



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

## ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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### Sixth Sunday of the Year

15 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joan and Les Hills RIP
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Sixth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Kevin Gallagher RIP
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	Tuesday	<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>	<b>Funeral Service for Sally Boyd</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Barbara Holbrook RIP
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	Thursday			
21 <sup>st</sup> February	St Peter Damian	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Charlie, Clive and Family Intentions
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Peter Martin RIP
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Seventh Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

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

<b>THIS WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Andrew Wilkinson and Ed Anderson (EW)	Marjorie Port and Fran Rhowbotham
Coffee		Sarah Archer
Flowers	Pauline Morton	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	
<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
Welcomers	Philip and Mich Sturley	Nola McGarrity and Marie-Therese Goldberg
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Michael Terrett and Joan Burns (A deK)	Lesley Knowland and Ed Anderson
Coffee		Chris Jones
Flowers	Pauline Morton	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	
<b>Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.</b>		
<b>Parish Websites</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	<a href="http://www.catholicstamford.com">www.catholicstamford.com</a>
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
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<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
<b>House Faith Sharing Group</b>	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
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<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**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, Margaret Stacey, Judy Nash, John Rhodes and Jean Aiken*

**Parish Sick List** If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, please contact Maria in the Parish Office at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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.**

**Anniversaries †** *John Carpenter, Trevor Lloyd-Hughes, Anne Hodgson, Mary Lally, Henry Harnden, Rita Carpenter, Arthur Lambert, Olive Wright, Elizabeth Winchester, Elizabeth Alexander, Dorothy Richardson, Hilary Fletcher, Mary Branston, Agnes Finn, Margaret Hayes, Charles A Richards, Thomas Ford and Clarice Dupont*

**Parish Office Telephone contact:** For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, 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.**

**Shhhhhh.... Important – please read:** Just a gentle reminder to all. It would be appreciated if you could be quiet in Church before Holy Mass begins and leave the Church quietly after Holy Mass ends. 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 others who want to pray. Many thanks for your understanding.

**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	£143.19
Planned Giving and Donations	£712.00
Total	£855.19

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



**Credo Group** The Credo Group meets on Thursday in the Meeting Room at 6.00 pm. All welcome

**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)

**Mobile phones** Could you please ensure that your **mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass.** We have placed some notices in the Church porch as a reminder. Thank you.

**Parish Merger Meetings:** Please note that there will be Parish Meetings on **24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, Stamford and on **25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m.** in the Meeting Room at St. Joseph's, Oakham. You are most welcome to attend either meeting should you wish to do so.

**Please note** If you are using the Meeting Room to attend Holy Mass, **please** ensure that you always supervise your children as if they are in the main body of the Church. Help and guide them to participate with reverence, to learn their faith and to help them grow a deeper understanding of the Holy Mass. Thank you. If you require children's Missals, please have a look in the Repository or contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Father Matthew Blake, OCD** will offer a weekend (Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

**Churches Together in Oakham** The lunch time Churches Together prayer meetings are now being hosted by Oakham Methodist Church on Thursday lunch times from 1.00 to 1.30 pm. All are welcome.

**English Martyrs School News**

**Coffee morning dates:** The next 3 coffee mornings will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - 9.15-11.00 am approx. All welcome. There will be activities for preschoolers. Please do pop in and see us; we would love to welcome you to our school.

**Food bank donations:** Thank you so much for your donations to the English Martyrs School Food Bank collection. We will leave the collection box in the church porch for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your continued support.

**Help required!** John Rhodes, a parishioner is currently in hospital at St Luke's, Market Harborough. Would anyone be able to give his wife, Wendy, a lift to see him from time to time? If you are free to help, please reach out to his son, Damian Rhodes: Email: [damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com); Mobile: 07309 239234

**40 Days for Life** is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that seeks to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil close to places where abortions are carried out. There has been a campaign in Nottingham since 2016. Abortion hurts women as well as ending the lives of innocent unborn children, and since the introduction of 'pills by post' the number of abortions in our communities has risen to record levels. If you would like to do something to end this terrible injustice, join in prayer and witness during Lent 2025. To learn more come to the launch event on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE; or email [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The Catholic Union** is holding a webinar on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for Third Reading on 25<sup>th</sup> April. To sign up for the webinar register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator)

**Historic Padley Chapel** near Grindleford is a Designated Pilgrim Place for the 2025 Jubilee Year, and more people are needed to help with the Chapel opening on Sunday afternoons and the occasional weekday during the Jubilee Year of Hope. Volunteers will be part of a team of 2-4 people with full guidance and support given. For more information email [friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:friendsofpadley@hallam-diocese.com) or telephone Sheila: 07855 039711.

Bishop Patrick invites parishioners to join the **Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage** taking place between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; full board for four nights in a three- or four- star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitalité and Health Team. Prices start from £899, and more details are at:

[www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes)

Young adults (18-35) are also warmly invited to join the Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage. For young adults interested in supporting pilgrims, deepening faith, and coming together as a community, contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or visit [www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya/](http://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya/)

**Sing the Mass**, a day for parish choirs, cantors and anyone who believes that the one who sings prays twice, will cover: Psalms from the new lectionary; Chants in the missal; and Entrance and communion antiphons. The Day will be held at Saint Wilfrid of York, Coalville, LE67 3JB, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, from 10.30 am for 11.00 am start. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks are provided. The Day concludes with Sunday Mass at 4.00 pm, singing what we have learnt. The facilitators are: Lynda Durcan and Father Colin Patey, and the cost is £5, payable on the day. For enquiries and to book: [singthecatholicmass@gmail.com](mailto:singthecatholicmass@gmail.com)

**Holy Mass Streaming Service** 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 [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308.

**Parish Groups – HELP** HELP is a group to support Parishioners. A lot of our parishioners are elderly now and probably feeling very lonely and some might even be housebound. Not being able to get out or see anybody also affects their mental health. So we can offer to visit or make a telephone call. Knowing that you have made a difference can be very satisfying. Also, if someone is looking after a loved one and needs a break, we can offer to stay with that person. We can also help with housework, shopping, preparing a meal, even walking the dog, arrange transport for appointments or a lift to Holy Mass. This is a voluntary group but can be very rewarding and it would be lovely to have more people on board. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact Rosemarie Duncan on 01572 723873.

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

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

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