



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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First Sunday of Advent

30 th November	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Meryl Vincent's Intentions
1 st December	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
2 nd December	Advent Feria	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Peter Martin RIP
3 rd December	St Francis Xavier	Tuesday			
4 th December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St John Damascene		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
5 th December	Advent Feria	Thursday			
6 th December	St Nicholas		7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Maria Marriott's Family Intentions (from cancelled Latin Mass)
7 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Faithful Departed
8 th December	Second 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 30 th November	Sunday 1 st December
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Marjorie Port and John Alston
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Michael Terrett and Joan Burns (JA)	Lesley Knowland and Mary Hatton
Coffee		Hilary Davis
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	

NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 7 th December	Sunday 8 th December
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Ron Streeter and Mich Sturley	Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Aitkens and Barbara Black (EW)	Anthony Loring and Billy Ivory
Coffee		Sarah Archer
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	

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
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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 and Margaret Stacey*

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 † *Bridget Bell, Vera Kelly, Ian Greig, Delia Jones, Daniel Arnold, John Dawson, Patricia Loring, Tony Kenning, David Westow, John Brown, Douglas Healey, Patricia Hanagan, Ursula Bell, John Nobbs, Ellen Fisher, Bridget O'Sullivan, Denis Giuseppi and Irene Collin*

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	£110.66
Planned Giving and Donations	<u>£682.00</u>
Total	£792.66

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

Second collection There will be a second collection after Holy Masses next weekend (7th/8th December) for Poor and Needy Parishes.

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 First Sunday of Advent: The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Is God calling me to be a priest? Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Fr Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00 am Mass on Saturday 7th December.

Take time in Advent, an afternoon of prayer and reflection for Advent on Sunday 8th December between 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm in the Presentation Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT. The afternoon will be led by Sister Angela Murphy and Friends of Nano. The suggested donation is £5; please contact Sister Susan religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information, or to book a place.

Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire Advent Calendar: In this Advent season, we are amplifying the reach of some local charities which aim to bring light into darkness. There are, of course, many others. Please have a look and join us in raising hopeful voices. The colour version is at: <https://bit.ly/3ZmMGuI>, and the black and white version is at: <https://bit.ly/40UwnGw>

Men's Spiritual Exercises, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

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.