



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### Seventh Sunday of the Year

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
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Deacon Raymond Keogh
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	Tuesday			
26 <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	Special Intention (HH)
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	Thursday			
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Faithful Departed
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	G Delkan's Intentions
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Eighth 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 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>NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	James Fay and Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	Ron Streeter and Joan Burns	John Alston and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Andrew Wilkinson (EA)	Anthony Nguyen and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	

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

<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
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Andreas Menzies	<a href="mailto:ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org">ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org</a> Tel: 01572 722308
<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 †** *Thomas Ford, Clarice Dupont, John Tyler, Denis Cullen, Daniel Brennan-Smith, Anthony Maher, Angela Hindley-Bromann, Thomas Tutly, John Salthouse, Martin Stimson, Margaret Duffy, Patricia Dawson, Margaret Edelston and Stanley Humphreys*

**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	£84.60
Planned Giving and Donations	£695.00
Total	£779.60

**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 pm** in the Parish Hall, Stamford and on **25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm** 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)

**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.

**The Catholic Union** is holding a webinar on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30 pm. 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)

**The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD** are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22<sup>nd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on Easter Day, 20<sup>th</sup> April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Parents' Retreat** The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a day retreat for parents on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish (LN2 2HE), 10.00 am-3.30 pm. The day will be led by Mike and Alicia Herson, international Catholic speakers and hosts of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. The day will include Sunday Mass, talks, activities for Children, Eucharistic Adoration and more. Booking is essential. The cost is £25 per couple, please also bring a packed lunch. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/parentsretreat25>

**A practical photography skills** workshop for beginner, amateur, and professional photographers alike in the Diocese of Nottingham, with a focus on capturing liturgical settings and events, is being held between 11.00 am-1.00 pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Nottingham Cathedral (Saint Barnabas), NG1 5AE. Preregistration is essential as spaces are limited. For more information and to book visit [dioceseofnottingham/events](http://dioceseofnottingham/events) or email Naomi at [communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**The Diocesan Choir** is hosting a morning rehearsal for singers of the diocese to come together to learn music to sing at the Diocesan Chrism Mass. All are welcome! The morning is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am-1.00 pm; and the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, from 10.00 am. To sign up contact [cathedralsmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedralsmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

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/)

**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.