



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Third Sunday of Advent

10 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Augustine and Priscilla Menezes RIP
11 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Claire Smith (Good Estate)
			10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Monday	10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
13 th December	St Lucy	Tuesday			No Holy Mass today
14 th December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St John of the Cross		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Torah Savant's Intentions
15 th December	Advent Feria	Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Gwen and Norman West RIP
16 th December	Advent Feria	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Christopher Kelly RIP
			7.00 pm	St Joseph	Advent Reconciliation Service
17 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
18 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	All Parishioners
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Elsie Fay RIP

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30–10.00 am Saturday: 11.30 am–12.00 noon and 3.30-4.00 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 10 th December	Sunday 11 th December
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	Marie-Therese Goldberg and Fran Rhowbotham
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Meryl Vincent	Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore
Coffee		Rosemarie Duncan and Chris Jones
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Phil Boak, Rachel Jones and Chris Jones	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 17 th December	Sunday 18 th December
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Ron Streeter and Tom Reilly	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Hilary Davis
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Phil Boak, Rachel Jones and Chris Jones	

Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk	Tel: 07513 72555
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Groups	Barbara Black Maureen Mildner	Tel: 01572 724918 Tel: 01572 756477
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Andreas Menzies	ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org Tel: 01572 722308
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, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley,, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Calum Simpson, Angela Munton, John Shortmoor, Joseph Shortmoor, Fr Tom McGovern, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Melanie McDonald, Ita Jones and Michael Dawson – 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

Anniversaries † Kathleen Hudson, John Wallace, Gladys Reuse, Agnes Wallace, Willott Graczyk, John Patrick O'Shea, Monica Joyce, Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush, Margaret Seabrook and Elizabeth Fay

Last week's collection

Collections	£270.65
Planned Giving and Donations	£817.00
Total	£1,087.65

Our Parish **Advent Penitential Service** is on Friday 16th December when priests from neighbouring parishes will be available to hear confessions. Prepare well for Christmas!

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



Fr Stephen sincerely thanks parishioners for their prayers, cards and gifts on his appointment as Honorary Canon of the Cathedral in Nottingham. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Aid for Chad and Peru Beautiful handmade Peruvian decorations will be on sale after both Holy Masses this weekend. Do come and have a look! Every penny raised goes directly to the poor in the shanty towns of Lima. Many thanks.

Second collection There will be a second collection after Holy Mass this weekend (10th/11th December) for Poor and Needy Parishes.

Parish Christmas Card in aid of the Cardinal Hume centre for the homeless (www.cardinaluumeecentre.org.uk). Please consider, instead of sending individual cards to parishioners, signing our card and donating the money saved to this very worthwhile cause.

English Martyrs School News

Congratulations to Miss Armer, our administration assistant, and her fiancé, Mr Needham, who got married last weekend! Our Choir joined 22 other Catholic Schools at the Menphys Carol Concert at De Montfort Hall last Friday. It was an amazing event and we hope lots of money was raised for the Menphys charity. We have had a fun week with lots of Christmas activities; EYFS joined their families for a Christmas craft extravaganza, FEM arranged an amazing afternoon for all the children with games and activities and then children wore Christmas jumpers for our reverse advent calendar, where they donated small gifts for care home residents and parishioners.

Dates for your diary

Celebration Assembly: Every Friday at 2.30 pm in school
Christmas Carol Concert: Thursday 15th December at 6.00 pm at St Joseph's Church
School Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Vellacott – Friday 16th December at 9.15am in school
All members of the parish are invited to these events. We would love to see you and welcome you to our school. We are also collecting items for the local food bank at school. You can support us by dropping off any food items at school. Thank you for all your support.

From 1st November 2022 to 31st January 2023, donations made to **Mary's Meals** will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1,500,000. Today we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where Mary's Meals works. With Double the Love, donations will be matched, and kindness will go even further – meaning Mary's Meals can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, to find out more visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Facebook Don't forget St Joseph's has a Facebook page on which future events can be advertised, members can be alerted to, for example, changes in service times, and ideas can be put forward. If you would like to join, please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk