

## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

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Please pray for the following who are ill: Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-								
Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Margaret Stacey and Judy Nash								
If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list with <u>their written permission</u> , please contact Maria at								
<u>rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</u> OR please ask them to complete the form below and return to Maria in the Parish								
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Anniversaries † Monica Joyce, Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush, M			n Cooke. Charles Hobbs.					
Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton and Mary Turnbull								
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Peter via email. In the case of an emergency, please ring the office number – the end message will advise you who to contact.								
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reminder to all. It would be appreciated if you could be quiet	If you know any parishioners who are not well, in hospital or							
in Church before Holy Mass begins and leave the Church	need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria							
quietly after Holy Mass ends. We encourage you to chat	know using this email address							
with others but please do so once you are outside of the main	<u>rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</u> or call 01572							
body of the Church so that you won't disturb others who want		722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we do not know we cannot help.						
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Last week's collection	Don't for	<b>Don't forget</b> to join us for light <b>Credo Group</b> The Credo						
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Please note: Canon Peter is at St Joseph's every Monday	Children?	a Liturga There is a val	unteen voor ev te min the					
and celebrates Holy Mass at 10.00 am. He is available			unteer vacancy to run the					
after Holy Mass should you want to make an appointment.		Sunday Children's Liturgy group. Please contact Maria for more details at <u>rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</u>						
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Christmas Offering Canon Peter's income as a priest under the current scheme differs from the scheme Canon Stephen was on								
who was paid a set monthly amount from the parish. The only income Canon Peter receives from the Parish is simply from the								
Easter and Christmas offerings - he is not paid a monthly salary. With this in mind, if you do not use the weekly envelopes and								
would like to give an offering, please use the white Christmas Offering envelopes. They will be available in the Church porch								
and on the benches on Christmas Eve. If you would like to gift aid it and you meet the requirements, please indicate that on the								
envelope. Alternatively, if you would like to use the Card Reader in the porch, please select Christmas Offering. Canon Peter								
thanks you very much for your generosity								
Parish Christmas Card: Instead of sending individual cards to		Aid for Chad and Peru						
parishioners, please sign the parish card and donate the money s	aved to							
this years charity, Hope in Action, whose mission is "To mobilis	se, unite							
and unleash Christian prayer, investments, donations and relation	nships to	ips to the money raised will be used to buy medicines and						
fight the injustice of homelessness." On a practical level, Churd	ches	food. Do come and look! Thank you so much for						
Together Oakhamcurrently have two houses for 4 homeless men	1.	your support .						
Second collection The second collection after Holy Masses last weekend raised £171.31 for Poor and Needy Parishes.								
<u>Christmas Flowers</u> There will be a collection after Holy Masses this weekend (14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> December) for Christmas Flowers.								
English Martyrs School News Date for your diary: Coffee Morning - Thursday 19th December 9.00 - 9.15 am start at school								
for parents, pre-school children, all members of the parish and visitors. There will be activities for the children. Do pop in and								
see us. We would love to welcome you to our school!								
Foodbank collection: Following our successful Harvest Liturgy led by our Student Chaplaincy Team and the fantastic donations								
collected for the local foodbank, we would like to collect items for the foodbank throughout the year. There will be donation								
points at the school and in the Church porch. Please leave items in the box marked "Food Bank" Thank you so much for								
supporting us with this!								
<u>Churches Together in Oakham</u> The lunch time Churches together prayer meetings are now being hosted by Oakham Baptist church on Thursday lunch times from 1.00 to 1.30 pm. All are welcome.								
<u>A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Third Sunday of Advent</u> : Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the								
moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the								
Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like.								
attitude of hope." To read the full reflection and find more reso								
Next Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December, marks the 200th anniversary of								
Nottingham's parish priest who was responsible for the building of Saint Barnabas Cathedral in the 1840s. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 1.00 pm that day, and all are very welcome to attend								
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**Join CAFOD** online on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 10.30 am until 12.00 noon for Get Jubilee Ready, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year

<u>ACN (UK)</u> has launched an Open Letter Campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter. Together, we can help Christians and other religious minorities trapped in modern slavery, extreme poverty and worse.

<u>Holy Mass Streaming Service</u> If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Parish Office via email **rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk** or call 01572 722308.

**Parish Groups – HELP** HELP is a group to support Parishioners. A lot of our parishioners are elderly now and probably feeling very lonely and some might even be housebound. Not being able to get out or see anybody also affects their mental health. So we can offer to visit or make a telephone call. Knowing that you have made a difference can be very satisfying. Also, if someone is looking after a loved one and needs a break, we can offer to stay with that person. We can also help with housework, shopping, preparing a meal, even walking the dog, arrange transport for appointments or a lift to Holy Mass. This is a voluntary group but can be very rewarding and it would be lovely to have more people on board. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact Rosemarie Duncan on 01572 723873.

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders<br/>rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.ukIf you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at<br/>Many thanks for your ongoing support.

**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@dioceseofnottingham.uk** 

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

Second Sunday of Advent – The Gift of Your presence: Peace

The Gift of Your Presence: Peace - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - The Gift of Your presence Joy

The Gift of Your Presence: Joy - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Fourth Sunday of Advent - The Gift of Your presence: Love

The Gift of Your Presence: Love - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Christmas Day - The Gift of Your presence: The Nativity

The Gift of Your Presence: The Nativity - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)