



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Thirty-first Sunday of the Year

2 nd November	Vigil Mass All Souls' Day	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Elizabeth Jones (Well-being)
3 rd November	Thirty-first Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			3.00 pm	Cemetery Visit – Kilburn Road	
4 th November	St Charles Borromea	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
5 th November	Feria	Tuesday			
6 th November	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	09.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	M Glover (Good Estate)
7 th November	St Willibrord	Thursday			
8 th November	Feria		7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Faithful Departed
9 th November	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Nicholas Livingston RIP
10 th November	Thirty-second 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 2nd November	Sunday 3rd November
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		
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Ron Streeter	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9th November	Sunday 10th November
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Ron Streeter and Mich Sturley	John Alston and Annie de Kremer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Michael Terrett (AW)	Annie de Kremer and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Flowers		
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Ron Streeter	

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
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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 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 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 † *David Blackburn, Penelope Brophy, Joan Wallace, David Wood, Mary Murcott, Alan Organ, Minnie Hudson, Annunziato Romeo, Gemma McCormick, Rt Hon Violet Cripps, Kathleen Joan Williams, Donald Hunt, Margaret Healey, Timothy Hales, Charles McNulty, Agnes Hudson and William Docherty*

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	£ 139.61
Planned Giving and Donations	£ 681.00
Total	£ 820.61

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

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

Diocesan Information Sheet on Assisted Dying To support the pastoral letter from the Bishop (read at Holy Mass last 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 15th November - 3.00-5.00 pm or Saturday 16th November - 10.00-12 noon. Alternatively, bring your filled box to any of the weekend Masses on or before the 10th November. Thank you for supporting this wonderful way of bringing God's love to the street children of Kenya.

We are now 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 3rd 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..

English Martyrs School News

Date for your diary - Coffee Morning: Thursday 28th 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!

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.

Safeguarding information: DBS ROLES – Mandatory Training for all who have a DBS role and have not completed it online – Monday 18th at 11.00 am in the meeting room.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Thirty-first Sunday of the Year: Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17), the Church's spiritual writers have asked how to remain in a constant state of prayer. The Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. The Greek monk Evagrius compared prayer to a flame burning perpetually in our hearts even as we carry out our daily tasks. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him! To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

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.