



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Michael Hill RIP
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday			<b>No 9.00 am Mass</b>
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Peter Martin RIP
	Vigil Mass of Christmas		<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>	<b>Readings and Carols</b>
			4.30 pm	St Joseph	Bridget Davis RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord	Monday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
26 <sup>th</sup> December	St Stephen	Tuesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Bridget and Keith Francis' Intentions
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St John the Evangelist		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Bernadette Carroll's Intentions
28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents	Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Assumpta Creaven RIP
29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas of Canterbury	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Pauline Morton's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass <b>St Thomas</b>	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Maria Marriott's Intentions
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Special Intention (Rosemary S)
31 <sup>st</sup> December	The Holy Family	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Monica England's Intentions
			10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

**CONFESSION TIMES:      Wednesdays: 9.30-10.00 am      Saturday: 11.30 am-12.00 noon 3.30-4.00 pm**

<b>THIS WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30 am</b>
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Rachel Lott and Barbara Black
Readers	Joan Burns and Irene Kearney-Rose	Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rachel Lott and Barbara Black	Fran Rhowbotham and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		No coffee this week
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Maria Marriott and Eileen Worrall	
<b>NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS</b>	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4.30 pm</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30 am</b>
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Ron Streeter and Meryl Vincent	Lorraine Perril and Ed Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Eileen Worrall	Nuala O'Rourke and Ed Anderson
	<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Tom Reilly and Joan Burns	Marjorie Port and Nuala O'Rourke
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Aitkens and Andrew Wilkinson	Billy Ivory and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Pauline Morton and James Fay
Flowers	The Flower Team	
Church Cleaning	Maria Marriott and Eileen Worrall	
<b>Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.</b>		
<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	


**Please pray for the following who are ill:** *Fiona Ruddle, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Claire Smith, Floss Jepson, Phillip Botteley, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Catherine Farndell, Amanda Messer, Fr David Bowler, Emily Morgan, Melissa Barker, Nicholas Tomlinson, Richard Goodger, Fr John Trenchard, Alison Pepperdine, Moira McCormick, Ita Jones, Simon and Sandra Lambert, Frank and Margaret Parslow, Kevin Gallagher, John and Anna Enni, Nick Reid, Margaret Horn, Rita Hunt, Fr Stephen Dye, Martin Duncan, Ellen Freer, Denys Hancock, Robert McDonald, David Price, Callum Simpson, Elisabeth Simpson and Vanya Martin* **We have updated our sick list to the best of our knowledge. If your loved one has been removed, please contact Maria asap and they will, of course, be reinstated with their permission.** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list **with their permission**, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Anniversaries †** *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, Valerie Hughes, Malcolm Gibson, William Healey, Theresa Ford, Mary Countess of Gainsborough, Harold Johnson, Stanislaw Lubnicki, Sisto Foglietta, Bruce Wigmore and Lawrence McGuire*

**Last week's collection**

Collections	£196.10
Planned Giving and Donations	£714.15
Total	£910.25
<b>Poor &amp; Needy Parishes</b>	£401.82

**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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we don't know we cannot help.

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

**If you would like to offer Holy Mass** for friends/family/relatives, please obtain their **permission** for **their names** to go into the public domain, ie Newsletter and the Newsletter online. This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. Many thanks

**Reminder** This weekend, Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass twice; once on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and again on Christmas Day. Please note that the Vigil Mass on Sunday does not fulfil the Sunday obligation.

**Please note** there won't be coffee in the meeting room after 10.30 am Holy Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mary's Meals** Great news! Once again, any donations for Mary's Meals will be doubled until 22<sup>nd</sup> January thanks to a very kind donor. This means two children will be fed for a year instead of one which is a gift of life indeed!

**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)

**Special Thanks From Canon Stephen:** Canon Stephen wishes to send his most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the very generous collection he received of £2275 from the whole Parish. It was so kind of you all – God bless

**The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese**, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

**Mass Intentions** If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Our Sick List** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**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.

**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.

**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 and send a request via Facebook at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)