



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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



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### Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

26 <sup>th</sup> October	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Jackie Feeney RIP
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Saints Simon and Jude	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	J and M Scott's Intentions
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	Tuesday			
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	09.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Solemnity of All Saints – Vigil Mass	Thursday	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Kathleen Benson RIP and Deceased Benson Family Members
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Solemnity of All Saints	Friday	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	M Horn's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Avis and Jack Smith RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Vigil Mass All Souls' Day	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Elizabeth Jones (Well-being)
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Thirty-first Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			<b>3.00 pm</b>		Cemetery Visit – Kilburn Road

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

<b>THIS WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Welcomers	Phil and Mich Sturley	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Joan Burns	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Andrew Wilkinson (EW)	Ed Anderson and Kitty Wigmore
Coffee		Chris Jones
Flowers	Pauline Morton	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	
<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Aitkens and Barbara Black (MT)	Fran Rhowbotham and Marjorie Port
Coffee		Pauline Morton and James Fay
Flowers	Bridget Francis	
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Ron Streeter	

**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>House Faith Sharing Group</b>	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
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<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 and Elisabeth Simpson*

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 †** *Phylis Furnival, Winefred Rouse, 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, Joan Wallace and David Wood*

**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	£177.20
Planned Giving and Donations	£670.50
Total	£847.72

**Don't forget** to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.



**Credo Group** The Credo Group meets on Thursday at 6.00 pm in the Meeting Room.

**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)

**Children's Liturgy** Please note that until further notice there will be no Children's Liturgy. There is a volunteer vacancy to run the Sunday Children's Liturgy group. Please contact Maria for more details. [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Diocesan Information Sheet on Assisted Dying** To support the pastoral letter from the Bishop (read at Holy Mass this weekend), and ahead of the parliamentary vote on the proposed Bill, there is a Diocesan information sheet regarding assisted dying. Copies of this are available on the Parish website and also in the Church porch. Please take the time to read it.

**Churches Together in Oakham** We are once again involved in the Christmas shoebox appeal which is in aid of the street children of Kenya this year. Please collect your Christmas box and the accompanying leaflet with full instructions from the church porch any time from this weekend onwards. When you've filled your box, please attach the label provided to the outside of the box and take it to Oakham Baptist Church, which will be open for collection on: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 3.00-5.00 pm or Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00-12 noon. Alternatively, bring your filled box to any of the weekend Masses on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for supporting this wonderful way of bringing God's love to the street children of Kenya.

**We will soon be in the month of November**, which is traditionally the month when we remember the Faithful Departed. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered especially, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch, along with the list of names and your offering – please give the envelope to Maria in the Parish Office. The list of names will remain on the altar throughout the month.

**Cemetery Visit** On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.00 pm, we shall visit the Cemetery on Kilburn Road to pray the Rosary for all those buried there and to our departed loved ones..

Thank you for your donations to the **World Mission Sunday** appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours). Please leave your red MISSIO boxes with Maria in the office for Pauline Pitts to send the contents by the end of November. The second collection for Missio (World Mission Sunday) raised £232.61.

**Macmillan Cake Sale** Many thanks to all who participated in the Macmillan Cake Sale. Special thanks to Hungry Birds for the cakes also the patrons of VCVC. We raised £206.15

**English Martyrs School News**

**Date for your diary - Coffee Morning:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.00 -9.15 am start at school for parents, pre-school children, all members of the parish and visitors. There will be activities for the children. Do pop in and see us. We would love to welcome you to our school!

**Foodbank collection:** Following our successful Harvest Liturgy led by our Student Chaplaincy Team and the fantastic donations collected for the local foodbank, we would like to collect items for the foodbank throughout the year. There will be donation points at the school and in the Church porch. Please leave items in the box marked "Food Bank" Thank you so much for supporting us with this!

**Our New Lectionary Explained – on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.00 pm Pierpaolo Finaldi the CEO of the Catholic Truth Society (CTS) will present a webinar for our diocese to help us explore the new lectionary translation. Pierpaolo has overseen the publication of the new lectionaries and will explore the reason for the new translation, the translation chosen, how we can prepare to hear and proclaim the scriptures in Mass. For more information and to register: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained)

**Churches Together in Oakham** The Hope into Action project which provides homes for the homeless is now running very successfully in Oakham. Two young men who were previously homeless are now housed in Oakham in the houses jointly bought by members of our churches. It's very important that those men are now supported by us. We **need two volunteers to fulfil the role of Friendship and Support Volunteer**. This is a voluntary unpaid role, generally taking one or two hours a week as a member of a team supporting the tenants in a house. If you feel this is something you might like to be involved in then Hilary Davis who is a member of our parish and was a volunteer with the project for a time is willing to give you more information. You can ring her on her mobile number 07880711578.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year:** Prayer is the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God. We see this in the story of Bartimaeus, the beggar from Jericho. Though blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching, and perseveres in calling out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47). Restoring his sight, Christ tells him: "Go; your faith has saved you" (v. 52). This indicates that faith is a cry for salvation attracting God's mercy and power. As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, may we, like Bartimaeus, always persevere in prayer. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Three Days with the Relics of Saint Gerard Majella**, in Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover, and Saint Joseph, Derby, between Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Each Day begins at 5.00 pm, with time for private prayer, veneration of the relics, Confessions, and Mass. All are very welcome to attend.

**Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood?** If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples - Vocations Director at [vocations@nottinghamdiocese.uk](mailto:vocations@nottinghamdiocese.uk) to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place at Cathedral House, Nottingham, at 10.30 am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Praying with Saint Dominic Retreat**, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This retreat explores the life and faith of Saint Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Dominicans, whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Father Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/>

**Be Still and Know that I am God - Retreat**, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Join Father Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more information visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

**Feast of Christ the King Monastic Experience Retreat given by the Benedictine Nuns of Minster Abbey**, between Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, for single Catholic women aged 18 – 40. For more details contact [minstervocations@gmail.com](mailto:minstervocations@gmail.com) or visit [www.minsterabbeynuns.org](http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org)

**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.