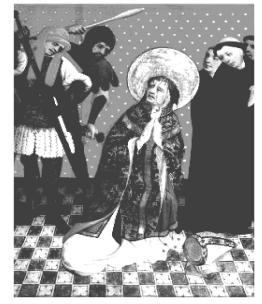




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Trish Brophy (Good Estate)
20 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Rita Dawson RIP
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
21 st December	St Peter Canisius	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
22 nd December	Advent Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	The Bullimore Family (in memory of Jake)
23 rd December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Ian Maxwell RIP
24 th December	Vigil Mass of the Nativity	Thursday	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
			Midnight	Holy Mass	Lester Parker RIP
25 th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Friday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family (St Anthony)
			10.00 am	St Joseph	The Dean Family
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
26 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena and David Tookey and Family
27 th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Gemma McCormick RIP
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

THIS WEEK ROTAS	Saturday 19 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 20 th December
Welcomers	J Williamson & C Berrie		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	R Lott & J Widdows	B Moore	I Kearney-Rose & R Tennant
Minister of Eucharist	S Morrell & A Wilkinson	L Knowland	M Pryke & N O'Rourke
Coffee			S Archer & E McCombie
NEXT WEEK ROTAS	Saturday 26 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 27 th December
Welcomers	B Francis & J Widdows		T & C Slattery
Readers	M Vincent-Enright & J Williamson	B McDonald	C & R Miller
Minister of Eucharist	R Lott & K Wigmore	S Allen	J Burns & M Donn
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Church Cleaning	C Slattery, H Davis & C Wignall		

Parish Website	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Acting Head Teacher	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney Rose	Tel: 01572 823883
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman – Parish Pastoral Council	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE ILL: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Pearl Duffy, Mary Crump, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, John O'Brien, Maura & Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Veronica Wands, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Mike Ellis, Rhona Morris & John Widdows

Anniversaries †

Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlan, Edmund Rauscher, Colin Larkin & Betty Hope

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£354.40
Envelopes	£192.79
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£1,087.19

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



Sunday Masses at Uppingham in
the School Chapel at 12.15 pm:
Dates for 2016 to be confirmed

Coffee after Mass There will no
coffee after Mass this Wednesday.

The Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis began officially on 8th December 2015 and continues until 20th November 2016. His intention is that the "balm of mercy" should reach everyone and that this would be a sign that the Kingdom of God is present in our midst. As well as an opportunity for our own spiritual growth, it is also a time to reflect upon the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, i.e. our love in action.

There is a Diocesan website: www.bemerciful.co.uk which will be a hub for events and activities during the year. Bishop Patrick would like each parish and each school to reflect upon what they are already doing through the lens of mercy and then undertake one further act of mercy.

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counselling the doubtful
2. Instructing the ignorant
3. Caring about sinners
4. Comforting the afflicted
5. Forgiving offences
6. Bearing wrongs patiently
7. Praying for the living and the dead

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feeding the Hungry
2. Giving drink to the thirsty
3. Clothing the naked
4. Welcoming the stranger
5. Visiting the sick
6. Visiting the imprisoned
7. Burying the dead

Prepare well for the Birth of Our Lord by making a good confession. The last of the five Penitential Services in the Grantham Deanery will take place at St. Joseph's on Sunday 20th December at 4.00 pm

Christmas Concert Many thanks to all our talented musicians and speakers at our Christmas Concert – what an interesting mixture of styles – including Bach, Handel, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Debussy, Irish jigs and Boogie Woogie! Special thanks to Cecile for the organisation, Andreas for being MC and those who provided the drinks and refreshments afterwards.

Fr Michael Lynch wishes to be remembered to all Parishioners and wishes us all a Happy Christmas.

Parish Christmas Card is now available to sign. Rather than send individual cards to parish friends why not send greetings in the parish card and donate the money saved to Mary's Meals. (Any money raised before the 28th December the government will double).

Peru stall with Christmas decorations There will be a little Peru stall after both Masses this weekend. The handicrafts come direct from Peru and the money raised feeds the families. Do come and have a little look! Many thanks.

Are you involved in your Parish Confirmation programme?

Are you in need of new resources, support, ideas and inspiration? Then join others from across the Diocese at The Briars Retreat Centre, on Friday 15th to Sunday 17th January 2016. Retreat will begin with supper at 6.30 pm on the Friday and finish at 2.00 pm after lunch on the Sunday. For more details, please contact Teresa on 01773 852044 or bookings@ncdys.com.

First Holy Communion Preparation classes for Holy Communion will commence mid-January. More details will follow later. Forms to be filled in by parents are now available in the church porch.

Christmas Hamper Raffle The draw took place after the Christmas Concert on Thursday 17th December. Congratulations to Emma McCombie who had the winning ticket.

Church Mouse The Winter edition of our parish booklet is now available – priced £1. Please pick up your copy today!

Many thanks to English Martyrs children and staff for decorating our "Door of Mercy". If you haven't noticed it yet, come and have a look – it's really good. We look forward to many people walking through it.

Church Flowers I will shortly be compiling the rota for next year for the Church flowers and would be delighted if we could have some new volunteers! Your turn usually comes round three or four times a year and there will always be someone to help if needed. If you enjoy arranging flowers and can help, please do contact me to have a chat. Most of the time we arrange flowers in vases and for special occasions, we do something more elaborate, everyone helping. Do call me on 01572 756477 or email at maureen@mildner.co.uk Many thanks, in anticipation.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend