



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### Third Sunday of the Year

20 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mgr Brian Dazeley (Good Estate)
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Third Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	St Vincent	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Feria	Tuesday			
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Francis de Sales		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Marjorie Bradshaw RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> January	The Conversion of St Paul	Thursday			
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Saints Timothy and Titus	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass <b>St Thomas</b>	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Maria Marriott's Intentions
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	H and P Lee and Family
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Fourth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

**CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Aitkens and Eileen Worrall	Maureen Mildner and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Hilary Davis
Flowers	Teresa Thompson	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Joan Burns and Irene Kearney-Rose	Nuala O'Rourke and John Alston
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Michael Terrett	Marjorie Port and Ed Anderson
Coffee		Sarah Archer and Emma McCombie
Flowers	Teresa Thompson	
Church Cleaning	Elizabeth Keogh and Ron Streeter	

**Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.**

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers <a href="mailto:achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>	<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>	Maria Marriott <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 Groups</b>	Barbara Black Maureen Mildner	Tel: 01572 724918 Tel: 01572 756477
<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, Pauline Morton and Angela Kirkup*

*Unfortunately we now need written signed permission from all who wish to have their names in this sick list. If your loved one has been removed, please contact Maria asap and they will, of course, be reinstated with their written permission.* This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. Many thanks.

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 †** *Elizabeth Farnworth, Connie Wilson, Isabella Harkin, Ellen Caffrey, Bridget Poole, John O'Brien, Ann Brown, Florence Firth, Michael Farrissey, Marian Kotowski, Christopher Rhodes, John Malone, Di Diemer, Peter O'Neill, Margaret Schofield and Judith Moyne*

#### **Last week's collection**

Collections £222.31

Planned Giving and Donations £702.00

Total £924.31

#### **Second Collection for Sick**

**And Retired Priests** £382.22

**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 don't know we cannot help.

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



**If you would like to offer Holy Mass** for friends/family/relatives, please obtain **their written permission** for **their names** to go into the public domain, ie Newsletter and the Newsletter online. This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. **If you would like a specific date please give plenty of notice.** Many thanks

**Important Information – Mass Intentions** Please use the brown envelopes in the Church porch for Holy Mass intentions, including any offering you wish to make (ensure you have a signature for those who are living). We have removed the Mass offering from the card machine and the website.

**Parish Office Telephone** Please note that Canon Stephen is not contactable via the Parish office telephone number. For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email.

#### **Churches Together**

During January and February, the Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Group will be meeting in St Joseph's on Thursdays from 1.00-1.30 pm. Please give it your support.

#### **English Martyrs School news**

**Maths Challenge Success:** For the second year in a row, we are the winners of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge! Our team achieved a perfect score of 144/144!

At the end of term, we said a sad goodbye to our Assistant Head and Year 3 teacher Miss Humphreys. We welcome Mrs Boyd who has joined us from Sacred Heart, Loughborough who is now the new Year 3 teacher.

**200 Club:** If you have received a cheque with your winnings, please bank the cheque as soon as possible as FEM would like to close the bank account as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our **coffee mornings** for parents, preschool children, members of the parish and visitors, with activities for the children, will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.15-11.00 am. Everyone is welcome! Do pop in and see us. We would love to welcome you to our school.

**Lift Required** Would you be willing to give a couple a lift to Holy Mass on Sunday? They live in Belton in Rutland and no longer drive. If you can help, please contact Maria on [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of the Year:** If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Year of Prayer Podcast:** This month's episode of Encounter Prayer is now available. We explore a type of Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of the scriptures) with Sean Jinks and Sophie Rimac of the Seven Steps Scripture Sharing Group in Leicester. Please search Diocese of Nottingham on any podcast provider (Google, Apple, Amazon, Spotify etc) or visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) to listen and / or download.

**A Healing Retreat Day and Evening** is being held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30 am to 9.30 pm, with Fr Gladson Dabre OSA, at Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church, Laughton Way, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. There will be Mass, engaging talks on healing, a Healing Service, praise and worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, testimonies, times for sharing and opportunities for individual prayer ministry. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information, contact Susan Walsh on 07818 805847.

**English Martyrs, Anstey Lane, Leicester,** is hiring a Teacher of Religious Education, here is the link: [Teacher of Religious Education| St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust \(aquinas-cmat.org\)](http://TeacherofReligiousEducation|StThomasAquinasCatholicMulti-AcademyTrust(aquinas-cmat.org)). If you have any questions or would like a visit to our school, please contact Mrs O'Connor, The Principal's PA at the school on 0116 2428880 to arrange.

**Leicester Council of Faith** is holding a series of Conversations About Cancer events where we can come together, in an informal and supportive environment, to talk about cancer, and help Macmillan Cancer Support to work with people affected by cancer. For the first Conversations about Cancer event members from the Christian faith are invited to Sacred Heart Guild Hall, 25 Mere Road, Leicester, LE5 3HS on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start. Bookings are via [projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk](mailto:projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk)

**A spiritual challenge for Lent** During the past year there have been over 200,000 abortions in England and Wales. This means many lives lost; many women harmed; many families hurt. The Church tells us that abortion is wrong but what can we as Christians do about it? 40 Days For Life is the answer. During Lent, Christians will be praying outside the largest abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire. We will also be offering practical, compassionate and non-judgemental help to any woman who feels pressured into abortion so that she has a genuine pro-life alternative. And we will be witnessing to the power of prayer. Will you join us? If you would consider it, come to the launch of our campaign on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 pm, in Cathedral Hall (NG1 5AE). You can find out about this spiritual movement spreading around the world, and have a chance to hear Rachel MacKenzie, of Rachel's Vineyard, which offers spiritual healing to post abortive women. More details are available at [www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham) or email [40daysforlifenotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifenotts@gmail.com) Alone, we cannot change our society - but we are not alone! 'For with God nothing is impossible.' (Luke, 1:37)

**Talking Philosophy & Theology: a Carmelite Perspective** Zoom meetings are on Wednesday evenings, 8-10 pm: 7<sup>th</sup> February (Philosophy); 21<sup>st</sup> February (Theology); 6<sup>th</sup> March (Philosophy); 20<sup>th</sup> March (Theology); 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Philosophy); 17<sup>th</sup> April (Theology); and on Thursday afternoons, 1-3 pm: 8<sup>th</sup> February (Philosophy); 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Theology); 14<sup>th</sup> March (Philosophy); 11<sup>th</sup> April (Philosophy); 25<sup>th</sup> April (Theology). Please contact Deacon James Hunter [james.hunter200@btinternet.com](mailto:james.hunter200@btinternet.com) for further information.

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

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

**Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders** If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Many thanks for your ongoing support.