



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND
ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

19 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Ann Robinson's Intentions
20 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
21 st December	St Peter Canisius	Monday		Holy Mass	Monica England's Intentions
22 nd December	Advent Feria	Tuesday		Holy Mass	The Bullimore Family (In Memory of Jake)
23 rd December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mary Donn RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		10.30 am – 12 noon	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
24 th December	The Nativity of the Lord	Thursday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Pat and Joe Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
			8.00 pm	Holy Mass	Richard and Lubi Geach's Intentions
25 th December	The Nativity of the Lord	Friday	9.00 am	Holy Mass	The Gainsborough Family
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
26 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
27 th December	The Holy Family	Sunday	9.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community

Fr Stephen and Deacon Raymond wish all our Parishioners a Very Happy, Safe and Holy Christmas.

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	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
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, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchar, Caterina Harrison, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine and Alison Pepperdine.* 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 † *Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlin, Edmund Rauscher, Colin Larkin, Betty Hope and Ethel Robinson*

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£255.00
Loose Plate	£ 16.81
Standing Orders	£650.00
Total	£921.81

Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Second Collection There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Sea Sunday. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

Messages for our Stewards
On behalf of the Parishioners I would like to thank Maria and her band of stewards for making it possible for us to attend Mass. The work that goes into this we rarely see as they sanitise and keep us safe. May God bless you all and grant you a peaceful and happy Christmas. Maureen Mildner

An anonymous parishioner would like to thank our stewards for all their care, time and enthusiasm for helping us in the months since worship restarted in the Summer. Not only do they show us to our seats; they begin with receiving requests, ensuring that designated seats are available, then stand outside in all sorts of weather to greet us with a smile. Not finished yet though, they have to stay behind to clean the individual seats when we have gone. Being able to attend Mass is such a comfort to so many of us. Thank you!

Many thanks for so many of you continuing to support the **St Joseph's and English Martyrs' 200 club**. The winners for November are: Andy Fink £100; Nuala O'Rourke £20 and Paul Rogerson £10.

COVID-19 and Vaccination
The Bishop has received a number of letters from concerned Catholics with regards to the new vaccine which has been developed to combat the coronavirus.
In September 2020, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement **COVID-19 and Vaccination** (24th September 2020). In the light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development, they have now issued a follow-up statement (3rd December 2020) which can be found on the CBCEW website along with the original September statement. Please take the time to read this statement on <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

Homeless Visitors No more tins for the moment - Thank you for the fabulous response! We now have quite a collection. Many thanks

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.

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.