



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Eighth Sunday of the Year

1 st March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	G Delkan's Intentions
2 nd March	Eighth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
3 rd March	Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Special Intention (MP)
4 th March	St Casimir	Tuesday			
5 th March	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday		St Joseph	No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today
	Ash Wednesday		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Ziffy Shipper RIP
6 th March	Lenten Feria	Thursday			
7 th March	Saints Perpetua and Felicity	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Angela Munton RIP
8 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Hugh Burns RIP and Angela Munton RIP
9 th March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			4.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

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

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 1st March	Sunday 2nd March
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	James Fay and Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	Ron Streeter and Joan Burns	John Alston and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Andrew Wilkinson (EA)	Anthony Nguyen and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	

NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 8th March	Sunday 9th March
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Mich Sturley and Meryl Vincent	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Eileen Worrall (A deK)	Anthony Loring and Fran Rhowbotham
Coffee		
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	

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

Parish Websites	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	www.catholicstamford.com
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Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

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, Margaret Stacey, Judy Nash, John Rhodes and Jean Aiken*

Parish Sick List If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, please contact Maria in the Parish Office at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk **Please note, if you give permission, their name will be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on St Joseph's website in the Newsletter tab.**

Anniversaries † *Margaret Edelston, Stanley Humphreys, Francis Kilkenny, Gertie Colin, James Cregan, Clare Ellis, Frederic Hudson, Angela Munton, Emma Gardner, Beatrice Tyler, Michael O'Rourke, Kath Houlden, Elizabeth Hawthorne, Carmen Wilson, Patricia Beckett, Andrew Seale, Hugh Burns and Henry Ferguson*

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 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	£143.41
Planned Giving and Donations	£662.50
Total	£805.91

Don't forget to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.  **Credo Group** The Credo Group meets on Thursday in the Meeting Room at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

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

Mobile phones Could you please ensure that your **mobile phone is on silent during Holy Mass.** We have placed some notices in the Church porch as a reminder. Thank you.

Parish Merger Meetings: Thank you to those who attended the Parish Merger meetings this week and to those who completed the online/paper questionnaire. Your input is very much appreciated.

Ash Wednesday We welcome the pupils and staff of English Martyrs School to Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday at 10.00 am in St Joseph's. **Holy Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's and St Augustine's, Stamford at 6.00 pm on Ash Wednesday.**

Stations of the Cross on Sundays at 4.00 pm in St Joseph's during Lent, starting on the 9th March. Friday 7th and 14th March will be at St Joseph's at 11.00am We will then alternate on Fridays between St Joseph's and All Saints Church **beginning on the 21st March.**

Please note If you are using the **Meeting Room** to attend Holy Mass, **please** ensure that you always supervise your children as if they are in the main body of the Church. Help and guide them to participate with reverence, to learn their faith and to help them grow a deeper understanding of the Holy Mass. Thank you. If you require children's Missals, please have a look in the Repository or contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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

English Martyrs School News

Coffee morning dates: The next 2 coffee mornings will take place on Thursday 27th March and Thursday 24th April - 9.15-11.00 am approx. All welcome. There will be activities for preschoolers. Please do pop in and see us; we would love to welcome you to our school.

Food bank donations: Thank you so much for your donations to the English Martyrs School Food Bank collection. We will leave the collection box in the church porch for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your continued support.

40 Days for Life is an international movement which seeks to end the injustice of abortion through prayer and fasting, and by changing one heart at a time. It is peaceful, legal and non-judgemental. You can help protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers. The Nottingham Pro-Life Prayer Vigil starts on Ash Wednesday, 5th March and continues through Lent. To take part or to find out more go to www.40daysforlife.com or email 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com

Along with the Cathedral and seven other churches in the Diocese, **Bishop Patrick** has designated the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nottingham as a place of pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee Year. A Pilgrim Trail has been set up and a printed guide will be available at the church from Thursday 6th March. The Trail will be open for individual devotions after Mass each day and on most Thursday afternoons, subject to demand. Pre-arranged group visits from parish, deanery, chaplaincy, school or other groups are especially welcome - to discuss a group visit please contact the parish administrative suite on 0115 926 8288.

The Diocesan Education Service is hosting a Network Day for families who home-educate their children, on Monday 17th March, from 10.00 am, in Our Lady of Lincoln parish centre, Lincoln, LN2 2HE. Bring a packed lunch, and something to share with others.

Building on the success of the **Glasgow Support Group the Abortion Recovery Care Helpline** (ARCH) wishes to establish a group for women struggling after abortion in Nottingham. They require a qualified counsellor to facilitate the group, alongside a co-facilitator. The group would meet, in person, once a month, for five or ten months of the year. To find out more, text Clare on 07984 040947 or email clare@archtrust.org.uk including a mobile number where a text can be sent.

The Christian Heritage Centre's Christian Leadership Formation Programme is a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 12 / Lower VI, and is now open to applications for 2025. Offering media training, tools for personal development, philosophical and theological study, and a chance to meet like-minded peers and Catholic academics and public figures, the programme offers a certificate validated by Saint Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information visit www.christianleadershipformation.com

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.

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@dioceseofnottingham.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@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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