



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

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| 19 th October | Vigil Mass | Saturday | 4.30 pm | St Joseph | Norah and Danny Cassidy RIP |
| 20 th October | Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year | Sunday | 10.30 am | St Joseph | Pro Populo |
| 21 st October | Feria | Monday | 10.00 am | Holy Mass | Peter Martin RIP |
| 22 nd October | The Dedication of the Church | Tuesday | | | |
| 23 rd October | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Wednesday | 09.00 – 10.00 am | St Joseph | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | St John Paul II | | 10.00 am | Holy Mass | David Price RIP |
| 24 th October | St Anthony Mary Claret | Thursday | | | |
| 25 th October | Feria | Friday | 7.00 pm | Latin Mass St Thomas | Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Fr Basil Rice (CP) RIP and Fr Daniel Donovan (CP) RIP |
| 26 th October | Vigil Mass | Saturday | 4.30 pm | St Joseph | Pro Populo |
| 27 th October | Thirtieth Sunday of the Year | Sunday | 10.30 am | St Joseph | Jackie Feeney RIP |

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

| THIS WEEK'S ROTAS | Saturday 19 th October | Sunday 20 th October |
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| Welcomers | Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter | Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity |
| Readers | Irene Kearney-Rose and Tom Reilly | Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Eileen Worrall and Joan Burns (MT) | Mary Hatton and Anthony Nguyen |
| Coffee | | Phil Boak |
| Flowers | Pauline Morton | |
| Church Cleaning | Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer | |
| NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS | Saturday 26 th October | Sunday 27 th October |
| Welcomers | Phil and Mich Sturley | Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay |
| Readers | Meryl Vincent and Joan Burns | Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Joan Burns and Andrew Wilkinson (EW) | Ed Anderson and Kitty Wigmore |
| Coffee | | Chris Jones |
| Flowers | Pauline Morton | |
| Church Cleaning | Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer | |

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

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| Parish Websites | www.stjosephs-oakham.org | www.catholicstamford.com |
| English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher | Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown | 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.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk | Tel: 07513 725552 |
| Parish Support Group - HELP | Rosemarie Duncan | Tel: 01572 723873 |
| House Faith Sharing Group | Barbara Black | Tel: 01572 724918 |
| Chair - Parish Pastoral Council | Andreas Menzies | ppcchair@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, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke and Elisabeth Simpson*

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 † *John Berridge, Rosetta Sharpe, Maureen Gains, Susan Healey, Amelia Bouchard, Rosemary Fletcher, Maureen Hudson, Dorothy Gibson, Sean Cook, Bernard Lakie, Phyllis Furnival, Winefred Rouse and Edna Whelan*


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 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

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| Collections | £123.26 |
| Planned Giving and Donations | £716.80 |
| Total | £840.06 |

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

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

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

Children's Liturgy Please note that until further notice there will be no Children's Liturgy. There is a volunteer vacancy to run the Sunday Children's Liturgy group. Please contact Maria for more details. rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Second collection There will be a second collection after Holy Masses, 19th/20th October, for Missio (World Mission Sunday).

Churches Together in Oakham We are once again involved in the Christmas shoebox appeal which is in aid of the street children of Kenya this year. Please collect your Christmas box and the accompanying leaflet with full instructions from the church porch any time from this weekend onwards. When you've filled your box, please attach the label provided to the outside of the box and take it to Oakham Baptist Church, which will be open for collection on: Friday 15th November - 3.00-5.00 pm or Saturday 16th November - 10.00-12 noon. Alternatively, bring your filled box to any of the weekend Masses on or before the 10th November. Thank you for supporting this wonderful way of bringing God's love to the street children of Kenya.

We will soon be in the month of November, which is traditionally the month when we remember the Faithful Departed. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered especially, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch, along with the list of names and your offering – please give the envelope to Maria in the Parish Office. The list of names will remain on the altar throughout the month.

Cemetery Visit On Sunday 3rd November at 3.00 pm, we shall visit the Cemetery on Kilburn Road to pray the Rosary for all those buried there and to our departed loved ones..

First Holy Communion Programme:

Application forms are available now for our First Holy Communion Programme 2024/25, leading to the celebration of First Holy Communion next year. If your child is in Year 3 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 Sunday 27th October. Those not attending weekly Mass, at least from the time of application, will not be eligible for the subsequent classes or to make their First Holy Communion, as this is a Diocesan expectation.

