

## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley,, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Calum Simpson, Angela Munton, John Shortmoor, Joseph Shortmoor, Fr Tom McGovern, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Melanie McDonald, Ita Jones, Michael Dawson and John McCaul — 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 and

Anniversaries † Michael Luckhurst, Betty Hodgkin, Arthur Sanders, Rita Turner, Francis O'Riordan, Patricia Brophy, Paul Gardiner, Margaret Reid, Albert Cahill, John Neville Jones, Ralph Tyler, Patricia Austin, James Cregan, Richard John Keith, Mary (Mai) Collins and Mildred Machin

Last week's collectionCollections£175.85Planned Giving and Donations£775.00Total£950.85

The celebrant at this weekend's Holy Masses is Fr John

Martin. Please make him welcome.

**Don't forget** to join us for coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.



**Second Collection** The second collection last weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea raised £192.42.

## Please remember Rutland's Martyr, John Lyon, who gave his life for the Catholic faith

On the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 16<sup>th</sup> July 1599, John Lyon was martyred for his Catholic faith. He was hanged, drawn and quartered (probably in the Market Place). This was the penalty then for refusing to accept Queen Elizabeth as Supreme Head of the Church. He was an ordinary farmer who lived in North Luffenham and Hambleton and was married to Elizabeth - they had 7 children.

Although very little is documented about him, he clearly continued to live out his Catholic faith the best way he could. He refused for years to attend his village Church which had a Puritan Minister (who was the founder of Oakham School). It is documented, however, that he was caught hiding Catholic books in a wood pile. So, he was placed on the wanted recusant list for many years and was eventually brought to trial when he was condemned to death for his Catholic faith. He was probably tried in the Castle and most likely will have been imprisoned there before his martyrdom. He is such an inspiration to us all, accepting the most barbaric death for his Catholic faith here in Oakham. Venerable John Lyon pray for us. We hope one day there will be a miracle attributed to him and he will become a Saint.

## **English Martyrs School News**

Last week, our Year 6 children had a fantastic time in Crich for their residential. They stayed at the newly refurbished Briars Catholic Youth Centre and enjoyed a week of fun activities, including trips to Chatsworth House, the Tramway Museum and the Heights of Abraham. They also took part in some great activities at the Briars with children from St Joseph's in Oldham, as well as celebrating Mass together.

We are thrilled to have won the Small School Games Champion award for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row at the Rutland School Sports Awards this week. Our children have worked hard all year at sports competitions and collectively earned enough points for us to win! We have also been awarded the School Games Platinum award again for our sport in school.

**Repository:** Please take the time to visit the Repository in the Meeting Room as we have a lot of new items for sale. If you don't have cash with you, you can pay via the card reader machine in the Church Porch.

The winners of the **St Joseph's and English Martyrs 200 Club** for May are as follows:

1st prize £100 Jane Sweeney 2nd prize £20 Sarah Boumphrey 3rd prize £10 Damian Slattery

<u>Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel</u> As St Michael is the Patron Saint of Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, we will say this prayer during Holy Mass in support of the people of Ukraine and for peace in the whole world.

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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

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

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

<u>Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders</u> If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at <u>rechurchoakham@live.co.uk</u> 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

<u>Facebook</u> Don't forget St Joseph's has a Facebook page on which future events can be advertised, members can be alerted to, for example, changes in service times, and ideas can be put forward. If you would like to join, please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk