



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Michael Terrett and Family
19 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Lesley and Chris Knowland's Intentions
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
20 th December	Advent Feria	Monday		Holy Mass	Alan Hutton's Intentions
21 st December	St Peter Canisius	Tuesday		Holy Mass	The Savant Family
22 nd December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Advent Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Bullimore Family (In Memory of Jake)
23 rd December	Advent Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Fr Malachy Brett's Intentions
24 th December	Vigil Mass of Christmas	Friday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Pat and Joe Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
			8.00 pm	Holy Mass	Emily Morgan (Good Estate)
25 th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Saturday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	Our Church Community
26 th December	The Holy Family	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Bishop Patrick's Intentions
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 18 th December	Sunday 19 th December
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones
Readers	Joan Burns and Siobhan Taylor	Marjorie Port and Brian Moore
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 25 th December	Sunday 26 th December
Welcomers	Jan O'Shea and Caroline Berry	Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones
Readers	Brian Moore and Nuala O'Rourke	Brian Moore
Coffee		No coffee
Flowers	tbc	

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott	rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
Prayer Groups	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - 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 LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Elsie Fay, Calum Simpson and Angela Munton*
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 rcrchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Anniversaries † *Evelyn Bush, Margaret Seabrook, Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlin, Edmund Rauscher, Colin Larkin and Betty Hope*

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£68.00
Loose Plate	£204.19
Standing Orders	£630.00
Total	£902.19

Fr Stephen and Deacon Raymond wish All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of Our Church Community a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

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



Bereavement Support Group for anyone with past or present difficulties, begins on 17th January 2022 at 2.30 – 4.00 pm in the Meeting Room. No need to book, you'll be very welcome.

Aid for Chad and Peru If you still have some Christmas shopping to do and you'd like something a bit different, do come and look at the stall on Saturday and Sunday in the meeting room! The colourful items come direct to us from the shanty towns in Lima which has been so badly hit in the pandemic. By supporting our tiny charity, you are directly helping to feed the hungry. Every penny reaches them. Thank you so much for your support.

The Parish Christmas Card is now available to sign. Instead of sending greetings to individual parishioners, why not put the money you would have spent to support the homeless. This year's appeal is The Cardinal Hume Centre. For more information, visit <https://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk>

Face Coverings HM Government has made the wearing of face covering mandatory (a legal requirement) in Places of Worship. When singing, you MUST have a facecovering. If you have a face covering exemption, please wear a face covering if you wish to sing or please refrain from singing.

Faith in Families The last collection for Faith in Families will be the CRIB OFFERING. After 31st December, Faith in Families will merge with "Adoption Focus". If you have standing order/direct debit with Faith in Families, you will need to cancel them. If you would like to continue to support the charity, please go to the new website: <https://www.adoption-focus.org.uk/> where you will find all the relevant information. A huge thank you for all your support for over 70+ years.

Mary's Meals Thank you for all your wonderful support for Mary's Meals during 2021. It is very much appreciated.

Nativity Crib A parishioner has 2 nativity cribs they would like to give away (one wooden/one porcelain) to anyone who would like them. If you are interested, please contact Maria at rcrchurchoakham@live.co.uk

English Martyrs School News

For Christmas Jumper day this year, in exchange for wearing their jumper, the children donated a gift each which we shared amongst the elderly members of the parish and residents of local care homes.

Congratulations to Mrs Aparicio, a member of our staff, who has qualified as a Forest School Leader following her training. She helps run the Forest School sessions for our children at Rutland Farm Park.

Thanks to the fundraising FEM have managed to do over the last year, we have just purchased 12 new iPads which should arrive in January. Thank you to everyone who supports FEM's fundraising efforts.

We wish all the parishioners a happy and safe Christmas, from all of us at English Martyrs.

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) – "Have Your Say" – Synod 2021/2023 Due to the rising number of infections with COVID at the present time, LACY have decided that instead of meeting at St Patrick's, Leicester for our event for young people entitled "HAVE YOUR SAY – Synod '21-'23", this will now take place via Zoom on 9th January 2022 at 4.00 pm. A great opportunity for input about the Synod, discussion and fun time and a short liturgy will be shared together. Save the date! Save the time! We look forward to seeing all young people, families and friends. (Please note that all young people under the age of 18 should be present with an adult.) Line in details for Zoom will be sent out at the beginning of January to schools and parishes and may also be found on our Facebook page @LACYcatholicyouthleics.

Contact details: paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com

Let's fan the flame and share our ideas with our Bishop, our Priests and each other!

Singing Hymns As restrictions are being relaxed, we are taking the approach that we have taken throughout the opening of our Church during the pandemic. When we do start to sing hymns and certain parts of Holy Mass, **you MUST wear a mask or face covering.** We want to continue to keep everyone as safe as we can. Thank you for your continued support.

Sign of Peace - for your information – taken from **CATHOLIC BISHOP’S CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.** It is recommended that the physical Sign of Peace remains suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Maria

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

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.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@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

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, 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.