



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



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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

25 th October	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Nicholas Livingston RIP
26 th October	Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
27 th October	Monday	Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
28 th October	Tuesday	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles			
29 th October	Wednesday	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		Feria	10.00am	Holy Mass	Tom Booth RIP
30 th October	Thursday	Feria			
31 st October	Friday	Feria	7pm	Holy Latin Mass	St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Persecuted Nigerian Christians
1 st November	Saturday	Exposition & Benediction Vigil Mass	3.30 – 4pm		No Benediction this week
			4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Well being of the Hutton Family
2 nd November	Sunday	All Saints (Solemnity)	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: Unfortunately we have no Benediction or Confessions this Saturday 25th October

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 £195.50 Planned Giving & Donations £688.00 Total £883.50 (World Mission Sunday - £275.65) As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Church.	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.	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	Don't forget to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome 
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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, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Amanda Messer, Elizabeth Jones, Peter Davis and Marie Thérèse Goldberg

If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, (permission required). Please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Anniversaries † Phylis Furnival, Winefred Rous, Edna Whelan, Ellen Strickson, Judith Fletcher, Elizabeth Darker, John Collins, Timothy Harrington, Michael Colleran, Cecilia Tye, Mary Jones, John Hawthorne, Kathleen Benson, David Blackburn, Penelope Brophy.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

The clocks go back this Sunday 26th October 2025, at 2 a.m.

Credo Group We meet at 6pm on a Wednesday – All welcome.

St Michael's Chant Choir - Learn to Sing Gregorian Chant in Latin!

No previous experience of chant needed. Contact Cecile or Jenny for more phone:01572 770580 or email: stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com

Mobile phones Could you please ensure that your **mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass**. Thank you.

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.

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October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th, commemorating its establishment. During this month, Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily, meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life—Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious—as a way to honor Mary and deepen their faith. https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm

Churches Together in Oakham The lunch time Churches Together prayer meetings are now being hosted by the Methodist Church on **Thursday lunch** times from **1.00 to 1.30 pm during October and November** All are welcome.

Operation Christmas Child ShoeBox appeal. You can collect a shoe box from the Baptist Church Melton Road Oakham Rutland LE15 6AY on a **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm**. Please drop off your filled Shoe Boxes on **Friday 15th November 3-5pm and Saturday 16th November 10am-12noon**. Please see the link for information on how and what to put in your Shoebox <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox>

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 this coming 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.

November the Month of the Holy Souls The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. *St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.*

If you would like to offer Holy Mass for your loved ones during November, please use the envelopes provided at the back of Church, along with the list of names and your offering, if you wish. The list of names will then remain on the altar throughout the month of November. (The Holy Masses will continue throughout the year under the intention of Holy Souls).

We will visit the cemetery (Kilburn Road) on Sunday 2nd November at 3.00 pm. We will meet at the Cemetery entrance on Kilburn Road and begin with the Holy Rosary for those buried there and elsewhere, also to bless the graves of our loved ones.

Be Still and Know that I am God a three-days' retreat led by Father 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. The retreat will be held between **Friday 14th and Monday 17th November**, at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire. More details can be found at: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

Dominican Young Adults Study Day – Dragons, Beasts, & Visions: Understanding Biblical Apocalyptic - A day for students and young adults (20s & 30s) exploring the Apocalyptic literature in the Bible, at The Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW, from **10.00am-4.30pm on Saturday 15th November**. There is no cost to attend but please register. More information and registration details can be found at: www.english.op.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-dragons-beasts-and-visions/

Welcoming the Sacred Stranger Saturday 1 November, 11.45 a.m. – 3.45 p.m.

The annual diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly Immaculate Conception and St Norbert's, Spalding

Discover the people hidden in our midst 11.45 a.m. Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney
1.00 p.m. Lunch hosted by Project St Thomas 1.45 p.m. Hear stories of those touched by modern slavery and forced migration, and others unseen in both town and countryside - and help to shape action here in the diocese. Speakers from Bishops' Conference, Santa Marta Group, Lincolnshire's agricultural chaplaincy and a new Caritas initiative to support vulnerable incomers to the county. All welcome. Find out more and book your place at bit.ly/sacred-stranger or scan the code:



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

Please note:

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