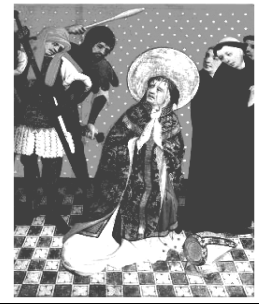




# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

## ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

26 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena and David Tookey and Family
27 <sup>th</sup> 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
28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas of Canterbury	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Anthony Lord Gainsborough RIP
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	Wednesday	9.00 am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
31 <sup>st</sup> December	St Sylvester	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Bruce Wigmore and Catherine McMurray RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Doug Hyde (In Thanksgiving)
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Pat Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	In Supplication to St Anthony
			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

<b>THIS WEEK ROTAS</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>NEXT WEEK ROTAS</b>	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	M Donn & S Taylor	G Webb	H Davis & P Reilly
Minister of Eucharist	G & R Tennant	F Wignall	M Port & M Mildner
Coffee			H Davis
Church Cleaning	H Davis & C Wignall		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>Primary School – English Martyrs</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>
<b>Acting Head Teacher</b>	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Irene Kearney Rose	Tel: 01572 823883
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chairman – Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall Hilary Davis Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:hilaryj@uwclub.net">hilaryj@uwclub.net</a> <a href="mailto:tantucat@yahoo.co.uk">tantucat@yahoo.co.uk</a>

**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 †

Betty Hope, Ethel Robinson, Ursula Stephenson, Winifred Prior, Patrick Joseph Maiden, Edward Webb, Fergus O'Brien, Sisto Foglietta, Anthony Lord Gainsborough, Valerie Hughes, Malcolm Gibson, William Healey, Teresa Ford, Stanislaw Lubnicki, Bruce Wigmore, Doris Gonty, Mary Turnbull, Veronica Gandy, Joseph Kennedy, William Maxwell, Elsie Tyler, Patricia Quinn, Annie Williams & Ronald Redman

### Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£325.09
Envelopes	£161.20
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£1,026.29

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

**The Year of Mercy** announced by Pope Francis began officially on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and continues until 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**Father Stephen sincerely thanks** all parishioners for all the help given during the Christmas period; the Masses, the prayers, cards, gifts and generous Christmas Offering – it is greatly appreciated. Let us continue to pray for each other.

**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.



**Children's Nativity Play** Thank you very much to Niamh, Daniel, Florence, Raphael, Rose, Matthew, Jess, Sebastian, Sophie, Will, Edward and narrator Louis for performing the Nativity story so well. It was a lovely way to start Christmas and was enjoyed and appreciated by the parishioners. Many thanks also to parents for bringing their children to rehearsals and helping out at this busy time of year.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Money raised for Mary's Meals** from the raffled hamper £212.15, Christmas card donations of £83.76 and saleable items and donations £77.56 - making a grand total of £373.47, which has been sent off to arrive before 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and therefore it will be doubled by the government. This is a marvellous amount and the people who organise events etc. for Mary's Meals wish to thank everyone who has helped in anyway and please can you continue to help this very worthy cause.

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