



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### Third Sunday of the Year

25 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	L Montgomery RIP and B J Stinnet RIP
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Third Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
27 <sup>th</sup> January	St Hugh Dedication of the Church	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Robert Benson, Stephen Blackwell and all the deceased members of the Benson Family
28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas	Tuesday	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>	Funeral Service for Ellen Freer
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Hargaden RIP
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	Thursday			
31 <sup>st</sup> January	St John Bosco	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Anne Maddocks RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas)	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			<b>5.00 pm</b>	St Joseph	Evening Prayers and Music Recital

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

<b>THIS WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Ron Streeter and Mich Sturley	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Barbara Black (AW)	Fran Rhowbotham and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Joy Kelly
Flowers	Teresa Thompson	
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Maria Mariott	

<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Ron Streeter	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Ed Anderson (JB)	Billy Ivory and Mary Hatton
Coffee		Veronica Wands
Flowers	Kitty Wigmore and Barbara Kay	
Church Cleaning	Jim and Mair O'Kane	

**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 and John Rhodes*  
 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 †** *Michael Farrissey, Marian Kotomski, Christopher Rhodes, John Malone, Di Diemer, Peter O'Neill, Margaret Schofield, Judith Moyne, Norah Tiel, Mary Carter, James Kearney, George Perry, William Marles, Henry Bell, Maurice Turner and Jean McNamee*

**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 £151.03  
 Planned Giving and Donations £678.93  
 Total £829.96

**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.

**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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**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.

**Churches Together in Oakham**  
 The lunch time Churches together prayer meetings are now being hosted by Oakham Baptist church on Thursday lunch times from 1.00 to 1.30 pm. All are welcome.

**Please note** If you are using the Meeting Room to attend Holy Mass, **please** ensure that you always supervise your children as 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)

**Merger consultation forms** Please provide your views by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Please feel free to either complete the questions, attached with the Newsletter and return to the Parish Office at St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford or St Joseph's, Oakham, or you may wish to respond electronically via the link given below.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/X1MxrQ3y70> You can of course email your views too.  
[rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) OR [office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 5.00 pm at St Joseph's** Come and join us for Evening Prayer and a short recital of beautiful choral and organ music for Candlemas (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) by the St Peter's Singers, conducted by Jeremy Jepson.

**Coffee Monies Raised**  
 Have been sent to - Aid to the Church in Need £223.15 Many Thanks

**English Martyrs School News**

**Coffee morning date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 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.

**Help required!** John Rhodes, a parishioner is currently in hospital at St Luke's, Market Harborough. Would anyone be able to give his wife, Wendy, a lift to see him from time to time? If you are free to help, please reach out to his son, Damian Rhodes: Email: [damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com); Mobile: 07309 239234

**Bishop Patrick** warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00 pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

**Assisted Suicide Legislation** – what happens next? Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at [www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/)

**An exciting opportunity** has arisen at All Saints, West Nottingham parish for a part-time parish administrator, working 10 hours per week (Mondays and Fridays). For more details see the poster; the closing date for applications is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**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.