



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fifth Sunday of the Year

8 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Peter Dean, Bridget Davis and Teresa Casey RIP
9 th February	Fifth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
10 th February	St Scholastica	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Vaughn's Intentions
11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	Tuesday			
12 th February	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Feria		10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
13 th February	Feria	Thursday			
14 th February	Saints Cyril and Methodius	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Canon Malachy Brett's Intentions
15 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joan and Les Hills RIP
16 th February	Sixth 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 8 th February	Sunday 9 th February
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Fran Rhowbotham
Readers	Joan Burns and Mich Sturley	John Alston and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Annie de Kremer (MT)	Anthony Nguyen and Kitty Wigmore
Coffee		Sylvie Nguyen
Flowers	Kitty Wigmore and Barbara Kay	
Church Cleaning	Jim and Mair O'Kane	

NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 15 th February	Sunday 16 th February
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Andrew Wilkinson and Ed Anderson (EW)	Marjorie Port and Fran Rhowbotham
Coffee		Sarah Archer
Flowers	Pauline Morton	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	

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
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
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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, 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 Hyde, Elizabeth Hawes, Mary Lambert, Joseph Foster, Moira Matthews, Agnes Needham, Francis Turricki, Charles Robertson, Joseph McDonough, Peter Cox, Mary Holmes, Norah Mulvany, Maria Ferreira, Liam Allerton, Wanda Smith, John Carpenter, Trevor Lloyd-Hughes and Anne Hodgson*

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	£137.60
Planned Giving and Donations	£690.20
Total	£827.80

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.

Our Parish Priest: Canon Peter Vellacott 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.

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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: Please note that there will be Parish Meetings on 24th February at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Stamford and on 25th February at 7.00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at St. Joseph's, Oakham. You are most welcome to attend either meeting should you wish to do so.

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

Merger consultation forms Please provide your views by Sunday 16th February 2025. Please feel free to either complete the questions, attached with the Newsletter and return to the Parish Office at St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford or St Joseph's, Oakham, or you may wish to respond electronically via the link given below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/X1MxrQ3y70> You can of course email your views too.

rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk OR office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk



Father Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend (Friday 14th - Sunday 16th March) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

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

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.

Help required! John Rhodes, a parishioner is currently in hospital at St Luke's, Market Harborough. Would anyone be able to give his wife, Wendy, a lift to see him from time to time? If you are free to help, please reach out to his son, Damian Rhodes: Email: damian.rhodes@cliftondiocese.com; Mobile: 07309 239234

What next for Warm Spaces? On Thursday 13th February, 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm, in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE. If you're involved in, or would like to set up, a parish-run community café, warm space or drop-in, join Caritas at this event to get inspired, connected and equipped. The afternoon is organised by the ecumenical network Transforming Notts Together and hosted by the Cathedral. Connect with NHS and other partners, and be equipped for your service with expert training and insight. Details and free tickets are at: bit.ly/WelcomeSpaces

Faith and Footprint: Caring for Creation. On Monday 17th February at 7.00 pm. Join the next online diocesan workshop and find out about: why this and every Jubilee Year is an invitation to ecological conversion; the Laudato Si Animators' formation programme which starts on Monday 28th April (details at laudatosianimators.org); the national walking Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope which converges on Nottingham Cathedral in September; and practical ideas for reducing our parishes' environmental footprint and its buildings. Book now at bit.ly/faithandfootprint

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.