



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Second Sunday of Advent

9 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	John and Martha Cassidy RIP
10 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Doug Hyde (Good Estate)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
11 th December	St Damasus I	Monday	8.30 am	Holy Mass	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund
12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Lubi and Richard's Intentions
13 th December	St Lucy	Wednesday	Please note there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week		
			9.30 am	Meeting Room	Service of Word and Holy Communion
14 th December	St John of the Cross	Thursday	9.30 am	Meeting Room	Service of Word and Holy Communion
15 th December	Advent Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Gill Sayer RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
16 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mary and John McGrachan RIP
17 th December	Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Millington Family
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			3.30 pm	St Joseph	Advent Penitential Service

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 10 th December
Welcomers	C Berrie		Y Trevor & J Hickie
Readers	R Streeter & A de Kremer	B Moore	C Miller & P Reilly
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & J Widdows	J Aitkens	M Mildner & J Burns
Coffee			H Davis & C Jones
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 16 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 17 th December
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	J Alston & M Vincent	B McDonald	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & M Donn	L Knowland	M Port & B Ivory
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
Church Cleaning	H Coomber & C Farmer		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney-Rose	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, John O'Brien, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Virginia Barwell, Cindy Johnston, Mary Lambert, John Owens (Snr), Michael Gardiner, Helen Wilson, Baby Luke Somerville, Graham Andrews, John Widdows, May Carrie, Margaret West-Sadler, Lewis Paul, Floss Jepson, Angela Munton, Nigel Stark, Karen Black, Shane Spencer, Phillip Botteley, Andrena Lynch, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Avril Thompson, Jeffrey Miller, Fr Dominic O'Connor, Fr Kevin Clark, Fr Michael Bell, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Bernard Gandy, John Jackson, John and Shirley Parminter

Anniversaries † Thomas Clapperton, Denis O'Brien, Kathleen Hudson, John Wallace, Gladys Reuse, Agnes Wallace, Willott Graczyk, John Patrick O'Shea, Monica Joyce and Pauline Goater

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£171.75
Loose Plate	£316.02
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£1,027.77

Important Notice Next Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December – Services of Word and Holy Communion will be held at 9.30 am in the Meeting Room owing to work being carried out in the Church.

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



When did you last go to confession? It is good Catholic practice to make our confession every few weeks, and especially before Christmas and Easter. To this end, our **Deanery Advent Penitential Services** are as follows:

Thursday 14 th December	St John the Baptist, Melton	7.00 pm
Friday 15 th December	St Augustine's, Stamford	7.00 pm
Sunday 17 th December	St Joseph's, Oakham	3.30 pm
Monday 18 th December	St Gilbert's, Bourne	7.00 pm
Tuesday 19 th December	St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham	7.00 pm

Uppingham School Masses in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:

- 14th January
- 4th February
- 4th March

Please take this opportunity to prepare well spiritually during the season of Advent.

Fr Michael Lynch's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.30 am on Wednesday 13th December at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, LN6 7RB. Please remember him in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Church flowers Following my appeal last weekend for someone to take over my role of organising the church flowers, so far no one has volunteered. Maybe people needed time to think about this, so please do phone me (Maureen) on 01572 756477 if you have any questions.

Second Collection There will be a second collection at all Masses during the weekend of 16th/17th December for Poor and Needy Parishes.

Faith in Families £192.72 has been sent to Faith in Families from Wednesday and Sunday coffee.

Director of Youth Service The Diocese seeks to appoint a professionally qualified Director of Youth Service who combines a deep personal commitment to their Catholic faith with a vibrant and enthusiastic passion for Catholic youth ministry and retreat provision among young people. This full-time post will be based at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre in Crich. For further information, contact Teresa Clark on 01773 852044 or bookings@ndcys.com. Closing date for all applications is 3rd January 2018.

Christmas Hamper Tickets for the raffle for this hamper will be on sale from Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd December.

St Joseph's and English Martyrs 200 club winners for November:		
1 st prize	£100	Gerry Jones
2 nd prize	£20	Mrs Emmerson
3 rd prize	£10	Barry Nash

Church Repository We now have Christmas gifts and cards available for sale but hurry, they are selling fast.

Second Collection Thank you all for the generous collection towards Christmas flowers which amounted to £212.92

Parish Christmas Card Instead of sending individual cards to parishioners why not put greetings in the parish card and donate the money saved to charity.

English Martyrs School News Thank you to parishioners who donated items for the Christmas Fair and to those who attended. The fair was a great success and an impressive £1,352 was raised!

Our younger children have been practising hard for the Christmas Nativity play. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Nativity rehearsal at school on Monday 11th December at 1.30 pm.

We had some great success this week at the Basketball county finals. Our team won the final and will now go on to represent Rutland in the Leicester and Leicestershire competition.

Our Maths Challenge team took part in a qualifying round for the UKMT Eastern Region Team Maths Challenge. They scored a very impressive 203 out of a possible 228 and are currently at the top of their group. Thanks to Mr Timms for his work in facilitating our participation.

Food bank The food bank, as in previous years, will be distributing Christmas hampers to those in need. The cost of a hamper is now £20. If you would like to donate the cost of a hamper or indeed any amount, please put it in an envelope with the word "Hamper" on the outside and leave it in the sacristy. Many thanks.

St. Joseph's Parish Sewing Group meets in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Come and share tea/coffee, company, conversation and expertise. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, embroidery etc. Tables available for sewing machines. December's last meeting is on the 16th. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

Church Mouse The Winter edition of our Parish magazine is due before Christmas. If you have any articles/stories etc. you would like to put in the next edition, please either leave them in the Church porch marked for the attention of "Church Mouse" or email to eileenworral@hotmail.com. The deadline for articles is 10th December.

Mother's Prayers Please note that there will not be a Mother's Prayers meeting during December. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th January at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. Contact Lorraine on 01664 452117 for details.

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend