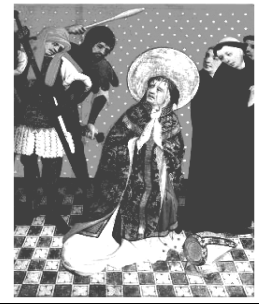




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 rd January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Peter Dean RIP
24 th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Nell Caffrey RIP
25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Robert Benson RIP
26 th January	Saints Timothy and Titus	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Fr John Gott's Intentions
27 th January	St Angela Merici	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Peter Dean RIP
28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intentions (SD)
29 th January	Feria	Friday	NB: 1.00 pm	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Peter Dean
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart & Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
30 th January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	John Curry RIP
31 st January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	In Supplication to St Anthony
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 23 rd January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 24 th January
Welcomers	C Collins		T & C Slattery
Readers	S Taylor & J Alston	The Wignall Family	R & C Miller
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & K Wigmore	L Knowland	J Burns & M Port
Coffee			J & B Nash
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 30 th January	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 31 st January
Welcomers	J Williamson & C Berrie		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	J Williamson & M Vincent-Enright	P Venn	M Mildner & M Port
Minister of Eucharist	M Donn & R Lott	S Allen	M Pryke & B Ivory
Coffee			S Archer & E McCombie
Church Cleaning	L Perril, P Boak & L Stetkova		

Parish Website	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Acting Head Teacher	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney Rose	Tel: 01572 823883
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman – Parish Pastoral Council	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall Hilary Davis Maria Marriott	eileenworrall@hotmail.com hilaryj@uwclub.net tantucat@yahoo.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE ILL: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Pearl Duffy, Mary Crump, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura & Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, John O'Brien, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Veronica Wands, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Mike Ellis, Yvonne Trevor, Virginia Barwell, Raymond Barwell, Cindy & Graham

Anniversaries †

Ann Brown, Florence Firth, Michael Farrissey, Marian Kotomski, John Malone, Di Diemer, Peter O'Neill, Margaret Schofield, Norah Tiel, Mary Carter, James Kearney, George Perry, William Marles, Henry Bell & Maurice Turner

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£217.17
Envelopes	£133.75
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£890.92

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



Sunday Masses at Uppingham in the
School Chapel at 12.15 pm:

- 7th February
- 6th March
- 15th May
- 12th June

The Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis began officially on 8th December 2015 and continues until 20th November 2016. His intention is that the "balm of mercy" should reach everyone and that this would be a sign that the Kingdom of God is present in our midst. As well as an opportunity for our own spiritual growth, it is also a time to reflect upon the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, i.e. our love in action.

There is a Diocesan website: www.bemerciful.co.uk which will be a hub for events and activities during the year. Bishop Patrick would like each parish and each school to reflect upon what they are already doing through the lens of mercy and then undertake one further act of mercy.

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counselling the doubtful
2. Instructing the ignorant
3. Caring about sinners
4. Comforting the afflicted
5. Forgiving offences
6. Bearing wrongs patiently
7. Praying for the living and the dead

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feeding the Hungry
2. Giving drink to the thirsty
3. Clothing the naked
4. Welcoming the stranger
5. Visiting the sick
6. Visiting the imprisoned
7. Burying the dead

The Requiem Mass for Peter Dean will be celebrated in St Joseph's on Friday 29th January at 1.00 pm.

Mothers' Prayers next meet on Tuesday 26th January at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby, LE14 2QA. All welcome. Lorraine: 01664 452117.

Cafod Recycling Great news! Cafod are now recycling any old broken costume jewellery, odd earrings, snapped chains etc., any bits of gold or silver, any old broken watches and any old or new UK or foreign notes. Please pop in the recycling **Cafod box** in the porch if you have anything. Many thanks.

The Governors at English Martyrs Catholic Voluntary Academy, Oakham, are seeking to appoint a classroom teacher (KS1 or 2) from April / September 2016 (MPS). Applications are invited from both experienced teachers and NQT's. For more information, please visit eTeach or contact Jennifer Iden on 01572 722400 or office@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk

Rutland Ladies Social Group This friendly group meet here at St. Joseph's on the last Saturday of the month, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. It is aimed at ladies who live on their own and who might like to meet others in the same situation. This month there will be a Bring and Buy sale and afternoon tea. If you would like some more information, please contact Joan Burns on 01572 771444, or just turn up for 2.00 pm on 30th January.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Patsy McCarthy who died last week. Patsy and her family only recently moved to Barleythorpe. Please remember her in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Patsy's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's on Thursday 4th February at 2.00 pm.

