



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Norah Cassidy RIP
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Chris Healey & Family
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
14 <sup>th</sup> May	St Matthias	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Peter Rowley RIP
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Janet Hughes Intentions
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (K & M)
18 <sup>th</sup> May	St John I Pope and Martyr	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Francis Williams RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Private Intention (SD)
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	John Griffiths RIP
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Solemnity of Pentecost	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Charles Ayres RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Kevin Quinn RIP
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Pro Populo

**Confession Times:** Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	A de Kremer & T Reilly	S Allan	J Burns & M Port
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & E Worrall	A Loring	N O'Rourke & M Pryke
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		P Reilly & Y Trevor
Readers	R Streeter & M Donn	M England	L Peril & J Aitkens
Minister of Holy Communion	R Lott & A Wilkinson	J Aitkens	B Ivory & J Burns
Coffee			H Davis & C Jones
Church Cleaning	R Duncan & M Port		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>
<b>Head Teacher</b>	Alison Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Irene Kearney-Rose	Email: <a href="mailto:irene@kearney-rose.co.uk">irene@kearney-rose.co.uk</a> Tel: 07743 030 460
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddell, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Robert Johnstone, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Virginia Barwell, Cindy Johnston, Mary Lambert, John Owens (Snr), Michael Gardiner, Helen Wilson, Baby Luke Somerville, Graham Andrews, John Widdows, May Carrie, Margaret West-Sadler, Lewis Paul, Floss Jepson, Angela Munton, Nigel Stark, Shane Spencer, Phillip Botteley, Andrena Lynch, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Avril Thompson, Jeffrey Miller, Fr Dominic O'Connor, Fr Kevin Clark, Fr Michael Bell, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Bernard Gandy, Catherine Farnell, Amanda Messer, Fr David Bowler, Aileen Egan, Melissa Barker, David Tookey and Sylvia Minckley

**Anniversaries †** Emilia Robinson, Rose Wheldon, Terry Colman, William Caffrey James Halfin, Margaret Alderdice, Doris Adams, Elizabeth Burton, Ethelreda Renzi, Elizabeth Rafferty, Francis Rising, Peggy Stephens, Frances Williams, Kareen Mason, John Tookey, Frances Hudson and Elizabeth Burton

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes	£300.17
Loose Plate	£204.20
Standing Orders	£520.00
Total	£1,024.37

The Catholic Church celebrates **World Communications Day** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a **Second Collection** is taken after Mass to fund this important work. Please take a prayer card with you when you leave Church.

**St Joseph's Parish Council** There will be a full Parish Council meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit in writing by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Jim O'Kane via the presbytery or by email at [jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk).

Don't forget to join us for coffee after Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.



**Uppingham School Masses** in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:

- 20<sup>th</sup> May
- 17<sup>th</sup> June

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day** On behalf of CAFOD, many thanks for your generosity in giving to the Lent Fast Day. We raised a total of £465, which will be matched by the government, so CAFOD will benefit by £930, plus gift aid. Your generosity will help save the lives of some of the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world.

**Mother's Prayers** will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

We are very proud to offer you the opportunity of owning a copy of **"GOOD NEWS FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS, an account of the background to, and the story of, the Diocese of Nottingham"**. Canon Anthony Dolan, a retired priest and former archivist of our Diocese, has, together with many other contributors, compiled this book which contains more than 360 pages of information and photographs of our parishes, religious communities, schools, pilgrimage sites and martyrs. A limited number of copies of the book are available to purchase in your parish at a reduced price of £16, and extra copies can be ordered by emailing or contacting the Retired Priests Appeal office 0115 888 2644, [srpfappeal@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:srpfappeal@nrcdt.org.uk). You can also order from the website [www.retiredpriestsappeal.com](http://www.retiredpriestsappeal.com). We hope you will enjoy reading this fascinating book, the first history of our Diocese to be published since 1950. Thank you for your continued support for the Sick and Retired Priests Appeal – the fund has now passed £4,150,000.00.

**English Martyrs School News** Tickets are still available for the FEM Quiz & Chips event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include entry and chips. There will be licensed bar, puddings and raffle. Adults only. No need to form a team in advance. Tickets available from the school office or from Brieg Slattery and Claire McGrory at St Joseph's.

**Hockey:** Two teams from English Martyrs took part in the Year 5 and 6 hockey competition on Tuesday evening - both teams then qualified for the finals stage. Team 1 lost both of their games by 2 goals to nil. Team 2 however beat Tugby and Catmose Primary by 1 goal to nil in both cases. This set up a final against Brooke Hill who were very strong but we played very well giving a victory by 3 goals to nil. Another trophy and another chance to represent Rutland in the Leicestershire and Rutland County finals.

**Netball:** The Year 5 and 6 netball team were in action on Tuesday night. The children played very well and ended second in their qualifying group.

**St. Joseph's Parish Sewing Group** meets in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except last Saturday of month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Come and share tea/coffee, company, conversation and expertise. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, embroidery etc. Next Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

**Church Repository** Please take the time to visit our Church Repository in the Meeting Room. There is a great selection of cards and gifts, all at reasonable prices. If you would like to order any, please use the notepad provided.

**Book of Remembrance** This is an ongoing project so if at any time you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please collect a slip from the Church porch which gives details of what to do. Thank you.

**Our Sick List** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**Please note:** Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend**

**Our Bishop Patrick** is encouraging parishes to offer a Novena to the Holy Spirit, during the period between the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday. The Novena to the Holy Spirit can be prayed daily between the Solemnity of the Ascension through to Pentecost Sunday. The Novena to the Holy Spirit traditionally begins the Friday after the Ascension and concludes 9 days later, on the Vigil of Pentecost. The Novena listed below to the Holy Spirit covers many important aspects of our relationship to the “third Person of the Blessed Trinity”.

### **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

**Holy Spirit, third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Spirit of truth, love and holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and equal to Them in all things, I adore You and love You with all my heart.**

**Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in your deep, personal love for me, I am making this Novena for the following request, if it should be Your Holy Will to grant it: (*mention your request*).**

**Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the Holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state of life.**

**Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the commandments and to receive the sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Some useful background to praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost**

Praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit is an important devotion in preparation for Pentecost. Indeed, Mary, the Apostles, and the Disciples spent nine days between our Lord’s Ascension into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in “constant prayer” (Acts 1:12-14). Some see this as the model, not only for the Novena to the Holy Spirit, but for all other Novenas as well.

The graces, gifts and virtues mentioned in the Novena to the Holy Spirit above are meant to instil in us the wonderful heavenly attributes necessary for our salvation as we seek to imitate Christ and show others His love in our daily lives.

**The seven gifts are Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord. These tie in well with the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit mentioned above, many of which were well articulated by St Paul (Gal 5:22-23):**  
**Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity,**  
**Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control and Chastity.**

This long list of seemingly overlapping yet quite distinct merits can strengthen in us the four Cardinal Virtues so necessary for us to grow in holiness on the path to our salvation as we follow Christ: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. Those qualities which are meant to bring us closer to God as we reflect upon his peace and goodness.

Jesus told his Disciples before His Passion that He would send the Holy Spirit to “remind you of all that I taught you” (John 14:26). It is important that we listen to and act on our Lord’s inclinations for us through His Spirit as we seek His sanctifying Grace in our lives.