



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

## ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

21 <sup>st</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Patricia O'Neil's Intentions
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	St John of Kanty	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Pat and Joe Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Tuesday	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	John McCaul RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Wednesday	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	The Late Anthony and Mary Gainsborough RIP
			<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>	Lorraine and David Perril's Intentions
26 <sup>th</sup> December	St Stephen	Thursday			
27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John		7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Arthur Glover RIP
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Well-being of the Hutton Family
29 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family	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 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Welcomers	Philip and Mich Sturley	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Judy Aitkens (BB)	Anthony Nguyen and Annie de Kremer
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Mariott	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Ron Streeter and Mich Sturley	Brian Moore and Lorraine Perril
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Barbara Black and Eileen Worrall (AW)	Nuala O'Rourke and Marjorie Port
Coffee		Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Flowers	The Flower Team	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Mariott	

**Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.**

<b>Parish Websites</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	<a href="http://www.catholicstamford.com">www.catholicstamford.com</a>
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	<a href="mailto:Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk">Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>	Tel: 07513 725552
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
<b>House Faith Sharing Group</b>	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Andreas Menzies	<a href="mailto:ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org">ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org</a> Tel: 01572 722308
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**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, Margaret Stacey and Judy Nash*

If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list **with their written permission**, please contact Maria at [rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rchurchoakham@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 †** *Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlin, Edmund Rauscher, Colin Larkin, Robert MacDonald, Betty Hope, Ethel Robinson, John McCarthy, Ursula Stephenson, Winifred Prior, Patrick Joseph Maiden, Edward Webb, Fergus O'Brien, Anthony Lord Gainsborough and Vanya Martin*


**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 [rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rchurchoakham@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	£193.20
Planned Giving and Donations	£680.00
Total	£873.20

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

**Credo Group** The Credo Group will resume on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**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. [rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rchurchoakham@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 [rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Christmas Offering** Canon Peter's income as a priest under the current scheme differs from the scheme Canon Stephen was on who was paid a set monthly amount from the parish. The only income Canon Peter receives from the Parish is simply from the Easter and Christmas offerings - he is not paid a monthly salary. With this in mind, if you do not use the weekly envelopes and would like to give an offering, please use the white Christmas Offering envelopes. They will be available in the Church porch and on the benches on Christmas Eve. If you would like to gift aid it and you meet the requirements, please indicate that on the envelope. Alternatively, if you would like to use the Card Reader in the porch, please select Christmas Offering. Canon Peter thanks you very much for your generosity

**Parish Christmas Card:** Instead of sending individual cards to parishioners, please sign the parish card and donate the money saved to this year's charity, Hope in Action, whose mission is "To mobilise, unite and unleash Christian prayer, investments, donations and relationships to fight the injustice of homelessness." On a practical level, Churches Together Oakham currently have two houses for 4 homeless men.


**English Martyrs School News**

Dear parishioners,

We have enjoyed a wonderful term at school filled with learning, engaging in various sports, arts and community activities and a focus on prayer. Our children fulfil a weekly mission to grow their virtues, and their responses to the missions show their great faith and commitment to service which is wonderful. We are looking forward to the year ahead and joining with the parish to celebrate the Jubilee Year of hope. May the peace and blessings of Christmas fill your hearts and homes.

From us all at English Martyrs.

**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.

**Aid for Chad and Peru** (reg. no. 328051) Please can you help us to buy some urgently needed medicines for the poor of Mberi Mission in S. Chad that we support by donating clothes you don't need any more? They can be left on the Chad chair in Canon Stephen's porch. "With a thank you as big as an  elephant from Chad". Elizabeth Thank you so much for your amazing support last weekend. The 2 stalls raised £585 for the poor of Chad and Peru. It will certainly help to buy essential medicines for them.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Advent:** There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Every Day Evangelising** – Explore sharing your faith. Join Bishop Patrick on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January (10.00 am-3:30 pm) at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, for a day focused on how we can share our faith in simple ways every day! The day will be led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) who will help us develop ways to live our baptismal calling to be Jesus' ambassadors in the world. There is no cost to the day but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place here: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Please note:** Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.

Second Sunday of Advent – The Gift of Your presence: Peace

[The Gift of Your Presence: Peace - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) – The Gift of Your presence Joy

[The Gift of Your Presence: Joy - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

Fourth Sunday of Advent – The Gift of Your presence: Love

[The Gift of Your Presence: Love - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

Christmas Day – The Gift of Your presence: The Nativity

[The Gift of Your Presence: The Nativity - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)