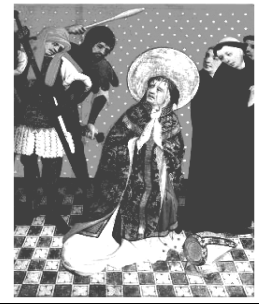




# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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



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### Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

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
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday after the Epiphany	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday after the Epiphany	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Ethel Franklin RIP
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday after the Epiphany	Wednesday	9.00 am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Eileen Keating RIP
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday after the Epiphany	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Henry Wray Francis
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday after the Epiphany	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Daniel Smith RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Mark Owen Tookey RIP
10 <sup>th</sup> January	The Baptism of the Lord	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Hyde Family (In Thanksgiving)
			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'S ROTAS	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		H Davis & P Reilly
Minister of Eucharist	G & R Tennant		M Port & M Mildner
Coffee			H Davis
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	J Widdows & J Alston		I Kearney-Rose & M Port
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & K Wigmore		D & S Morrell
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
Church Cleaning	R Duncan & M Port		

<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

### Anniversaries †

Elsie Tyler, Patricia Quinn, Annie Williams, Ronald Redman, Olga Szetman, Sheila Shackleton, Desmond Whitby, Thelma Long, Francis Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, Mark Tookey, Joseph Murphy, Alfred Lambert, Freda Gardner, Dorothy Smith & Sabina Kalinowska

#### Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£271.91
Envelopes	£114.50
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£926.41

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

**Cafod Recycling** The continued response for phones and ink cartridges has been brilliant. A huge thank you to all those who pop them in the box. We get £3-5 for each phone and 50p for each ink cartridge – all helping the poor.

**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.

**Churches Together Prayer Breakfast for Christian Unity Week** takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 at 8.30 am in the Victoria Hall, Oakham. The theme is "Welcoming the Stranger" – Speaker is Andy Worthington, Director of Church Relations at Open Doors. Tickets are £3 available from Lorraine Perril, Tel: 01664 - 452117.

**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.

**Church Flowers** Just a reminder that I will shortly be compiling the rota for next year for the Church flowers and would really be grateful if we could have some new volunteers! Your turn would only come around 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](mailto:maureen@mildner.co.uk) Many thanks, in anticipation.

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

**Readers' rota** The Readers' rota is now ready for collection in the porch. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible.

**Second Collection** A recent second collection raised £166.74 for New and Poor Parishes (NPP).

**Also** £84.10 has been sent to APF from our Sunday coffees.

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