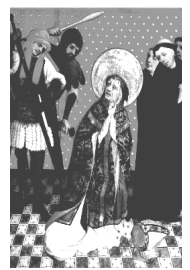




# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

13 <sup>th</sup> September	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Daniel Quinn Marriott RIP and Archie McConnell RIP
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am	Holy Mass	Well being of the Hutton Family
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday	Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs			
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	Ken Williamson RIP & Martin Gaunleett RIP
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday	Feria			
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday	St Januarius bishop and Martyr	7.00 pm	Holy Mass Latin	<b>St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN</b> Franciscan Sister's Intentions
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Sunday		10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo

**Sacrament of Confession TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

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

<b>Parish Websites</b>	<a href="https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/">https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/</a>	<a href="https://www.catholicstamford.com/">https://www.catholicstamford.com/</a>
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<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>
<b>English Martyrs Primary School</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham	Tel: 01572 722400 <a href="https://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/">https://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/</a>

### 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](mailto: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.

### Last week's collection

Collections £221.95  
Planned Giving & Donations £681.00  
Total £902.95



**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 21<sup>st</sup> September Evangelii Gaudium Day  
(formerly called Home Mission Sunday  
Latin for the 'joy of the Gospel')**

As always, many thanks for all your contributions to the Church.

### 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.

[rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

### Don't forget

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



<p><b>Please pray for the following who are ill:</b> Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Amanda Messer and Elizabeth Jones</p> <p>If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, (permission required). Please contact Maria <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>Anniversaries †</b> Daniel Quinn Marriott, Eileen Keating, Archie McConnell, Patricia Bosworth, Margaret Kenning, Norma Mould, Mary Phillis, Michael Brophy, Brian Tully, Daisy Harrington, Richard Micklethwait, Margaret Davey, John Borneo, Rose Phelan, Geoffrey Hayes, Maureen Gaines, Kristina Lesiakowski, Donald Wright, Tony Harris, Margaret Boon, Richard Caddy.</p> <p><b>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen</b></p>	
<p><b>Credo Group</b> Next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm</p> <p><b>St Micheal's Chant Choir - Learn to Sing Gregorian Chant in Latin!</b> No previous experience of chant needed. Contact Cecile or Jenny for more phone:01572 770580 or email:<a href="mailto:stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com">stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Mobile phones</b> Could you please ensure that your <b>mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass.</b> Thank you.</p>
<p><i>It is the Lord's House, which Jesus taught was "a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose. The House of God, where dwells the Real Presence of God, must be treated with ongoing reverence.</i></p> <p><b>The month of September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows</b>, a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary reflecting her sorrows and suffering alongside Christ. Feasts in September include the <b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> on September 8<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> September 14<sup>th</sup> which emphasizes the sadness and triumph of Christ's death and the Feast of <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> on September 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>Churches Together in Oakham</b> The lunch time Churches Together prayer meetings are now being hosted by the Baptist Church on <b>Thursday lunch</b> times from <b>1.00 to 1.30 pm.</b> All are welcome.</p>	
<p><b>Monday 29th September – St Joseph's Harvest Supper – We are now FULL</b> If you have placed your name on the list and are kindly willing to make a pudding or two – Please contact/see Mair O kane – Many thanks: <b>Raffle Prizes – Can you supply a Raffle Prize for the Evening?</b> Please contact/see Joan Burns. Many thanks</p>	
<p><b>First Holy Communion Programme:</b> Application forms are available now for our First Holy Communion Programme 2025/26, leading to the celebration of First Holy Communion next year. If your child is in <b>Year 3</b> at school or aged 7 or over and has not yet made their First Holy Communion, then please obtain an application form available at the back of Church. The closing date for registering for the Programme is <b>Monday 27th October.</b> <b>Those not attending weekly Mass</b>, at least from the time of application, <b>will not be eligible</b> for the subsequent classes or to make their First Holy Communion, as this is a Diocesan expectation.</p>	
<p><b>All Altar Servers are invited to the Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers</b>, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on <b>Saturday 27th September.</b> Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!</p>	
<p><b>Holy Year 2025 Our dear parishioner Andrew Nicoll</b> will be going on pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year in the October half term. If anyone would like to write any (private) prayer intentions, he will be pleased to say those prayers confidentially or publically in Rome or in Assisi which he will also visit. He is travelling with the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (England and Wales Lieutenancy) and the itinerary includes an audience with the Holy Father Pope Leo. Please leave your prayers in writing in an envelope in the parish office or with Maria Marriott as necessary by <b>Friday 17 October.</b></p>	
<p><b>Dear Parish family</b></p> <p>I am delighted to be joining this wonderful community as the new Headteacher of English Martyrs CVA. From my very first visit, I could see the joy, faith and kindness that shines through in both the parish and the school.</p> <p>As we begin this new chapter together, my greatest hope is to build on the strong foundations already in place - nurturing the faith, talents and potential of every child entrusted to our care. Inspired by the Gospel and guided by Christ's love, I am excited to share in the celebrations, prayers and everyday moments that make parish life.</p> <p>I look forward to getting to know you, working closely with Canon Rev Peter Vellacott and Canon Stephen Dye, our dedicated staff and you, the parishioners who support our mission so generously. Together may we help our children grow in faith, wisdom and joy. My home parish is St Mary's Church in Loughborough but I hope to join some of your Masses at St Joseph's in the future. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new journey and know that I will be keeping you all in mine.</p> <p>With every blessing. <b>Mrs Rutledge. Headteacher of English Martyrs Catholic School Oakham</b></p>	
<p><b>Enabling Our Mission Campagin</b> Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend was a great success for the Enabling Our Mission campaign in our Parish. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will receive a pledge form for completion in the post or via email in the coming days. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office or directly through the post. Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Enabling Our Mission campaign in our parish.</p>	
<p><b>Are you interested in a 3 bedroomed house swap? Please contact Maria for more information.</b></p>	
<p><b>A Mass to celebrate CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day</b> is being celebrated in Christ the King Church, Alfreton, on Friday 3rd October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.</p>	
<p><b>Holy Mass Streaming Service</b> If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Parish Office via email. <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a> or call 01572 722308</p>	<p><b>Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders</b></p> <p>If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a></p> <p>Many thanks for your ongoing support.</p>
<p><b>Please note:</b></p> <p>Any cheques made out to the Parish should read <b>St. Joseph's Oakham RCP.</b> Thank you.</p>	