



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 th January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Ann Burton's Intentions
14 th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pat Griffiths RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Holy Souls in Purgatory
15 th January	Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Daniel Smith RIP
16 th January	Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
17 th January	St Anthony, abbot	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Karen Black RIP
18 th January	Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	St Peter's Singers
19 th January	St Wulston	Friday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Paul Beardsmore and Schola
20 th January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Lilian Stevenson RIP
21 st January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Ellen Caffrey 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 13 th January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 14 th January
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		J Hickie & J Nash
Readers	R Streeter & M Donn	P Gatheral	I Kearney-Rose & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	E Worrall & J Burns	S Allan	M Port & M Pryke
Coffee			E McCombie & S Archer
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 20 th January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 21 st January
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	S Taylor & A de Kremer	The Wignall Family	L Perril & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & J Widdows	A Loring	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Coffee			M Kenning & V Wands
Church Cleaning	E Keogh & R Streeter		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney-Rose	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
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, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and 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, 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, John Widdows, May Carrie, Margaret West-Sadler, Lewis Paul, Floss Jepson, Angela Munton, Nigel Stark, Shane Spencer, Phillip Botteley, Andrena Lynch, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Avril Thompson, Jeffrey Miller, Fr Dominic O'Connor, Fr Kevin Clark, Fr Michael Bell, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Bernard Gandy, John and Shirley Parminter, Roly Marriott and Catherine Farnell

Anniversaries † Walter Clayton, Margaret Rising, Michael Crehan, John Sheahan, Ann Farrissey, Mary Ardley, Vera Keogh, Beatrice O'Brien, Bill Reeves, John Hibbett, Edith Ord, Patricia McCarthy, Una Eardley, Walter Poole, Elizabeth Farnworth, Connie Wilson and Ellen Caffrey

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£274.80
Loose Plate	£392.73
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£1,207.53

Christmas Offering - £2,203.27

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



Uppingham School Masses in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:

- 14th January
- 4th February
- 4th March
- 22nd April
- 20th May
- 17th June

Prayer volunteers urgently needed

Are you looking for a challenge during Lent, involving prayer and self-sacrifice? Are you saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion? "40 Days for Life" is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children through prayer, fasting and community outreach. With the support of Pope Francis for this worldwide initiative, and the encouragement of Bishop Patrick locally, we are running a campaign here in Nottingham during Lent 2018. The aim of our prayers is simple: we are praying for an end to abortion. But we also offer support – moral and practical – to women who may be under pressure to have an abortion which they do not want, and which they may come to regret. Our vigil is prayerful, peaceful and non-judgemental. We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, on a rota basis, at the Treatment Centre on the QMC Campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Most people who come stay for either one or two hours at a time. Please sign up now to pray with us on our webpage www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham or contact us on 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com. If you would like to know more before committing, we are holding an information event on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30 pm in the social centre behind St Barnabas' Cathedral, at which you can put questions to people who have done the vigil before. We will also have a speaker, Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, who has led the Birmingham campaign for many years. Come along and find out more! What a fantastic way to prepare for the Solemnity of Easter!

Important Notice Fr Stephen has now received the names of those children wishing to attend First Holy Communion Classes. **If you have not given your child's name to Fr Stephen or filled in and returned the online form, please do so ASAP** – http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/images/information_sheet.pdf. Please return completed forms to Maria - rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk. Classes will begin on 24th January in the Meeting Room at 4.00 pm to 5.15 pm. Many thanks.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gill Sillers of Easton-on-the-Hill, John O'Brien, David Cashman and Sarah Sneddon of Uppingham. Please remember them in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Second Collection There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Sick and Retired Priests.

Sick and Retired Priests Fund exists to support clergy in retirement with living costs and assists with medical or healthcare support. Although not a pension fund, it is run on similar lines with a "pot" to be built up for each priest which needs to approximate £72,000 per priest per retirement. The Retired Priest Appeal will establish this in full for those who are already retired and in part for those who are still working and the restored annual Second Collection will support those Diocesan priests in this second category.

St Joseph's Parish Council There will be a full Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th February 2018. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit in writing by Monday 29th January to Jim O'Kane via the presbytery or by email at jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk.

White Flower Appeal – the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend (20th/21st January) SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

The Governors of **St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Grantham** are seeking to appoint a new head teacher (September 2018) Further details are available from Mrs Michaela Hamilton on m.hamilton@st-marys-grantham.lincs.sch.uk, Tel: 01476 562017 or www.stmarysprimary.co.uk. Closing date for applications is noon on 31st January 2018.

The Annual Churches Together Breakfast will be held on Saturday 20th January at 8.30 am in the Victoria Hall. Tickets: £4.00 available from Marjorie Port. Tel: 01572 724203. See poster in the Church porch for details.

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) The working group of LACY will have their next meeting at the Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 0BG on Wednesday 31st January 2018. We will be discussing and taking forward some of the major events that we have planned for 2018. These will include "Countryside Stations" of the Cross during Lent, a "Confirmation Pre and Post Retreat Day" and a "Fun Day at Rutland Water". People of all ages are invited to come along to the meeting to help us prepare the best way to engage with our young teenagers and encourage them to enjoy their faith, have fun and last, but not least – socialise with food! Our meeting will commence at 7.30 pm and finish by 9.00 pm. A warm welcome awaits you! Thank you to the Franciscan Sisters for hosting the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com

Churches Together Lent Course The annual ecumenical Lent course is on the theme of Resurrection this year and starts week beginning Monday 19th February. For details, please read the poster on the noticeboard and sign up on the sheet in the Church porch by Sunday 4th February if you'd like to join one of the groups. A good opportunity to share your faith with fellow Christians. Contact Marjorie Port if you'd like more information (Tel: 01572 724203).

English Martyrs School News Three members of the Boccia team travelled to Bringhurst School on Thursday for the first round of the county competition. They played very well and won the game by 6 points to 4. Next week we will host two teams from Brooke Hill in the competition. Fingers crossed for two more victories. Our Maths Challenge Team have done extremely well again in their latest challenge and qualified for the Eastern Regional Final at Kings School in Peterborough on Wednesday. Our breakfast club has got off to a good start with the children enjoying a healthy breakfast and a range of activities. We look forward to more children signing up.

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: 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