Also please pray for Vivien Panter who recently died in Luton and will be buried in Exton Cemetery on Tuesday 26th January.

Churches Together in Oakham Prayer Breakfast for Christian Unity Week takes place on Saturday 23rd January at 8.30 a.m. in the Victoria Hall. All welcome.

Covenant Service for Christian Unity at Oakham Methodist Church takes place on Sunday 24th January at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

Churches Together in Oakham Lent Course - The Psalms - Prayers for Today's Church: The participants on the 5 session course on CD are Fr Timothy Radcliffe (a Dominican Friar), Rev John Bell (Iona Community), Rev Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkins (Chaplain to Speaker of the House of Commons) and Rev Jane Leach (Principal of Wesley House). If you would like to join the course, please sign up on the sheet in the porch by 7th February at the latest. The courses begin on Monday 15th February.

Station Road Please note that all vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Station Road between its junction with Church Street and its junction with Kilburn Road. Traffic from Kilburn road to Church Street is unaffected. The duration of the one way closure is from 25th January until mid-May. Access to the Church will be via the Kilburn Road end of Station Road only. Full details can be found on a notice in the Church porch.

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

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend

Additional notices/information

White Flower Appeal The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend (30th/31st January). In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Car Parking at Exton Please may I remind everyone that parking is in the field and under no circumstances in the Stable Yard. In case of adverse weather (ie snow and ice), please call Fr Stephen or the Exton Estate Office because it may be necessary to have Mass in Oakham at 9.00 am instead. Many thanks.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Nevers – Saturday 18th June to Saturday 25th June 2016 – Cost £460 (full board) Travel by luxury fully air-conditioned Silverdale Coach with toilet and free refreshments, from Nottingham to Lourdes and Nevers. We will be travelling by P&O Ferry from Dover to Calais. Price includes bed, breakfast and evening meal in Saran (near Orleans) on the outbound journey, and bed, breakfast and evening meal in Nevers on the return journey and full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes. The coach will pick passengers up from Nottingham, Derby and Leicester (southbound services – M1 junction 21). For more information or a booking form, please contact Fr John McCay on 0115 9810320 or jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk

Stamps A total of £500 has been raised from collecting used stamps, which will help various groups such as a mission in Zimbabwe, orphans in children's homes, lepers and Aids victims. Please continue to place any used stamps in the box provided in the church porch. It would be good to expand the collection of stamps, so if you know of any local shops etc. who would like to have a collection box, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289.

Celebrating Mass at English Martyrs This week, Fr Stephen has been at English Martyrs talking to Year 6 about the celebration of Holy Mass. He will talk to every year group over the next few weeks. Fr Stephen will then celebrate Mass with each class on a weekly basis.

Crib offerings raised a total of £10.10.

Women's World Day of Prayer invite you to a **Discovery Day - 'Receive children, Receive me'** - prepared by Christian Women of Cuba to be held at Oakham Methodist Church, Northgate, Oakham on Friday 29th January from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. To reserve lunch or for more information, please telephone Christine Carlin on 01572 722698 Cost - £5 including lunch & drinks. RSVP by Monday 25th January.

Mary's Meals Thank you for all your support so far for donating items for the backpacks for children. I have been struggling to obtain summer clothes for the children, however, a kind parishioner has offered to make shorts and skirts. Therefore, I am asking for your help. If you have any material, old curtains etc., which would be suitable to make shorts or skirts (ie preferably cotton as this would be better to wear in a hot country), could you please place it in the box in the church porch. Also, I would be grateful for donations of elastic (2cm or thicker) to make waistbands for the clothes. We are still looking for summer shoes or flip flops for children, so if you have any to spare, please leave them in the box. Thanks in advance. Bridget Francis

Church Mouse We are looking for someone enthusiastic to co-ordinate our little magazine, which is an important means of communication for our community and visitors. Publication is only 3 times a year - could you help? If so, email: siobhantaylor@rutlandgardener.co.uk or hilaryj@uwclub.net. If you think you can, or you have any questions, let us know.