



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Second Sunday of Lent

24 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Karen Black RIP
25 th February	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
26 th February	Lenten Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Elize Platt RIP
27 th February	St Margaret Clitherow	Tuesday			
28 th February	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Lenten Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Agnes Hudson RIP
29 th February	Lenten Feria	Thursday			
1 st March	St David Patron of Wales	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Holy Souls
2 nd March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Holy Souls
3 rd March	Third 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 24th February	Sunday 25th 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	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 2nd March	Sunday 3rd March
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Brian Moore and Lorraine Perril
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Joan Burns	Maureen Mildner and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Pauline Morton and James Fay
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.

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk	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 Marriott Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk	Tel: 07513 725552
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Groups	Barbara Black Maureen Mildner	Tel: 01572 724918 Tel: 01572 756477
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, 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 **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 Tyler, Denis Cullen, Daniel Brennan-Smith, Anthony Maher, Angela Hindley-Bromann, Thomas Tutly, John Salthouse, Martin Stimson, Margaret Duffy, Patricia Dawson, Margaret Edelston, Stanley Humphreys, Francis Kilkenny, Gertie Colin and James Cregan*

Last week's collection

Collections	£185.90
Planned Giving and Donations	£745.05
Total	£930.95

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 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
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.

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 started recently in the Meeting Room from 3.45-4.45 pm every Wednesday during term time. The information form can be obtained here – please click the link: 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 **Closing date for applications is 2nd March 2024**

Stations of the Cross will take place on Sunday at 4.00 pm in St Joseph's during Lent.

We will alternate on Fridays between St Joseph's and All Saints Church at 11.00 am. Dates: 23rd February - St Joseph's; 1st March - All Saints; 8th March - St Joseph's; 15th March - All Saints and 22nd March - St Joseph's

St Joseph's Parish Council There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday 20th March.** If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit by **Thursday 8th March** to Andreas Menzies or via email at ppchair@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. For further details, contact Maria: 01572 722308 or rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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.

Over the next four Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Meeting Room we will be making A Holy Journey through Scriptural meditations on Holy Week, led by Deacon Raymond. These have been prepared by Rev Shakeel Nurmani from All Saints Church on behalf of Churches Together and will be followed by all the Christian churches in Oakham. The first session will be next **Wednesday 28th February**

English Martyrs School News

Children's Mental Health Week: The children have had a jam-packed week of activities for Children's Mental Health Week. The week started with an assembly led by the Wellbeing Ambassadors and then through the week the children planted bulbs, worked with children in other classes for orienteering, marked Safer Internet Day with activities, made pizza muffins, took part in football sessions and had a skipping workshop! There were lots of other activities throughout the week too!

Gymnastics Competition: We had more success at the Level 3 gymnastics competition this week with a team gold and a team silver! We also had 2 individual golds, 2 silvers and a bronze!

Our **coffee mornings** for parents, preschool children, members of the parish and visitors, with activities for the children, will take place on Friday 23rd February and Friday 22nd 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.

Appeal by Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda on the weekend of 17th and 18th February

It was a pleasure to make our appeals last weekend and we thank you for your very warm and friendly welcome. The amount collected to date is £421.28 with Gift Aid - an exceptional and very generous donation. We were also delighted to receive one child sponsorship. All money collected will go directly towards our projects in Uganda and will make a real and immediate difference to the education and lives of the children. Be assured of the children's prayers. God bless, Phil and Gordon on behalf of EVC Uganda.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Second Sunday of Lent: Contemplative prayer is an act of the heart by which we fix our gaze in faith upon Jesus, quietly pondering his word and his saving mysteries. In praying before the Tabernacle, "I look at him and he looks at me". By gazing on our Lord in this way, we come to feel his loving gaze upon us and our hearts are purified. This in turn enables us to see others in the light of that truth and compassion which Jesus brings to all. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

Join the **Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass** (Wednesday 27th March), with a rehearsal on Saturday 9th March, 10.30 am-1.00 pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, NG1 5AE. The Diocesan Choir is a friendly and supportive bunch of musicians and singers from across the diocese that gather to sing for special diocesan occasions and liturgies. All are welcome and no prior musical training is required. To sign up please email: cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The latest edition of the **Diocesan E-Magazine** was published on Ash Wednesday, featuring reflections, articles, and news from across the diocese, including NDCYS, CAFOD and Caritas. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

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.

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.