



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## First Sunday of Advent

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Private Intention (RM)
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	David Tookey RIP
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Holy Souls in Purgatory
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	St Francis Xavier	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Tony Kenning RIP
4 <sup>th</sup> December	St John Damascene	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Jeremy Jepson's Intentions
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	John & Joy Widdows' Intentions
6 <sup>th</sup> December	St Nicholas	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Nicholas Tomlinson (Good Estate)
7 <sup>th</sup> December	St Ambrose	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Adrian Glover's Intentions
			12.00 noon	Funeral Service for Douglas Gordon Boyd	
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Private Intention
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Saturday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Claire Smith (Good Estate)
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	John Owens & Family
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Private Intention (CW)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

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

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Welcomers	J O'Shea & C Berrie		P Reilly & F Rhowbotham
Readers	R Streeter & J Widdows	P Pitts	M Mildner & L Perril
Minister of Holy Communion	M Port & A Wilkinson	tbc	B Ivory & J Burns
Coffee			J Fey & P Morton
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Welcomers	R Lott & A Robinson		P Donn & Y Trevor
Readers	A de Kremer & M Vincent	B Moore	N O'Rourke & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & E Worrall	tbc	M Donn & M Port
Coffee			C Jones & H Davis
Church Cleaning	H Davis & C Wignall		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>
<b>Head Teacher</b>	Alison 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	Email: <a href="mailto:irene@kearney-rose.co.uk">irene@kearney-rose.co.uk</a> Tel: 07743 030 460
<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>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Sylvia Minckley, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson and Floss Jepson.

If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**Anniversaries †** Ian Greig, Delia Jones, Daniel Arnold Marriott, John Dawson, Patricia Loring, Tony Kenning, David Westow, John Brown, Douglas Healey, Patricia Hanagan, Ursula Bell, John Nobbs, Ellen Fisher, Bridget O'Sullivan, Denis Giuseppi Thomas Clapperton and Denis O'Brien

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	
Envelopes & Loose Plate	£369.81
Standing Orders	<u>£520.00</u>
Total	£889.81

On Sunday at the 11.00 am Mass, **we welcome** Children, Staff and Parents from English Martyrs School to celebrate the beginning of Advent.

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



**Next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm in Oscott College Chapel.** John Owens will be Ordained to the Diaconate. **Please pray for him** as he begins his new Ministry in our Diocese.

**Uppingham School Masses**  
Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Please note:** there will be a Mass **next Saturday morning** 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am on the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Our sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Bernard Gandy, also to the family and friends of Douglas Gordon Boyd, who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

**Christmas Flowers** There will be a collection after Masses this weekend for Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for your usual generosity.

**Parish Christmas Card** Please consider signing the Parish Christmas card instead of sending individual cards to parishioners. Then donate the money saved to support the multi-faith charity in Leicester, which is providing night shelter for the homeless over the winter months. The card will be available next weekend.

**English Martyrs** will be holding their Christmas Fair at the School on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm. They have asked if the Parish would organise a cake stall. If you are interested in helping on the day or donating cakes, either leave your name on the sheet in the Church porch or contact Hilary Davis on 01572 724256.

**Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY)** will be celebrating an Advent Youth Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018, the Third Sunday of Advent, at St Mary's Catholic Church, South Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4PG at 6.00 pm. A warm invitation is extended to all young people, their families and friends, to join them for a Celebration of Mass led by our Youth. We will look with hope, joy and enthusiasm towards the coming of the Christ child. Those interested in helping with the different ministries of the Mass, come along with your skills and talents to the Church at 5.00 pm. Lots of help will be given. Pizza and light refreshments will take place in the hall afterwards. We look forward to seeing you all! Contact information: [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com), [katieannejones95@googlemail.com](mailto:katieannejones95@googlemail.com) or [claudiacoxon@googlemail.com](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlemail.com).

**English Martyrs School News** Our year 5 and 6 basketball team competed on Thursday. They played 3 games defeating Catmose Primary by 2 points to nil, Leighfield B by 2 points to nil and then unfortunately losing to Brooke Priory by 2 points to nil. The children played superbly and were amazing ambassadors for the school. On Friday, we had a British Values day in school where we thought about the areas of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. The school council led an assembly reminding us about the importance of our personal identities and respecting each other in all we do. We also talked about the Gospel values and our own school values and how important they are. Mrs Scott's class enjoyed a trip to Egleton Nature Reserve this week. They took part in lots of interesting activities including filtering water plus doing a spot of bird watching. They enjoyed their day despite the chilly wet weather!

**Christmas Fair** Our Christmas Fair will take place in School on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm.

**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 and conversation. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery etc. Everyone welcome, beginners or experts! This month's meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Any questions, ring Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

**Peru** There will be a stall selling Christmas Peruvian decorations on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Meeting Room. By buying any of these beaded items, you are directly helping the poor from Lima who live in the shanty towns where they are made. The women make them all year round and, with the money they receive, buy food for their children. They are all extremely poor and rely on our help. Do please pop in and have a look – there's sure to be something you will like! Come and see!

**Mother's Prayers** There will be no Mother's Prayers meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January 2019.

**Church Repository** There are many items and cards available in our repository in the Meeting Room. There are also some beautiful handmade angels for sale – made by Maria Marriott – the proceeds of which will be donated to Mary's Meals. Please take the time to come and have a look. If you would like to order anything, please use the notepad provided.

**Book of Remembrance** This is an ongoing project, so if at any time you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please collect a slip from the Church porch which gives details of what to do.

**Mass Intentions** If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch.

**Our Sick List** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please fill in a consent form available in the Church porch or email Maria at: [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto: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*