Sacrament of Confirmation Programme:

Application forms are available now for our Confirmation Programme 2024/25, leading to the celebration of Confirmation by Bishop Patrick in the Parish on Friday 16th June 2025. If you are a young person of 11 years old or over who would like to be confirmed, then please obtain an application form available at the back of Church. The closing date for registering for the Confirmation Classes is Sunday 27th October. Those not attending weekly Mass, at least from the time of application, will not be eligible for the subsequent classes or to be Confirmed, as this is a Diocesan expectation.

Churches Together in Oakham The Hope into Action project which provides homes for the homeless is now running very successfully in Oakham. Two young men who were previously homeless are now housed in Oakham in the houses jointly bought by members of our churches. It's very important that those men are now supported by us. We need two volunteers to fulfil the role of Friendship and Support Volunteer. This is a voluntary unpaid role, generally taking one or two hours a week as a member of a team supporting the tenants in a house. If you feel this is something you might like to be involved in then Hilary Davis who is a member of our parish and was a volunteer with the project for a time is willing to give you more information. You can ring her on her mobile number 07880711578.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year: The Second Vatican Council stressed the importance of the liturgy, the Church's public prayer, together with personal prayer, for the spiritual life of Christians. In the Incarnation the Son of God took flesh and dwelt among us, so now he becomes present in all his saving power, through the liturgical celebration of word and sacrament. Our personal prayer is meant to draw enrichment from the spiritual treasures of the Church's liturgical prayer. Because the liturgy is the source and summit of our Christian prayer, all of us are called to take an active part in this great act of worship, by offering our lives in union with Christ as a holy and pleasing sacrifice to the Father. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Join Adam Partridge from BBC's 'Flog it' for a special Valuation Day on Friday 25th October at Hathersage Memorial Hall in Hope Valley, between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm. Bring your antiques and curiosities to be appraised by Adam and his team of expert auctioneers. The cost is £3 per person, with all proceeds supporting CAFOD - the official Catholic Church aid agency in England and Wales (part of Caritas Internationalis). Discover the value of your treasures and contribute to a great cause! See you there!

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for the next programme starting Friday 8th – Sunday 10th November. Call 0788 7296983, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Day for Catechist. On Saturday 30th November, the Diocese is hosting the first in-person day of reflection and formation for catechists since lockdown! The day will run from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, including Mass, and be led by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Joseph. The day will explore the calling of a catechist, reaching the whole family with catechesis, and going beyond sacramental catechesis. The day costs £10 per person; bring your own packed lunch. For more information and to book visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/day-for-catechists-2024

Our New Lectionary Explained – on **Tuesday 5th November** at 7.00 pm Pierpaolo Finaldi the CEO of the Catholic Truth Society (CTS) will present a webinar for our diocese to help us explore the new lectionary translation. Pierpaolo has overseen the publication of the new lectionaries and will explore the reason for the new translation, the translation chosen, how we can prepare to hear and proclaim the scriptures in Mass. For more information and to register: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained

The Christian Heritage Centre offers a weekend course for couples preparing for marriage, most suited to couples who are engaged and practicing their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around scriptural texts, the weekend explores the Church's understanding of human love in the Divine plan using Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The weekend is held between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th January, and for more information and to book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation-2025>

The UK's largest Catholic youth event, Flame's Unstoppable, is happening on Saturday 15th March at London's Wembley Stadium. The Diocesan Youth Service, NDCYS, is offering young people a wonderful opportunity to be involved, with tickets and return coach travel packages. For more information, please visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/ or email michelle.thomas@ndcys.com

Safeguarding information: New Volunteers DBS or NON-DBS ROLES Could all volunteers who are responsible for their rotas please ask any new volunteers to contact the Safeguarding Rep to register in the Parish. All new volunteers are asked to fill in a Registration form to register at their Parish. Please contact Maria for more information. rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Are you a childminder or Carer for Special Needs?

Can you help? A parishioner is looking for a Childminder for 6 hours per week. 3 hours on a Saturday and 3 hours on either a Monday or Wednesday. All relevant DBS checks must be in place. For more information please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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 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 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

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