mercy 11am Father Prasad	16th April The Divine Mercy 0915am Father Prasad	16th April The Divine Mercy 1130am Canon Joe Walsh
<b>No Weekday Masses</b>			
Sunday	23rd April Third Sunday of Easter 11am Canon Michael	23rd April Third Sunday of Easter 0915am Canon Michael	23rd April Third Sunday of Easter 1130am Canon Joe Walsh

# MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS

Venue: St Paul's church, Thrapston

Date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL @ 7.30pm

## Helping Parishes to Share the Joy of the Gospel

When Bishop David was appointed to the Northampton Diocese he was challenged by the Papal Nuncio to prioritise mission to new housing estates, because this Diocese has the fastest house building programme in the country. Soon afterwards Bishop David set up the Mission Northampton Office in the Diocese and asked us to work with many others in the Diocese to 'Make Missionary Disciples Together.' Over the past 18 months a number of mission projects have already taken place and in October last year there was a two-week mission near Luton to a new housing estate. Here are a few quotes from some parishioners who got involved in that mission:

**" The mission has been a time of great spiritual growth for me and it has been absolutely amazing to share it with so many wonderful people". (Warren, Luton)**

**" One day we were out for home visiting... One man opened the door and talked to us. He said we are God sent, at the right time - he had just lost his job and he had shoulder & neck pain, his kitchen floor was flooded with water due to a leak and he asked us for our prayer which we did right in front of his door. He was so pleased we came..." (Oliver, Luton)**

**" I went out this morning to hand out free coffees and doughnuts and this guy who was so appreciative of our kind gesture. Apparently he met a random lady in the street last week who told him that God loves him and now he's met me and I also told him**

**that God loves him so he really felt blessed and took it as a sign that God was speaking to him and drawing him closer." (Yoofi, Milton Keynes)**

**" I was touched by the responses from people who had received the free breakfast and the team spirit during the three mornings...One gentleman who brought his children to the Night of Light party said he was so thankful that such a mission was happening....A lady...said to me how refreshing it was to see Catholics out on the streets evangelising. She is no longer a practising Catholic but said she will now consider coming back to the Catholic faith" (Eva, Luton)**

**"The mission has given me the opportunity to see and use the gifts that God has blessed me with... ...I would strongly encourage and recommend anyone who is hesitant about getting involved in the mission to get involved and use their gifts to build God's Kingdom. When we give to God, he gives back a hundredfold!" (Marlyn, Luton)**

At Fr Benedetto's invitation the Mission Northampton Team, along with some others who have had some previous experience with missions, will be coming to Thrapston & Raunds over the next few months.

The aim is to see how together with you we can reach out in mission to the local area to share God's love. There will be many opportunities to be involved over the coming months so please do keep a look out for upcoming meetings where more details of this exciting initiative will be shared. We look forward to meeting many of you and together with you sharing the joy of the Gospel with others.



*The Mission Northampton Team*

To read more about our work please see: [www.northamptondiocese.org/missionnorthampton](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/missionnorthampton)

**SAINT  
THE  
BECKET  
FESTIVAL**

**THOMAS  
BECKET**

**FEAST OF THE  
TRANSLATION  
OF THE RELICS  
OF**

**SAINT  
THOMAS  
BECKET**

**7-9 JULY**

**NORTHAMPTON  
CATHEDRAL**

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE  
OF NORTHAMPTON**



# BECKET FESTIVAL

## FRIDAY 7 JULY

11am: Mass for the Translation of the Relics of Saint Thomas Becket

12.30: Opening of Saint Thomas Centre

1pm-9pm: Veneration of the Relic

2pm-9pm: Confession available

9.15pm: Night Prayer

## SATURDAY 8 JULY

9am: Mass with the Relic

1pm: Ecumenical walking pilgrimage including the Holy Sepulchre Church, Becket's Well and Saint Peter's Church finishing with

3pm: Ecumenical Service

## SUNDAY 10 JULY

3pm: Becket lecture - Dr Judith Champ

4pm: Vespers of St Thomas



## CARITAS NORTHAMPTON COST OF LIVING HELP BOOKLET

Our diocesan CARITAS office has prepared some helpful information regarding support available for those struggling with the current cost of living crisis. You will find some copies of this Cost Of Living Help Booklet at the entrance of our churches. <https://www.caritas.org/>

## Missio - Red Boxes

Thank you to all Parishioners who gave using the Red Box scheme last year. Our parishes raised £762.12 towards the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries throughout the world.



If you want a Red Box or further information about giving to this worthy cause, contact Mark on 07810552312 or [markandcathylee@gmail.com](mailto:markandcathylee@gmail.com). Thank you.

The **Lent Lunches** this year raised £1,264.87 for Christian Aid (our second highest total over the last 40 years). This will go to a Community Partnership project, 'Empowering Left Behind Communities', in Bangladesh. Even more remarkably, the EU is match-funding all money raised for this project in a ratio of 5:1, meaning that they will add a further £6,324!

Very many thanks to all who helped at the lunches by making soup and/or serving, and to all who came and gave generously. Thanks to the Methodist Church for their hall and kitchen.

## Oundle Bring and Share Coronation Lunch Saturday 13th May 1.30

Please save the date for a celebratory Garden Lunch (weather permitting!) in the Oundle Church garden - please bring a folding chair each, (a little picnic table if you wish,) and a contribution to the lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Thrapston and Raunds parishioners are more than welcome.

## PARISH FOOD BANKS IN OUR CHURCHES

There is a box for donations to our foodbank at the back of the Church. We need non-perishable items - tins of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, rice pudding, packets of pasta, rice, tea & coffee, cartons of long-life milk & fruit juice, and also basic toiletries & household goods - soap, toothpaste, shampoo, washing powder, washing-up liquid etc.



## SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

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## MASS INTENTIONS

You can book an intention by writing the desired date, church and name(s) on an envelope and hand it to the priest. 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.

## Attending Mass:

The wearing of masks whilst inside our churches is optional. Please sit where you wish, using common sense and respecting other's right to space. Communion will be administered both on the tongue or on the hand. The Sign of Peace : please bow to those around you.

## 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

Please consider increasing your donations and standing orders as we enter 2023.  
Thank you for your support and charity

**Parish Priest: Father Benedetto D'Autilia**

Father Benedetto is away

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

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