



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

10 th May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Derek Dawson RIP
11 th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
12 th May	Easter Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Christine Tipping RIP
13 th May	Our Lady of Fatima	Tuesday			
14 th May	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Saint Matthias, Apostle		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Bernard Colvin RIP
15 th May	Easter Feria	Thursday			
16 th May	Easter Feria	Friday	7.00 pm	Sacrament of Confirmation No Latin Mass	All the Confirmation Candidates & their families
17 th May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
18 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Deacon Raymond Keogh Intentions

Sacrament of Confession

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

All Rotas are displayed in the Church Porch

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

Parish Websites	https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/	https://www.catholicstamford.com/
Safeguarding Representative	Tel: 07513 725552	Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk
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Parish Office Telephone contact:

For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or (via email, quickest option) or Canon Peter via email.

In the case of an emergency, please ring the office number – the end message will advise you who to contact.

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 do not know we cannot help.

Parish Sick List

If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk Please note, if you give permission, their name will be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on St Joseph's website in the Newsletter tab.

Last week's collection

Collections	£ 166.15
Planned Giving & Donations	
	£ 1198.80
Total	£ 1364.95

Please note:

Canon Peter is at St Joseph's every Monday and celebrates Holy Mass at 10.00 am. He is available after Holy Mass should you want to make an appointment.

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Don't forget

to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.
All welcome



Please pray for the following who are ill: Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Jean Aiken and Amanda Messer	
Anniversaries † Jean Cook, Anne Wotton, Emilia Robinson, Michael Waycot, David Rolfe, Rose Wheldon, Terry Colman, William Caffrey, James Halfin, Margaret Alderdice, Doris Adams, Elizabeth Burton, Ethelreda Renzi, Elizabeth Rafferty, Francis Rising, Peggy Stephens, Frances Williams, Karen Mason, Bob Collin. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon the, may they rest in peace. Amen	
Credo Group Thursday at 6pm , in the meeting room –All Welcome	Mobile phones Could you please ensure that your mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass. Thank you.
The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady: As Pope Paul VI declared, ‘in this month moving tribute of faith and love is given by Catholics in every part of the world to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance’. (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May). Perhaps you might consider taking up praying a daily rosary if you do not do so already?	
PLEASE NOTE: We have had a number of complaints concerning the amount of noise after Holy Mass –Shhhhhh.... Please be aware when leaving the Church, you do it quietly as others are still praying. We encourage you to chat with others but please do so once you are outside of the main body of the Church so that you won't disturb anyone. Many thanks for your cooperation.	
<p align="center"><u>Statement of the Right Reverend Patrick McKinney Bishop of Nottingham upon the election of Pope Leo XIV</u> <u>Thursday 8th May 2025</u></p> <p>The College of Cardinals has elected Cardinal Robert Prevost as the 267th Pope. He has taken the name Pope Leo XIV in succession to Pope Leo XIII who was known for his social teaching and keen interest in social issues. Pope Leo XIV greeted Rome and the world from St Peter's balcony this early evening, on 8th May 2025, in both Italian and Spanish. Smiling warmly at the huge crowds in St Peter's Square he wished everyone the peace of Christ and encouraged the Church to build bridges between people and to work for dialogue and peace. This reminded the crowd of themes that Pope Francis often spoke of, and his words were greeted with warm applause Following the election of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, issued the following statement:</p> <p>“I am overjoyed to hear of the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, but also a missionary religious, an Augustinian, who has spent many years ministering in Peru and travelling widely. I wish to assure the new Pope of my prayers and good wishes, and that of Catholics throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, as he begins his ministry as the successor of St Peter. His rich and varied experience will be a huge blessing to the Catholic Church and to the wider world. May God bless and guide him.” More information can be found on the diocesan website at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/habemus-papam-pope-leo-xiv Photographs can be found at: www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism/albums/72177720325994824/with/54506318340/ </p>	
<p align="center"><u>The Sacrament of Confirmation 16th May at 7pm</u></p> <p>Bishop Patrick McKinney will be Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 18 candidates, who have now completed their Confirmation programme, on the Friday 16th May at 7pm here in St Joseph's.</p>	
<p align="center"><u>The Leadbeater Bill is due to return soon to the Commons</u></p> <p>for its final reading and vote. If passed, this Bill will threaten the lives of many old and vulnerable people, and have a permanent impact upon how we view end of life care. But there is still time to oppose it, and many MPs are unsure about which way to vote. On Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm, in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham (NG1 5AE) there will be a presentation on practical actions we can take to oppose the bill. Speakers will be Alitheia Williams of SPUC and Professor David Paton. All are welcome. For more information call 07757 815 625.</p>	
<p><u>On this Good Shepherd Sunday</u>, please keep in your prayers Michael and Lukas currently at Saint Mary's College Oscott and for Markanthony who will be starting Valladolid in September. This weekend's collection is proposed to be spent on making the chapel at The Briars a focus of prayer for vocations in the Diocese.</p> <p align="center">Thanks for your continued prayers.</p>	<p><u>Join Bishop Patrick on the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage</u> to Walsingham on <u>Saturday 14th June</u>. From 11:30am there will be youth activities in the Anglican Shrine. The opening liturgy will be at 12:45pm with the procession to the Catholic Shrine. At 3pm there will Divine Mercy and youth Stations, ending with Mass at 4pm.</p>
<p align="center"><u>The Health Team who support the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage</u></p> <p>is in need of some additional experienced team members for this year's pilgrimage. If you, or someone you know, is a currently Registered Nurses or trained and experienced Care Worker, who may be interested and can commit to being available for this year's Jubilee Pilgrimage between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July, as well as for a couple of training days on Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th June, please contact Deacon David Knight (david@sthughslincoln.org.uk) for more details.</p>	
<p align="center"><u>Bishop Robert Barron's</u></p> <p>2 Word on Fire Bibles - Brand New - still in the wrapping Donations for AID FOR CHAD For more information please contact Maria on: rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk </p>	<p align="center"><u>Useful websites:</u></p> <p>Pope Leo XIV <u>Habemus Papam!</u> Pope Leo XIV News Jubilee 2025 www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html Vatican News News from the Vatican - The latest news from the Holy See - Vatican News </p>
<p align="center"><u>Unveiled Faces: Healing and Transformation with the Saints;</u></p> <p>a Weekend Retreat between <u>Friday 27th and Sunday 29th June</u> led by Father Emmanuel Mansford, CFR at the Christian Heritage Centre, contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives.</p> <p align="center">To book, visit: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/</p>	
<p><u>Holy Mass Streaming Service</u> If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Parish</p>	<p><u>Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders</u> If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at</p>

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ongoing support.

Please note:

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