



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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

1 st May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Mabel Jenkins RIP
2 nd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
3 rd May	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	Monday		Holy Mass	Berni Quinn's Intentions
4 th May	The English Martyrs	Tuesday		Holy Mass	All Staff and Pupils of English Martyrs CVA
5 th May	Easter Feria	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Patrick England RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		10.30 am – 12 noon	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6 th May	Easter Feria	Thursday		Holy Mass	Chris and Lesley Knowland's Intentions
7 th May	Easter Feria	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Bernard, Frances and Daniel Pluck (Good Estate)
8 th May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Norah and Danny Cassidy RIP
9 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community

If you wish to attend Holy Mass on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, please ring Maria on 01572 722308 to book a place or email rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Please note that no bookings are taken for the weekend Masses after Thursday at 6.00 pm.

As restrictions are slowly lifted, more and more Parishioners will be applying for Holy Mass. Please do apply but be aware you may not get a booking every week.

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott	rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchar, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Brian Jiggins, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith and Fiona Ruddle

If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Anniversaries † Louis McMillan, John Wooton, Mabel Jenkins, James Stokes, William Rothwell, Liam Caffrey, Catherine Sumner-Fergusson, Elizabeth Doyle, Michael Gardiner, Andrew Smith, Albert Tyler, Harold Healey, Patrick Cleere, Anne Camus Margaret Reeves, Norah Cassidy, Cyril Ecob and David Morton

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£73.00
Loose Plate	£41.00
Standing Orders	£650.00
Total	£764.00

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Mary's Meals

Pray in May.
Throughout the month of May, we are asking churches and people of faith to pray with us to bless Mary's Meals, as we recognise the special place of prayer in our work.

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay>

Holy Mass Intentions Fr Stephen is running about three months behind due to a number of reasons. Please be patient – your Holy Mass hasn't been forgotten. Many thanks.

Next Thursday 13th May is the Solemnity of The Ascension of Our Lord.

Vocations Zoom Café: God is calling. Are you listening? The Vocations Team are holding their next café for those interested in finding out more about their calling on Monday 24th May at 7.00 pm. This month, Fr Wilfred, Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, Nottingham, and a member of the Religious congregation, Sacred Heart Fathers, will speak about: How He Lives His Call Today. Contact Diane at the Vocations team: vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the Zoom link or telephone the Vocations Centre on 0115 9501062 for more information. A warm welcome awaits you.

Episode 2: A Father's Heart – A podcast for Catholic dads The second episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast for the Year of St Joseph was published on Friday 30th April. In this episode, guests Maziano and Merwyn (from Sacred Heart Parish in Leicester) share their thoughts on St Joseph being 'An Obedient Father' and how we can respond to the will of God in our lives. You can download it from your normal podcast provider or listen online by going to www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts

English Martyrs School News

On Monday 19th April, the children all participated in collective worship centred on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. We looked at his life and how he had devoted it to serving others. The children participated in saying prayers for the Queen and the rest of the Royal family, remembering their personal loss as well as our loss as a nation.

Fr Stephen visited the Early Years children last week and blessed our new classroom. We hope to celebrate the new classroom with the rest of the school later on this academic year.

Thanks to the generosity of our parents and their friends and families, we raised an incredible **£964.92** for CAFOD during Lent. £859.95 was from the Walk for Water sponsorship money and £104.97 was from the other class activities.

The Maths Challenge Team of Florence, Isobel, Elisa and Riley took part in the national final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge on Tuesday, emerging as the runners up in the competition. A fantastic achievement of which they should be really proud. It is a fantastic result – being in the top 2 teams out of the hundreds of schools that took part in the competition.

Thank you to all the parishioners who have completed the questionnaire on the English Martyrs Virtues project so far. You still have time to complete it here: <https://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/the-em-way-virtues-project.html>

Red Box 2020 – Thank you In 2020, our community of St Joseph's raised £633.77 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you. This is fantastic and very generous during these difficult times. Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Rutland are supporting through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder with COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at missio.org.uk

HIA project The following is a YouTube link to an update on the progress with the initiative to open a second Hope into Action House: <https://youtu.be/c9Yrh-SuQi0> Please pray for the success of the project and whether you are being called to invest in or be a volunteer for this second house.

A message from Alison Chambers - Head Teacher of English Martyrs RC School

Dear member of the Parish,

This academic year at English Martyrs CVA we have been further exploring the Catholic life of our school and what this term actually means to our children, staff, parents, governors and members of our parish. As staff and governors, we have received training on this area from Peter Giorgio (Director of Catholic Education, Nottingham Diocese) in Lent 1 and then went on to discuss Catholic life with staff and governors, as well as approaching this area at a recent parent's forum meeting in Lent 2. I will also be chatting to our children this term to find out their thoughts on our mission statement, the things that make our school amazing and what they hope to be like as individuals once they have got to the end of their journey with us. I have also been having conversations with one of the secondary schools in our trust, St Peter and St Paul Lincoln, to explore their recent virtues project. It prompted a discussion about virtues and whether our children really understood what virtues they would need to develop to be able to "grow and learn following in the footsteps of Jesus", as well as virtues we would want our children to grow whilst they are with us at English Martyrs. I have therefore provided a link to a quick questionnaire on the website for members of the parish to complete. This is to decide on new wording for our Mission Statement which we would like to change slightly to include the word gift. After our training with Peter Giorgio, we felt it was important for us to reflect on our children being gifts from God and also our role in developing their gifts whilst they are with us. Please select the one you prefer. There are then 10 virtues in list 1 to choose 5 from and the same from list 2. This will then give us 10 virtues to develop, promote and develop with our children as they journey with us. Please choose the ones you feel are most important for our children. The virtues will replace the current school values we have and we will actively promote them in all we do in school through the curriculum and in our daily lives. This survey is also going out to staff, governors, school council and members of the parents. Please can you complete this by Monday 17th May. Thank you.
<https://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/the-em-way-virtues-project.html>

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you!

The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the Diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. The deadline for submissions is 4th July 2021.

Keeping in Touch If you would like a fellow parishioner to phone you for a chat and keep in touch with what's going on, please email Hilary at hilaryj@uwclub.net with your telephone number or give her a call on 01572 724256. If you have time to spare and would like to be on our list of telephone HELPers that would be really useful. Please contact Hilary as above.

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders The envelopes for the financial year 2021/22 are now available and will be given to you by stewards when you attend St Joseph's.

If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.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@live.co.uk

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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