



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

14 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Faithful Departed
15 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
16 th December	Advent Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Theresa Hargaden RIP
17 th December	Advent Feria	Tuesday			
18 th December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday		St Joseph	No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today
	Advent Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Dermot Gilvary
19 th December	Advent Feria	Thursday			
20 th December	Advent Feria		7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN S & N Cook's Intentions
21 st December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Patricia O'Neil's Intentions
22 nd December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 14 th December	Sunday 15 th December
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Joan Burns	Lorraine Perril and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Andrew Wilkinson (MT)	Maureen Mildner and Anthony Loring
Coffee		Chris Jones
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Mariott	

NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 21 st December	Sunday 22 nd December
Welcomers	Philip and Mich Sturley	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Ed Anderson (BB)	Anthony Nguyen and Annie de Kremer
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Mariott	

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

Parish Websites	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	www.catholicstamford.com
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
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Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
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Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

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 their written permission**, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk OR please ask them to complete the form below and return to Maria in the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Permission form for Sick list

I give my permission for my name to be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on their (St Joseph's) website in the Newsletter tab.

Print Name.....

Signature..... Date.....

Anniversaries † *Monica Joyce, Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush, Margaret Seabrook, Elizabeth Fay, Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton and Mary Turnbull*

Parish Office Telephone contact: For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email. **In the case of an emergency, please ring the office number – the end message will advise you who to contact.**

Shhhhhh.... Important – please read: Just a gentle reminder to all. It would be appreciated if you could be quiet in Church before Holy Mass begins and leave the Church quietly after Holy Mass ends. We encourage you to chat with others but please do so once you are outside of the main body of the Church so that you won't disturb others who want to pray. Many thanks for your understanding.

If you know any parishioners who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we do not know we cannot help.

Last week's collection

Collections	£105.22
Planned Giving and Donations	£687.00
Total	£792.22

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



Credo Group The Credo Group meets on Thursday at 6.00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Please note: Canon Peter is at St Joseph's every Monday and celebrates Holy Mass at 10.00 am. He is available after Holy Mass should you want to make an appointment. rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Children's Liturgy There is a volunteer vacancy to run the Sunday Children's Liturgy group. Please contact Maria for more details at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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 parishioners, please sign the parish card and donate the money saved to this year's charity, Hope in Action, whose mission is "To mobilise, unite and unleash Christian prayer, investments, donations and relationships to fight the injustice of homelessness." On a practical level, Churches Together Oakham currently have two houses for 4 homeless men.

Aid for Chad and Peru

There will be a sale **THIS** weekend (14th /15th) of all the beautiful Peruvian decorations for Christmas. All the money raised will be used to buy medicines and food. Do come and look! Thank you so much for your support.

Second collection The second collection after Holy Masses last weekend raised £171.31 for Poor and Needy Parishes.

Christmas Flowers There will be a collection after Holy Masses this weekend (14th/15th 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!

Churches Together in Oakham 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.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Third Sunday of Advent: 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. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope." To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Next Monday, 16th December, marks the 200th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr Robert William Willson, 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.

Join CAFOD online on Saturday 18th 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>

ACN (UK) 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.

Holy Mass Streaming Service 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 If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk. 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

Please note: 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 \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

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

[The Gift of Your Presence: Joy - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

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

[The Gift of Your Presence: Love - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

Christmas Day – The Gift of Your presence: The Nativity

[The Gift of Your Presence: The Nativity - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)