



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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



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### Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

12 <sup>th</sup> October	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joe and Mairead Scott's Intentions
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
14 <sup>th</sup> October	St Callistus I	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Sister Anthony (Well-being)
15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Teresa of Jesus	Tuesday			
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	09.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Hedwig		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Denys Hancock RIP
17 <sup>th</sup> October	St Ignatius of Antioch	Thursday			
18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Pat and Joe Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Norah and Danny Cassidy RIP
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Twenty-ninth 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 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Tom Reilly	Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Joan Burns (MT)	Mary Hatton and Anthony Nguyen
Coffee		Phil Boak
Flowers	Pauline Morton	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	

**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
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	<a href="mailto:Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk">Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>	Tel: 07513 725552
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
<b>House Faith Sharing Group</b>	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Andreas Menzies	<a href="mailto:ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org">ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org</a> Tel: 01572 722308
<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 †** *Romeo Ricci, Amadeo Ruscillo, Frederick Ecob, Norman Roberts, Sir Patrick Walker, Chloe Taylor, Elizabeth Tweddle, Eunice Slater, Rose Taylor, Michael Mamos, John Berridge, Rosetta Sharpe, Maureen Gains and Susan Healey*


**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	£169.65
Planned Giving and Donations	£692.00
Total	£861.65

**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)

**St Joseph's Parish Council** There will be a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Andreas Menzies or via email at [ppcchair@stjosephsoakham.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> November - 3.00-5.00 pm or Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00-12 noon.

**Second collection** There will be a second collection after Holy Masses, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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-eighth Sunday of the Year:** We consider how our prayerful dialogue with God is meant to embrace the events of each day, in our homes, daily chores or work. All our thoughts and activities should be a part of our daily conversation with the Lord. There is no aspect of our everyday lives, however mundane, that cannot be offered in prayer to God and become an occasion of deeper union with him. Blaise Pascal observed that humans are so frail that even a drop of water can destroy us, yet in our fragility, prayer is a mark of our supreme grandeur, for prayer can work miracles in our world, transform lives and history, and serve the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Assisted Suicide: a threat to the vulnerable:** A talk being given on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.00pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE by Professor David Jones, explaining why legalising assisted suicide would be a mistake. MPs will soon be voting on a bill to legalise assisted suicide. The danger of the legalisation of assisted suicide within the British Isles has never been greater. At the same time, there is more and more evidence from abroad about the harms that follow if the law is changed. Please join us if you are able, or the talk will be livestreamed [www.facebook.com/diocesefnottingham](http://www.facebook.com/diocesefnottingham) For more information, contact John of Nottingham SPUC on 077578 15625 or [spucnottingham@gmail.com](mailto:spucnottingham@gmail.com)

**Nottingham Cathedral Choir sings Resquiescat in Pace**, the sublime Requiem Masses of both Faure and Durufle on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** 7.30 pm accompanied by David Grealy and Soloist Will Burn. More information can be found at: <https://nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events/requiescat-in-pace-faure-and-durufle-requiems-in-concert/?d=63867295800000000>

**Catechist Formation Pathways** – Are you a catechist? Have you thought about being one? The Diocese offers three courses that can be done together or stand alone. Encounter Catechesis provides the foundations of catechesis; Discipleship Catechesis explores a good knowledge of key points of Catholic Theology; and Missionary Catechesis is focused on going beyond sacramental preparation to help form disciples of all ages. To enquire please follow this link [bit.ly/formation2425](http://bit.ly/formation2425) or email: [formation@diocesefnottingham.uk](mailto:formation@diocesefnottingham.uk)

**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.diocesefnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained](http://www.diocesefnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained)

**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@diocesefnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@diocesefnottingham.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@diocesefnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@diocesefnottingham.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@diocesefnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@diocesefnottingham.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@diocesefnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@diocesefnottingham.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@diocesefnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@diocesefnottingham.uk)

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