



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



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)

22 nd November	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
23 rd November	Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Solemnity	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
24 th November	Monday	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs memorial	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
25 th November	Tuesday	Feria			
26 th November	Wednesday	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00 – 10.00 am		
		Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Prasanthini Nisanth Intentions
27 th November	Thursday	Feria			
28 th November	Friday	Feria	7.00 pm	Holy Latin Mass	St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Holy Souls in Purgatory
29 th November	Saturday	Exposition & Benediction Vigil Mass	3.30 – 4 pm		
			4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Jones - Good Estate
30 th November	Sunday	First Sunday of Advent	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo

Sacrament of Confession TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm

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

Parish Websites	https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/	https://www.catholicstamford.com/
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Parish Office Telephone contact:

For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or (via email, quickest option) 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.

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.

<u>Last week's collection</u> Collections £177.03 Planned Giving & Donations £660.00 Total £837.03 {7th December Poor & Needy Parishes} As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Church.	<u>Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders</u> If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.	<u>Please note:</u> 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	<u>Don't forget</u> to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome 
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Please pray for the following who are ill: Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Amanda Messer, Elizabeth Jones and Marie Thérèse Goldberg. If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, (permission required). Please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Anniversaries † The Hon Thomas Noel, Charles Young, Patrick O'Callaghan, Frances Kinloch, Denis Phelan, Evangelina Cooper, Rita Wilson, Annie Williamson, Maria Boyle, Ricardo Burgio, Jonathan Port, Aline Egan, Mary Royce, Annette Moss, Bernard Gandy
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

It is the Lord's House, which Jesus taught was a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose.
The House of God, where dwells the Real Presence of God, must be treated with ongoing reverence.

November the Month of the Holy Souls The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. **St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.**

Credo Group We meet at 6 pm on a Wednesday – All welcome.

Sung Mass for *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception* of our Blessed Lady Monday 8th December at 7 pm.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton Hall, LE15 8AN. Sung by St Michael's Chant choir. Celebrant Canon Peter Vellacott. Organist Jeremy Jepson. All Welcome. If anyone would like help with transport, please contact Maria on rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk There will be a retiring collection in aid of St Michael's Chant Choir.

St Peter's Singers: *Veni Emmanuel* **An Advent Meditation of Seasonal Music and Readings** Featuring works by composers from the 16th Century to the present day. **Saturday 29th November at 7.30 pm - St Augustine's Catholic Church Broad Street Stamford PE9 1PG** Free entry – a retiring collection will taken – Refreshments will be available.

Important Notice: Essential works to pathway and lighting:

Work Commencing Saturday 6th December 2025

Please note that we will be having some essential work done to the pathway leading from the carpark to the Church door.

You will be guided round to the street pathway to gain entrance to the Church.

The work will last approximately 1-2 weeks, dependant on weather conditions.

There maybe some noise during Holy Mass on the Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Save the date!

Pensioners' Christmas Tea Party on Wednesday 10th December from 1.30 pm –details to follow soon

Churches Together in Oakham. The lunch time Churches Together prayer meetings are now being hosted by the **Methodist Church on Thursday lunch** times from **1.00 to 1.30 pm during November** All are welcome.

Week of Prayer at Oakham Baptist Church Monday 1st - 7th December We are invited to pop in any time but especially join with others to pray at 12 noon each day. Jesus prayed "that they may be one". Please try to join in this ecumenical activity.

MISSIO RED BOXES Please could you return your MISSIO red boxes to Maria in the office for the contents to be sent off at the end of November.

St Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre has been supporting pregnant women in Nottingham since 2021. If you would like to help with our work, or just to find out more about what we do, all are welcome to a Mother and Baby Open Day, a chance to have a coffee with the team which runs the centre, and meet some of the mums who have been supported. All are Welcome, on **Thursday 27th November, between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm, at Saint Paul's Church, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2BY.** For more information contact Ami on 07547 795315 or email SCPSCUK@gmail.com

The Jesuit Institute is offering an Advent Online Retreat between **Sunday 7th and Thursday 11th December**, giving participants an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in their lives in the lead up to Christmas. Details, and booking information, is at: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---advent

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with Father Chris Thomas, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting on the Figures of Advent: the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ's coming. The Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters Convent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on **Saturday 29th November between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.** A suggestion donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details email associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

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

Please note:

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

23rd November 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe