



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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
19 th December	Advent Feria	Monday	10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
20 th December	Advent Feria	Tuesday			No Holy Mass today
21 st December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Peter Canisius		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Kathleen Cullen RIP
22 nd December	Advent Feria	Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Kath Fobbester RIP
23 rd December	Advent Feria	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Lesley and Chris Knowland's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	The Faithful Departed
24 th December	Vigil Mass of Christmas	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Mary McGarvey's Intentions
25 th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

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 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	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 24 th December	Sunday 25 th December
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Matthew Rose	Meryl Vincent
Coffee		No coffee this week
Flowers	The Flower Team	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall & Maria Marriott	

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	ppchair@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 † Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush, Margaret Seabrook, Elizabeth Fay, Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlin, Edmund Rauscher, Colin Larkin and Robert MacDonald

Last week's collection

Collections	£175.15
Planned Giving and Donations	£716.25
Total	£891.40

Christmas Flowers Collection Many thanks for your kind generosity in donating £172 towards the Christmas flower collection. A very happy and holy Christmas to all our parishioners from the flower team.

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



Second collection The second collection last weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes raised £168.29.

Parish Christmas Card in aid of the Cardinal Hume centre for the homeless (www.cardinalhume.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

Thank you to the parishioners who attended our Christmas party this week. They enjoyed performances from our Menphys choir and songs from the Years 1 and 2 Nativity. They were presented with a gift from our reverse advent calendar while they enjoyed a mince pie and cup of tea!

Our KS2 children lead a lovely Carol Concert at St Joseph's on Thursday which was attended by families and parishioners. It was wonderful to be able to have this event again after a two year absence due to Covid. Our Years 1 and 2 children also had fantastic performances of their Nativity this year. They worked hard to learn all their lines, songs and dances!

We wish all the parishioners a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and we will be back in 2023 with more school news!

Dates for your diary

Celebration Assembly: Every Friday at 2.30 pm in school

All members of the parish are invited to this event. 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