



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas)

1 st February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Anne Maddocks RIP
2 nd February	Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas)	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Evening Prayers and Music Recital
3 rd February	St Blaise	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
4 th February	St Gilbert of Sempringham	Tuesday			
5 th February	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Agatha		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Lillian Ward RIP
6 th February	Saints Paul Miki and Companions	Thursday			
7 th February	Feria	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Aimee, Gav and Family's Intentions
8 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Peter Dean, Bridget Davis and Teresa Casey RIP
9 th February	Fifth 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

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 1 st February	Sunday 2 nd February
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	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 8 th February	Sunday 9 th February
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Fran Rhowbotham
Readers	Joan Burns and Mich Sturley	John Alston and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Annie de Kremer (MT)	Anthony Nguyen and Kitty Wigmore
Coffee		Sylvie Nguyen
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.

Parish Websites	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	www.catholicstamford.com
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
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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, Margaret Stacey, Judy Nash, John Rhodes and Jean Aiken

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 † Jean McNamee, Mary Thompson, Christine Doherty, Mary Wallace, Selena Woodbridge, Nellie Webb, Mary Hurley, Francis Kelly, Gladys Clements, Walter Flood, John Joseph Reilly, Marion Griffiths, Barbara O'Hanrahan, Tim Whelan, Victoria Barnett, Gwen Gauntlett, Handel Walters, Barry Nash, Margaret Hyde, Elizabeth Hawes, Mary Lambert, Joseph Foster and Moira Matthews

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 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	£120.85
Planned Giving and Donations	£667.50
Total	£788.35

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.
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.

Sunday 2nd 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.

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

Merger consultation forms Please provide your views by Sunday 16th 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 OR office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk



Father Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend (Friday 14th - Sunday 16th March) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

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

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; Mobile: 07309 239234

Headteacher Job Vacancy Job Reference No: EDV/2025/SPCVA/8293, Location: Mill Lane, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, LE9 7AW; Contract Type: Permanent; Contract Term: Full-Time; Salary: £70,293.00 - £81,441.00 Annually (Actual).

Closing Date: 9:00 am, 5th February 2025; Start Date: Advent (Autumn) Term 2025, or earlier; Positions Available: 1
Interview Date(s): 10th February 2025. Link address to apply: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146133/EDV-2025-SPCVA-82933>

Next week, the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is bringing The Briars to a parish near you! They will be at Sacred Heart Parish, Leicester on Saturday 1st February, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickelover on Sunday 2nd February, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Tuesday 4th February and Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln on Wednesday 5th February. Come and hear about the exciting opportunities at the Youth Service, the skills you will gain and how these opportunities will help you to discover God's call. For more information visit www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities or email events@ndcys.com

The feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on Saturday 8th February. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources.

On Friday 28th February, Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10.00 pm for Young Adults (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for ‘Nottingham Night Light’. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

A Retreat for married couples on ‘The Four Disciplines of a Family’ will take place on Saturday 15th March from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. Mike and Alicia Herson, founders of the famous Messy Family Podcast are coming all the way from Ohio, USA to lead this Retreat. Please see the link below for more details. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-messy-family-project-st-vincent-mission-hub-sheffield-tickets-1116789079199?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

On Saturday 22nd March, Youth2000 is running a day retreat for all young adults (18-35) at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW. The day will include lunch and dinner, inputs, prayer, and Mass with Bishop Patrick. To purchase a ticket and find out more visit: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/eo9c6nuj> and for more information contact: charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

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.

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 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

Please note: Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph’s Oakham RCP**. Thank you.