



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Sixth Sunday of the Year

10 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Special Intention (Deacon Raymond Keogh)
11 th February	Sixth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
12 th February	Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mary and Francis King RIP
13 th February	Feria	Tuesday			
14 th February	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Ash Wednesday		10.00 am	Holy Mass	E Morgan (Good Estate)
15 th February	Lenten Feria	Thursday			
16 th February	Lenten Feria	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Sue Lesiakowski RIP
17 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joan and Les Hills RIP
18 th February	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS		Saturday 10 th February	Sunday 11 th February
Welcomers		Tom and Belinda Reilly	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers		Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Lorraine Perril and Ed Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Rachel Lott and Eileen Worrall	Anthony Nguyen and Lesley Knowland
Coffee			Chris Jones
Flowers		Teresa Thompson	
Church Cleaning		Jim and Mair O'Kane	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS		Saturday 17 th February	Sunday 18 th February
Welcomers		Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers		Tom Reilly and Joan Burns	Marjorie Port and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Joan Burns and Michael Terrett	Anthony Loring and Fran Rhowbotham
Coffee			Hilary Davis
Flowers		No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning		Jim and Mair O'Kane	

Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk	Tel: 07513 725552
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Groups	Barbara Black Maureen Mildner	Tel: 01572 724918 Tel: 01572 756477
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Andreas Menzies	ppchair@stjosephs-oakham.org Tel: 01572 722308
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, David Price, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Nicholas Tomlinson and Elisabeth Simpson

Unfortunately we now need written permission from all who wish to have their names in this sick list. **If your loved one has been removed, please contact Maria asap and they will, of course, be reinstated with their written permission.** This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. Many thanks.

If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list with **their written permission**, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk **OR please ask them to complete the form below and return to Maria in the Parish Office. Many thanks.**

Permission form for Sick list

I give my permission for my name to be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on their (St Joseph's) website in the Newsletter tab.

Print Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Anniversaries † Agnes Needham, Francis Turricki, Charles Robertson, Joseph McDonough, Peter Cox, Mary Holmes, Norah Mulvany, Maria Ferreira, Liam Allerton, Wanda Smith, John Carpenter, Trevor Lloyd-Hughes, Anne Hodgson, Mary Lally, Henry Harnden, Rita Carpenter, Arthur Lambert, Olive Wright, Elizabeth Winchester and Elizabeth Alexander

Last week's collection

Collections	£178.60
Planned Giving and Donations	£691.50
Total	£870.10

If you know any parishioners who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we don't know we cannot help.

Don't forget to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.



If you would like to offer Holy Mass for friends/family/relatives, please obtain **their written permission** for **their names** to go into the public domain, ie Newsletter and the Newsletter online. This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. **If you would like a specific date please give plenty of notice. Many thanks**

Canon Peter will be on holiday from 29th January to 12th February.

Holy Mass Canon Peter will be offering Holy Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at St Joseph's at the end of each month. He looks forward to getting to know you all.

For your information: Ash Wednesday Holy Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's at 10.00 am and St Augustine's at 6.00 pm.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Hargaden (ex-parishioner) who died recently. Please keep her in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

First Holy Communion 2024 Our Sacramental preparation programme will start on Wednesday 21st February in the Meeting Room from 3.45-4.45 pm and every Wednesday thereafter (Term time). The information form can be obtained here - Please click the link: https://stjosephs-oakham.org/images/information_sheet_23.pdf - This form will need to be returned to Maria with a copy of the Baptismal certificate. Children must be in **Year 3 upwards and attend Holy Mass regularly**. For further information, please contact Maria in the Parish office.

Please Note: A group is forming to read 'Credo', a new book written by Bishop Athanasius Schneider. We will read it together, with reflection and discussion, guided by the accompanying study journal for about an hour, and tea and coffee afterwards. This will take place on Thursdays in the Meeting Room, 6.00-7.00 pm. First meeting is on Thursday 15th February. For further details, contact Maria: 01572 722308 or rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Important Information – Mass Intentions Please use the brown envelopes in the Church porch for Holy Mass intentions, including any offering you wish to make (ensure you have a signature for those who are living). We have removed the Mass offering from the card machine and the website.

Parish Office Telephone Please note that Canon Stephen is not contactable via the Parish office telephone number. For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email.

Churches Together During January and February, the Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Group will be meeting in St Joseph's on Thursdays from 1.00-1.30 pm. Please give it your support.

English Martyrs School News

Feast of St Thomas Aquinas: Our mini chaplains and two Year 5 pupils travelled with Mrs Topping and Mrs Keany to participate in Mass with the other schools across the trust. Beth was an altar server for the Mass and 3 of our children carried the offertory. In school the children participated in recordings from our trust chaplain as he explained more about saints and especially our trust saint St Thomas Aquinas.

Gymnastics Competition: Our level 1 and 2 gymnasts used their confidence when they performed at the gym competition last week. In the individual rounds we had a gold, a silver and a bronze, and the team won gold and will represent Rutland at the county finals!

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children joined parishioners at Mass last week and spent time with them after, sharing some pieces of work with them and some prayers that they had written specially.

Our coffee mornings for parents, preschool children, members of the parish and visitors, with activities for the children, will take place on Friday 23rd February and Friday 22nd March at 9.15-11.00 am. Everyone is welcome! Do pop in and see us.

We would love to welcome you to our school.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Sixth Sunday of the Year: The Psalms do not always use refined and genteel language, and that they often bear the scars of existence. And yet, all these prayers were first used in the Temple of Jerusalem and then in the synagogues; even the most intimate and personal ones. “The Psalms’ many forms of prayer take shape both in the liturgy of the Temple and in the human heart” (Catechism 2588). And thus, personal prayer draws from and is nourished first by the prayer of the people of Israel, then by the prayer of the Church.

Bourne and Deeping St James Parish, Lincolnshire, is seeking to appoint a parish administrator. Details are on the poster at the back of church. The closing date is 26th February.

Inter Care, a small international charity based in Syston, Leicestershire, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Since 1974, the charity has provided £18.7 million of medical aid to rural mission-based health units across sub-Saharan Africa. Inter Care relies entirely on fundraising to support its mission. This Lent, please look to support Inter Care’s work which provides high-quality medicines and medical supplies to health facilities run by the Catholic Dioceses across Africa. Email Claudia Domin fundraising@intercare.org.uk or visit www.intercare.org.uk

Nottingham Cathedral is hosting a Lenten Chamber Concert on Friday 15th March at 7.00 pm, featuring Buxtehude’s Membra Jesu Nostri, and other Lenten Music, performed by the Cathedral Choir, Boys’ Choir, Girls Choir and Arculo Consort. Tickets are available from www.nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events/concert-buxtehude-s-membra-jesu-nostri/?d=638461260000000000

The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

All are welcome to join the **Heart of England Walking Pilgrimage** from Worcester to Peterborough, 10th to 25th August. The route takes in Worcester, Coventry and Peterborough cathedrals, and much splendid countryside, together with rest days in Warwick and Market Harborough. Come for the whole journey or just an afternoon and experience walking as part of our travelling Christian community! To find out more and book your place, visit www.thepilgrims.org.uk/book

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.