



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

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

20 th September	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
21 st September	Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
22 nd September	Monday	Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	The Menzies Family intentions
23 rd September	Tuesday	St Pius of Petrelcina, Priest			
24 th September	Wednesday	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am	Holy Mass	The Nguyen Family intentions
25 th September	Thursday	Feria			
26 th September	Friday	Saint Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs			St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN No Holy Mass
27 th September	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Peter Martin RIP
28 th September	Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year	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.

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.

Last week's collection

Collections £238.50
Planned Giving & Donations £685.00
Total £923.50



2nd Collection 21st September Evangelii Gaudium Day
2nd Collection 5th October CAFOD, family fast day

As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our 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.

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Don't forget

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



<p>Please pray for the following who are ill: <i>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</i></p> <p>If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, (permission required). Please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</p>	
<p>Anniversaries † <i>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.</i></p> <p>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen</p>	
<p>Credo Group We meet at 6pm on a Wednesday – All welcome.</p> <p>St Michael's Chant Choir - Learn to Sing Gregorian Chant in Latin!</p> <p>No previous experience of chant needed. Contact Cecile or Jenny for more phone:01572 770580 or email: stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mobile phones Could you please ensure that your mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass. 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>The month of September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary reflecting her sorrows and suffering alongside Christ. Feasts in September include the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14th which emphasizes the sadness and triumph of Christ's death and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th.</p>	
<p>Churches Together in Oakham The lunch time Churches Together prayer meetings are now being hosted by the Baptist Church on Thursday lunch times from 1.00 to 1.30 pm. All are welcome.</p>	
<p>First Holy Communion Programme: 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 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 Monday 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.</p>	
<p>Holy Year 2025 Our dear parishioner Andrew Nicoll 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 Friday 17 October.</p>	
<p>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". It is a Sunday more commonly known as Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate the beauty of our faith, and our shared commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Celebrating 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the theme for this year is "I believe..." as the heart of mission. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday The second collection on this weekend 2nd Collection 21st September is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through this directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you. Abbot Hugh Allan o.praem, National Director of Mission.</p>	
<p>Be Still and Know that I am God is a retreat being held between Friday 14th and Monday 17th November by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. More details can be found at: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god</p>	
<p>Are you involved in youth ministry in your parish, whether through altar serving, children's liturgy or as a catechist; or are you keen to start something in your parish? In school as a teacher, lay chaplain or school governor? Or are you a parent or carer keen to find out more about the opportunities available for young people in the Diocese of Nottingham? The Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) is hosting an online information evening on Tuesday 23rd September 7.00pm – 8.00pm where you can find out about the opportunities available for young people, meet others involved in youth ministry and share ideas. To register, visit ndcys.com/youth-ministry-networking</p>	
<p>Bible Timeline Course from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this Free of Charge, world-renowned course presented online by Mauro Iannicelli. Starting on Wednesday 1st October at 7.00pm (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). For information and to register, visit www.comeandsee.org</p>	
<p>In honour of the recent canonisation of Carlo Acutis and in recognition of his dedication to evangelising through digital media, the Diocesan Youth Service is pleased to offer a distinguished opportunity for a creative and motivated individual to join our team as a Volunteer Marketing Intern, as part of the inaugural Carlo Acutis Internship Program. Please encourage interested parties to read the job description and email marketing@saintsmeadow.com to apply.</p>	
<p>Are you interested in a 3 bedroomed house swap? Please contact Maria for more information.</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders</p> <p>If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</p> <p>Many thanks for your ongoing support.</p>
<p>Please note:</p> <p>Any cheques made out to the Parish should read St. Joseph's Oakham RCP. Thank you.</p>	