



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Third Sunday of Advent

15 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Maria and Roly
16 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Doug Hyde (Good Estate)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			3.30 pm	St Joseph	ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
17 th December	Advent Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (CW)
18 th December	Advent Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	David Tookey RIP
19 th December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Jeremy Jepson's Intentions
20 th December	Advent Feria	Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Mass	IN ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL – School Intentions
21 st December	St Peter Canisius	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
22 nd December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	The Bullimore Family in memory of Jake
23 rd December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Margaret Glover's Intentions

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 15 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 16 th December
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		J Hickie
Readers	T Reilly & S Taylor	B McDonald	M Mildner & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	N O'Rourke & R Lott	tbc	M Pryke & F Rhowbotham
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 22 nd December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 23 rd December
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	J Widdows & R Streeter	G Webb	M Port & M Donn
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & B Black	tbc	F Rhowbotham & J Burns
Coffee			R Hunt & R Duncan
Church Cleaning	Christmas Clean: P Boak & F Qiatabina; R Duncan & M Port		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School	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: Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Sylvia Minckley, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson and Floss Jepson.

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 † *Monica Joyce, Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush, Margaret Seabrook, Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlin and Edmund Rauscher*

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£353.00
Loose Plate	£364.36
Standing Orders	<u>£520.00</u>
Total	£1,237.36

Please note the following dates and times for the remaining **Deanery Penitential Services**. **There is no better way to prepare a way for the Lord than to make a good Confession.**

Sunday 16th December : 3.30pm – St Joseph's, Oakham
Wednesday 19th December : 7.00 pm – St Mary's, Grantham

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



All details of Masses during the week of Christmas are available at the back of Church near the organ. Please help yourself to a card and take one for your friends.

Uppingham School Masses

Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm – dates for 2019 to be confirmed.

Churches Together Breakfast Everyone is welcome at our Annual Breakfast in the Victoria Hall on Saturday 19th January 2019 at 8.30 am. Tickets £4 will be available at the end of our New Year Masses.

Second Collection There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes.

St Joseph's and English Martyrs' 200 club winners for November are:

1 st prize	£100	Andy Fink
2 nd prize	£20	Barry Chalmers-Stevens
3 rd prize	£10	Pauline Morton

Peru stall £247 was raised last weekend for the families in Peru which was an amazing amount! This money will help families to buy food and medicines this Christmas. A huge thank you for your very generous support.

Parish Christmas Card Please consider signing the Parish Christmas card instead of sending individual cards to parishioners. Then donate the money saved to support the multi-faith charity in Leicester, which is providing night shelter for the homeless over the winter months. The card will be available until Christmas.

Church Mouse The Christmas edition of the Church Mouse is now available in the Church porch – cost £1. Please pick up your copy today! Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the Mouse – we really appreciate your support.

English Martyrs School News Our EYFS and KS1 children put on 3 wonderful performances of their Nativity play 'Christmas around the World'. They worked so hard learning all the lines, songs and dances and the performances were brilliant! We've had recent success in sport with our Boccia team playing in a tournament and having a go at New Age Kurling. Our Cross Country team were also in action with some great results.

Our Maths challenge team are also progressing well in the regional maths competition by coming top in the second round with an amazing score.

We have been very busy with lots of Christmas activities and events, which included a Christmas jumper day on Friday where children wore a Christmas jumper in exchange for a gift to give to the residents of two local care homes.

Thank you again to Hilary Davis and fellow parishioners for helping at the Christmas fair – the grand total raised was £1,401! All the staff and children would like to wish parishioners a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to sharing our news with you in 2019!

Mary's Meals A message from Magnus: £13.90 feeds a child with a meal every day for a year. The wonderful news is that amount will now be doubled until 1st March 2019, thus enabling 2 children to receive a daily meal! What a gift this Christmas. Thank you so much for all your continued support.

St. Joseph's Parish Sewing Group meets in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Come and share tea/coffee, company and conversation. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery etc. Everyone welcome, beginners or experts! This month's meetings are on 15th and 22nd December. Any questions, ring Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

Mother's Prayers There will be no Mother's Prayers meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January 2019.

Church Repository There are many items and cards available in our repository in the Meeting Room. Please take the time to come and have a look. If you would like to order anything, please use the notepad provided.

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if at any time you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please collect a slip from the Church porch which gives details of what to do.

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch.

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please fill in a consent form available in the Church porch 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