



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mark Owen Tookey RIP
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Patrick Grant RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (Oakham Tyres)
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	Tuesday	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>At English Martyrs School – School Intentions</b>	
31 <sup>st</sup> January	St John Bosco	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Seabrook RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Derek & Veronica Hartwell's Intentions
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Presentation of the Lord	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Karen Black RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Christopher Hill & Joyce Irene Hill's Intentions
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Tom Nix's Intentions
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Derek Dawson RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Jim Flood & Joey Shelley RIP

**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 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		P Reilly & Y Trevor
Readers	J Alston & R Lott	P Venn	M Port & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Holy Communion	E Worrall & A Wilkinson	J Aitkens	M Donn & F Rhowbotham
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Welcomers	J O' Shea & C Berrie		F Rhowbotham & P Donn
Readers	M Donn & S Taylor	S Allan	J Burns & N O'Rourke
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & E Worrall	L Knowland	N O'Rourke & R Tennant
Coffee			P Morton & J Fay
Church Cleaning	C Wignall & H Davis		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>Primary School – English Martyrs</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 Ruddle, 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, Monica Holt, 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, John and Shirley Parminter, Roly Marriott and Catherine Fardell

**Anniversaries †** John Malone, Di Diemer, Peter O'Neill, Margaret Schofield, Norah Tiel, Roly Carter, James Kearney, George Perry, William Marles, Henry Bell, Maurice Turner, Mary Thompson, Mary Wallace and Selena Woodbridge

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes £277.40  
Loose Plate £243.67  
Standing Orders £540.00  
Total £1,061.07

The Crib at Christmas collection box had £28.41 in it for Faith in Families.

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:

- 4<sup>th</sup> February
- 4<sup>th</sup> March
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- 20<sup>th</sup> May
- 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Prayer volunteers urgently needed** Are you looking for a challenge during Lent, involving prayer and self-sacrifice? Are you saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion? "40 Days for Life" is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children through prayer, fasting and community outreach. With the support of Pope Francis for this worldwide initiative, and the encouragement of Bishop Patrick locally, we are running a campaign here in Nottingham during Lent 2018. The aim of our prayers is simple: we are praying for an end to abortion. But we also offer support – moral and practical – to women who may be under pressure to have an abortion which they do not want, and which they may come to regret. Our vigil is prayerful, peaceful and non-judgemental.

We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, on a rota basis, at the Treatment Centre on the QMC Campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Most people who come stay for either one or two hours at a time. Please sign up now to pray with us on our webpage [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham) or contact us on [40daysforlifefenotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifefenotts@gmail.com). If you would like to know more before committing, we are holding an information event on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the social centre behind St Barnabas' Cathedral, at which you can put questions to people who have done the vigil before. We will also have a speaker, Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, who has led the Birmingham campaign for many years. Come along and find out more! What a fantastic way to prepare for the Solemnity of Easter!

**Lenten Penance?** It is important that we pray for the end of abortion; for the victims of abortion and particularly that the Government does not decriminalise this practice. Therefore, it is proposed that during the six Fridays of Lent from 10.00 am – 11.00 am, we silently pray in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Please make it a Lenten resolution and enter your names on the list in the porch to ensure a sufficient number are present. Thank you.

**St Joseph's Parish Council** There will be a full Parish Council meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit in writing by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Jim O'Kane via the presbytery or by email at [jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk).

There will be another **Lent Retreat for Women** at the Briars in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March – cost £70 (inclusive). This is the second weekend retreat as the first one, in 2017, was enjoyed by all those who attended. For further information and to book contact [bookings@ndcys.com](mailto:bookings@ndcys.com)

**Secondary School Head Teacher vacancies – The Becket School and the Trinity School** Following the appointment of the current head teachers to CEO positions within the Diocese of Nottingham, we are looking to appoint two new head teachers to these high performing schools in Nottingham. Applicants must be practising Catholics and have a strong understanding of Catholic education, but may, currently, be employed outside the Catholic sector. If you are interested, please see the TES or the schools' websites. Closing date is midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**English Martyrs and St Joseph's Curry Night - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018** Are you suffering from the winter blues? A delicious curry with fabulous friends is the answer! Come along to English Martyrs at 6.45 pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February for a fun social night and enjoy a delicious curry cooked by Red India. You will have a fabulous evening and be raising vital funds for our school. Tickets are just £10.00 to include chicken curry, rice and a chapatti. For more information and tickets, please contact either the school office on 01572 722400 or Sarah Archer on 01572 756622 (Sarah will also be selling tickets after the 11.00 am Sunday Mass).

**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.

**Charity Book Sale** Next week we will be recommencing our book sale. If you have any books, please bring them. Many thanks.

**English Martyrs School News** We are asking parishioners to sign up to The Giving Machine so when they make purchases online, free donations can be generated for the school. In December, the school received donations of £51.12 and since joining the Giving Machine we have received a total of £1,558.09. Sarah Archer and Claire McGrory will be available after Mass on Sunday to give more information to parishioners and help them sign up.

There will be a cake sale at school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. All welcome.

Our Year 3, 4 and 5 children had a trip to Beaumanor Hall this week to experience life as a World War II evacuee. They dressed up as evacuees and took part in lots of activities that taught them what life was like during this period.

Our Cross Country team had a successful competition last weekend, with all our children coming in the top 10 in their races, plus a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place achieved too. In the latest Boccia round, the team won both matches and currently stand at the top of the league.

**Churches Together Lent Course** The annual ecumenical Lent course is on the theme of Resurrection this year and starts week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. For details, please read the poster on the noticeboard and sign up on the sheet in the Church porch by Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February if you'd like to join one of the groups. A good opportunity to share your faith with fellow Christians. Contact Marjorie Port if you'd like more information (Tel: 01572 724203).

**The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018** Fr Gregory Tobin (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) writes: Why not come this year on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The dates are 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The price includes the full pilgrimage package with a chartered flight from East Midlands airport, transfers in France, full board at hotels adjacent to the domain and Grotto area, together with the necessary badges, scarves and prayer book. We have a full complement of medical staff, and an army of young people from Diocesan universities and schools. The atmosphere is electric as you can imagine and the opportunity is there for a pilgrimage that is both memorable and full of grace. Why not fill in a form from the back of the Church today or phone 0161 8208790 for further details.

**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**