



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### First Sunday of Lent

17 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joan and Les Hills RIP
18 <sup>th</sup> February	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	A L Hughes and S Hobson RIP
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Feria	Tuesday			
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Peter Damian		10.00 am	Holy Mass	L M and B J S RIP (Private Intention)
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Chair of St Peter	Thursday			
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	St Polycarp	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass <b>St Thomas</b>	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Jean Geach RIP
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Karen Black RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Second 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 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Ron Streeter	John Alston and Annie de Kremer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Andrew Wilkinson and Judy Aitkens	Billy Ivory and Kitty Wigmore
Coffee		Joy Kelly and Chris Slattery
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	

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

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
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<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Maria Marriott <a href="mailto:Maria.MariottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk">Maria.MariottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>	Tel: 07513 725552
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<b>House Faith Sharing Groups</b>	Barbara Black Maureen Mildner	Tel: 01572 724918 Tel: 01572 756477
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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, David Price, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Nicholas Tomlinson and Elisabeth Simpson*

Unfortunately we now need written signed 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](mailto: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 †** *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, Clarice Dupont, John Tyler, Denis Cullen, Daniel Brennan-Smith and Anthony Maher*

#### **Last week's collection**

Collections	£172.48
Planned Giving and Donations	£789.00
Total	£961.48

**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 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**

**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.

**First Holy Communion 2024** Our Sacramental preparation programme will start on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](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.

**Stations of the Cross** on Sunday at 4pm in St Joseph's During Lent.

We will alternate on Fridays between St Joseph's and All Saints Church.

16<sup>th</sup> Feb All Saints - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb St. Joseph's - 1<sup>st</sup> Mar All Saints - 8<sup>th</sup> Mar St. Joseph's

15<sup>th</sup> Mar All Saints - 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar St. Joseph's

**St Joseph's Parish Council** There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit by **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** to Andreas Menzies or via email at [ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org](mailto:ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> February. For further details, contact Maria: 01572 722308 or [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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**

Our coffee mornings for parents, preschool children, members of the parish and visitors, with activities for the children, will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, First Sunday of Lent:** The saints recognise that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. Many of the saints experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (Genesis 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord.

**Year of Prayer Podcast** The latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast Encounter Prayer is now live. Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our diocese, leads us in meditative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Caritas** invites you to the next online environmental workshop, Faith and Footprint, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. Together we will reflect on Laudate Deum, Pope Francis's recent call to action on the climate crisis, and seek to respond to its challenge – including by making our parishes carbon-neutral. To receive the Zoom link book your place at [bit.ly/FaithandFootprint](https://bit.ly/FaithandFootprint)

**Caritas** is offering another online workshop to support parish hospitality and outreach projects: Warmer Welcome, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, between 7.00 and 8.30 pm. Join fellow volunteers, ask questions, gather ideas, or gain inspiration for a project we might start in the parish. This session will be an opportunity to plan for 2024 and learn about resources available through the nationwide Places of Welcome network. To book, visit [bit.ly/WarmerWelcome](https://bit.ly/WarmerWelcome)

**The Diocese of Nottingham** is delighted to offer three retreats this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life, a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life. Each retreat day will run from 10.00 am-4.00 pm: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events) or email [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Called to Love** is a new, retreat for singles, dating and engaged couples who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. It will be a relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, and runs from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, with the option of a night's stay on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

**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.

**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.