



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

25 th November	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Private Intention (J and FN RIP)
26 th November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Faithful Departed
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
27 th November	Feria	Monday	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Bernadette Wilkinson
28 th November	Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
29 th November	Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
30 th November	Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
1 st December	St Ralph Sherwin and Blessed Martyrs of Derbyshire	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Deacon Raymond's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
2 nd December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Denys and Beverley Hancock's Intentions
3 rd December	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Daniel and Agnes Finn RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Lubi and Richard's Intentions

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 25 th November	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 26 th November
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	A de Kremer & M Vincent	L Smith	C Miller & M Port
Minister of Holy Communion	J Burns & R Lott	S Allan	K Wigmore & M Pryke
Coffee			V Wands & M Kenning
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 2 nd December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 3 rd December
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	R Streeter & J Burns	P Pitts	I Kearney-Rose & L Perril
Minister of Holy Communion	B Ivory & B Black	A Loring	R Tennant & N O'Rourke
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Church Cleaning	M Marriott & A Munton		

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, Fr Michael Lynch, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Bernard Gandy, John Jackson, Brian Nicholls, John and Shirley Parminter

Anniversaries † Gerard Smyth, James Cockerham, Henry Day, Arthur Fullbrook, Beryl Gutteridge, Harold Bagley, Desmond Mould, Ethel Carr, Bridget Bell, Vera Kelly, Ian Greig, Delia Jones, Daniel Arnold Marriott, John Dawson, Patricia Loring and Tony Kenning

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes £214.21
Loose Plate £261.91
Standing Orders £540.00
Total £1,016.12

We welcome Fran Rhowbotham and Eileen Worrall to our team of Eucharistic Ministers and thank them for making this commitment to serve our Parish.

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:

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

- 3rd December
- 14th January
- 4th February
- 4th March

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

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

Parish volunteers Many volunteers are needed to help with the smooth running of the Parish. We need volunteers to help with the services – to play the organ, serve on the altar, do the readings and organise the children's liturgy. We also need volunteers to clean the church, arrange the flowers, control the finances, maintain the Church building and grounds, and help out occasionally in a variety of ways – putting up the Christmas tree, helping with the Advent wreath or Easter tableau, putting out chairs for meetings and driving sick parishioners to and from hospital. At the moment, we urgently need someone to help with the cleaning. This involves about an hour's commitment six times a year. There is also a need for general helpers. This just means being put on a list. We know that many people have demanding lifestyles and so you may not be able to help much of the time and will often have to say 'no' but the times you can say 'yes' will be an enormous help to us. If you feel that you can help, please contact Jim O'Kane at jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk or Fr Stephen or Deacon Raymond.

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

Parish Christmas Card will also be available at the beginning of Advent. It has been decided that because of the generous offer of two business men to double the takings for money raised for Mary's Meals over the December period that all moneys raised will go to this wonderful charity. (Earlier this year a lady from Oakham visiting the remote Island of Likoma in Malawi found that all the schools on the island were receiving a meal a day via this charity.)

Mother's Prayers will be held on Tuesday 28th November at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

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

Second Collection There will be a second collection for the Christmas flowers at Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd December. Thank you in anticipation.

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: rchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Thank you from Denys and Beverley Hancock Last week's sale of jams, chutneys and mincemeat, added to proceeds from a few advance sales over the last few weeks, raised nearly £400 for Mary's Meals. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the sale. Thank you also to everyone who has saved jars for us over the past year. Just to let you know, we are having a break from preserving, so won't be collecting jars at the Church until later in the year; we'll let you know when we will start again.

Wheelchair The Parish has acquired a lightweight wheelchair which is available for parishioners to borrow. It fits neatly into the car boot and is much more 'user friendly' than the rather cumbersome wheelchairs provided by the NHS. Parishioners wishing to borrow it for trips to hospital, Church etc., please contact Hilary Davis on 01572 724256 or email hilaryj@uwclub.net

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.

Due to some rebuilding work we have Cottesmore stone/rocks available for anyone who would like some. If you are interested, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289. Whilst the stone is free, we would appreciate a donation to the Church.

CAFOD On behalf of CAFOD, many thanks for your generosity in giving to the Harvest Fast Day. We raised a total of £463.30, a 15% increase on last year. Your generosity will help save the lives of some of the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world.

Reminder We will be holding a Christmas Choral Evening at St Joseph's on Sunday 10th December at 7.00 pm. Refreshments afterwards including mulled wine and mince pies. Please speak to Fr Stephen or contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289 for more information. We hope to welcome a number of our parishioners to this event. There is no entrance fee but donations to SPUC and Mary's Meals will be gratefully appreciated.

SPUC The Melton and Rutland branch of this society meet in Melton on the first Tuesday of the month. If anyone is interested in attending, Bridget and Claire are happy to give anyone a lift. Please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289 for more information.

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 meetings are on the 2nd, 9th and 16th. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

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