



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

5 th October	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	C H Well-being
6 th October	Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Well-being of the Hutton Family
8 th October	Feria	Tuesday			
9 th October	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	09.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St John Henry Newman		10.00 am	Holy Mass	M G Good Estate
10 th October	St Paulinus	Thursday			
11 th October	St John XIII	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Private Intention (CW)
12 th October	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joe and Mairead Scott's Intentions
13 th October	Twenty-eighth 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 5 th October	Sunday 6 th October
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Nuala O'Rourke and Ed Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Aitkens and Andrew Wilkinson (BB)	Ed Anderson and Fran Rhowbotham
Coffee		Sarah Archer and Emma McCombie
Flowers	Mich Sturley	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 12 th October	Sunday 13 th October
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Joan Burns and Ron Streeter	Marjorie Port and John Alston
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Barbara Black and Michael Terrett (AW)	Nuala O'Rourke and Marjorie Port
Coffee		Veronica Wands
Flowers	Mich Sturley	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	

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
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk	Tel: 07513 725552
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Group	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Andreas Menzies	ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org Tel: 01572 722308
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

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 † *Bridget Gardiner, Charles Critchlow, Zilla Gibson, Colin Forsyth, Sean Cook, Romeo Ricci, Amadeo Ruscillo, Frederick Ecob, Norman Roberts and Sir Patrick Walker*

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	£132.91
Planned Giving and Donations	£692.00
Total	£824.91

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

St Joseph's Parish Council There will be a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 24th October. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit by Thursday 17th October to Andreas Menzies or via email at ppcchair@stjosephsoakham.org

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.

Second collection There will be a second collection after Holy Masses 19th/20th October for Missio (World Mission Sunday).

First Holy Communion Programme:

Application forms are available now for our First Holy Communion Programme 2024/25, 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 Sunday 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation Programme:

Application forms are available now for our Confirmation Programme 2024/25, leading to the celebration of Confirmation by Bishop Patrick in the Parish on Friday 16th June 2025. If you are a young person of 11 years old or over who would like to be confirmed, then please obtain an application form available at the back of Church. The closing date for registering for the Confirmation Classes is Sunday 27th October. Those not attending weekly Mass, at least from the time of application, will not be eligible for the subsequent classes or to be Confirmed, as this is a Diocesan expectation.

English Martyrs School News

Dear parishioners, We have had a wonderful start to the academic year, welcoming in our new EYFS children, some children across the school and some new staff members too. I hope that some of you have been able to join us for coffee and conversation at school and we warmly invite you to our Harvest Liturgy on Thursday 17th October at 9.15 am with coffee afterwards. Our mini chaplains will be leading this liturgy for us and the children will be making donations to the food bank. We look forward to seeing you at some of our school events over the year. God Bless, Mrs Brown - Headteacher

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year: We consider those times when our prayers appear to go unanswered. We think, for example, of the heartfelt prayers we offer for our sick children, or for our friends who experience great pain. In our disappointment, we may feel that God is deaf to our pleas. Jesus taught us in the Our Father to ask for many things, but above all that God's will be done. Jesus shows us by his own example that God understands our sufferings, yet does not always immediately grant our wishes. In Gethsemane, Jesus offered a prayer that seemed to go unanswered; yet his complete trust in the Father's will led to our salvation and the glory of the resurrection. If there are times when we walk in the dark, guided only by the light of faith, may we never abandon our trust in the Father's will to make all things work together for our ultimate good. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

This month's diocesan **Young Adult gatherings** are having a CAFOD take over! Join young adults across the diocese competing in a quiz led by friends at CAFOD: at Saint Joseph's parish, Derby, on Thursday 17th October and at Sacred Heart parish, Leicester, on Thursday 24th October. There is a rolling start from 6.00 pm with the Quiz starting at 6.30 pm. Tickets (£3) can be bought at: <https://buy.stripe.com/8wMaFi7xM6iabaU3ch> or on the door. Pizza and refreshments will be provided!

Safeguarding information: New Volunteers DBS or NON-DBS ROLES Could all volunteers who are responsible for their rotas please ask any new volunteers to contact the Safeguarding Rep to register in the Parish. All new volunteers are asked to fill in a Registration form to register at their Parish. Please contact Maria for more information. rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Are you a childminder or Carer for Special Needs?

Can you help? A parishioner is looking for a Childminder for 6 hours per week. 3 hours on a Saturday and 3 hours on either a Monday or Wednesday. All relevant DBS checks must be in place. For more information please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@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.