



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Thomas Clapperton RIP
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Agnes Wolesley RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	Monday	<b>8.30 am</b>	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
31 <sup>st</sup> January	St John Bosco	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Janette Stanley RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Alan and Janice Patient's Intentions
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St Blaise	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Hermine de Labritte RIP
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Elizabeth and Raymond's Intentions
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	David Locke RIP
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Jim Flood and Joey Shelley RIP

**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 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	J Widdows & C Berrie		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	J Alston & R Streeter	S Allan	I Kearney-Rose & R Miller
Minister of Eucharist	R Lott & J Widdows	A Loring	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Coffee			L Ramshaw & H Davis
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	M Donn & T Reilly	M/P England	P Reilly & C Miller
Minister of Eucharist	J Burns & K Wigmore	J Aitkins	M Port & L Perral
Coffee			C Slattery & J Kelly
Church Cleaning	R Jones & C Slattery		
<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://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		11.00 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		<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

<p><b>Please pray for the following who are ill:</b> Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura &amp; 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 and John Widdows</p>										
<p><b>Anniversaries †</b> Di Diemer, Peter O'Neill, Margaret Schofield, Norah Tiel, Mary Carter, James Kearney, George Perry, William Marles, Henry Bell, Maurice Turner, Mary Thompson, Mary Wallace, Selena Woodbridge, Nellie Webb, Mary Hurley, Francis Kelly and Gladys Clements</p>										
<p><b>Last Week's Collection</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Loose Plate</td> <td>£280.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Envelopes</td> <td>£183.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing Orders</td> <td>£540.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£1,004.38</td> </tr> </table>	Loose Plate	£280.88	Envelopes	£183.50	Standing Orders	£540.00	Total	£1,004.38	<p><b>Parish Census</b> It has been several years since we carried out a Parish census. We would like to update our database, held in the Parish office, with all our parishioners contact details. This will enable us not only to contact you when needed but, if you have an email account, keep you in touch with what is happening in our Parish. We would also like to be able to send the newsletter by email, although a paper copy will also be available.</p>	
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<p>Don't forget to join us for coffee after Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.</p> 	<p>In order to update our records, a form was included in last week's newsletter but there are also copies available in the Church porch. We would be really grateful if you could complete the form and return it to the box provided. Alternatively, you can submit the form electronically via the Parish website, <a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/index.php/forms/parishioner-update-form">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/index.php/forms/parishioner-update-form</a>, go to "Contacts", and you will find the "Update parishioner form". Simply fill in and submit.</p>									
<p><b>Uppingham School Masses</b> in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</li> <li>• Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>										
<p><b>A warm welcome</b> to Caden Peter Jack Wilkinson who will be baptised during the 11.00 am Mass this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Joseph's. May God guide and protect him throughout his life.</p>	<p>Any person wishing to receive the <b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b> on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, please see Fr Stephen or Deacon Raymond.</p>	<p><b>Altar Server Training</b> Please note that the Altar Server training will take place on <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> instead of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February.</p>								
<p><b>First Holy Communion</b> We have 9 children preparing for their First Holy Communion. This week will be our third lesson and all the children are learning so much about the life of Jesus. The children are really enjoying it and this week they are paying special attention to what happens in the Mass. Could parents who haven't brought their child's Baptism certificate, please bring it in so that we can take a copy. Many thanks.</p>										
<p><b>The Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre – The Briars</b> are hosting a retreat from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, purely focused on the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Open Confirmation Retreats at the Briars are an opportunity for young people to journey with other young candidates through fellowship, formation, catechesis and the Sacraments. The retreats will be led by the Briars Team, and the programme will include fun and games, a countryside walk, innovative catechesis, interactive prayer, live music, Reconciliation and Holy Mass. Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to book a place. Teresa (Bookings Administrator) – 01773 852044 or <a href="mailto:bookings@ndcys.com">bookings@ndcys.com</a>.</p>										
<p><b>Mother's Prayers</b> will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.</p>	<p><b>Second collection</b> There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Mission Orders – the annual Mission Appeal.</p>	<p><b>Church Repository</b> The January sale will end this weekend, so please come and see what we have on offer. Thank you for all who have supported this and we look forward to your continued support. We have some lovely new cards for sale in aid of persecuted Christians.</p>								
<p><b>Planned Giving Envelopes</b> The use of the envelope scheme enables the Parish to claim back tax and this is an important contributor to the Parish's income. The number of users has been falling quite sharply over the past few years and I would urge those parishioners who have signed up for the scheme to continue to use the envelopes provided. Anyone wanting to join the scheme, who is a standard rate tax payer, should contact Peter Martin on 01572 723767.</p>										
<p><b>Annual Valentine Marriage Mass with renewal of vows</b> All married couples are invited to join us at Nottingham Cathedral to celebrate your marriage with Bishop Patrick, and to renew your vows with each other. Whether you are celebrating five years or fifty years, you are very welcome. This will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 pm.</p>										
<p><b>NEW!</b> A Parish Sewing Group is starting at St Joseph's, and will meet in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 p.m. Come and share tea/coffee, company, conversation and expertise. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, embroidery etc. and come along to have fun! The first meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Tables available for sewing machines. All ages welcome. Any questions, please telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580 or Camille del Strother on 01572 758684.</p>										
<p><b>Churches Together Lent Courses – Receiving Christ in Five Different Ways</b> This year's Lent Courses will commence week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please see further information in the Church porch and sign the sheet in the porch by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Group leaders will confirm with you a place on the course.</p>	<p><b>St Joseph's and English Martyrs 200 Club</b> We are still seeking new members. Membership forms can be found in the Church porch. If you have any questions, please speak to Briega Slattery or email <a href="mailto:emmapotter21@gmail.com">emmapotter21@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Backpacks for Mary's Meals</b> Many thanks for your continued support. We have now sent 376 backpacks to help these poor children. We now need boy's shorts (any age) and exercise books.</p>								
<p><b>English Martyrs School News</b> The children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits from Lim and look forward to him returning again to visit later on in the year.</p>										
<p><b>Fr Stephen</b> visited the children in Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday morning and answered some of their quite challenging questions about Jesus and His life. He was inclined to agree with Daniel that some of the teaching of the Church is 'very difficult to understand'!</p>										
<p><b>Jude Bowden</b>, the Governor with responsibility for Religious Education, undertook a learning walk on Tuesday with Mrs Topping our RE School Leader. This involves experiencing RE teaching across the school and how the classrooms are laid out to ensure that God is at the centre of all the work we do. Books were scrutinised and the children had the opportunity to talk about what they are learning in school with regard to religious education. It was a very interesting morning and enjoyed by everyone involved.</p>										
<p><b>Refugees</b> The book stall has now been filled with lots of different books to support the refugees. Do please have a look. Thank you.</p>										
<p><b>Our Sick List</b> If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk">rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk</a></p>										
<p><b>Please note:</b> Any cheques made out to the Parish should read <b>St. Joseph's Oakham RCP</b>. Thank you.</p>										

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend**