



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### The Holy Family

25 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Saturday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	Our Church Community
26 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Bishop Patrick's Intentions
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners
27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John, Apostle and Evangelist	Monday		Holy Mass	Dr Richard Bietz's Intentions
28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Arthur Labinjo-Hughes RIP
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Thomas of Canterbury		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Bjoern Finke's Intentions
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Wellbeing of the Hutton Family
31 <sup>st</sup> December	St Sylvester	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Dave Bell RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Savant Family
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Pat and Joe Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Second Sunday after Christmas	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Monica England's Intentions
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners

**CONFESSION TIMES:      Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am      Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am**

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December
Welcomers	Jan O'Shea and Caroline Berry	Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones
Readers	Brian Moore and Nuala O'Rourke	Brian Moore
Coffee		No coffee
Flowers	tbc	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ann Robinson	Nola McGarrity and Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Joan Burns	Marjorie Port and Maureen Mildner
Coffee		Gary and Yvette Nicolle-Anderiesz
Flowers		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk">rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk</a>
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Calum Simpson and Angela Munton If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria [atrchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:atrchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**Anniversaries †** Betty Hope, Ethel Robinson, 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 Gaisborough, Harold Johnson, Stanislaw Lubnicki, Sisto Foglietta, Bruce Wigmore, Lawrence McGuire, oris Gonty, Veronica Gandy, Joseph Kennedy, William Maxwell, Mary Turnbull, Elsie Tyler and Gillian Sillars

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes	£90.00
Loose Plate	£157.95
Standing Orders	£630.00
Total	£877.95

**Fr Stephen and Deacon Raymond** wish All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of Our Church Community a very Happy and Holy Christmas.

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



**Please note change of time for Sunday Mass:** In future, Holy Mass on Sundays at St Joseph's will be at 10.30 am (not 11.00 am) – beginning on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Our sincere condolences** to the family and friends of our parishioner, Elisabeth Fay, who died this past week. 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. Amen.

**Bereavement Support Group** for anyone with past or present difficulties, begins on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2.30 – 4.00 pm in the Meeting Room. No need to book, you'll be very welcome.

**Face Coverings** HM Government has made the wearing of face covering mandatory (a legal requirement) in Places of Worship. When singing, you MUST have a facecovering. If you have a face covering exemption, please wear a face covering if you wish to sing or please refrain from singing.

**Faith in Families** The last collection for Faith in Families will be the CRIB OFFERING. After 31<sup>st</sup> December, Faith in Families will merge with "Adoption Focus". If you have standing order/direct debit with Faith in Families, you will need to cancel them. If you would like to continue to support the charity, please go to the new website: <https://www.adoption-focus.org.uk/> where you will find all the relevant information. A huge thank you for all your support for over 70+ years.

**Mary's Meals** Thank you for all your wonderful support for Mary's Meals during 2021. It is very much appreciated.

**CAFOD** is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal)

**LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) – "Have Your Say" – Synod 2021/2023** Due to the rising number of infections with COVID at the present time, LACY have decided that instead of meeting at St Patrick's, Leicester for our event for young people entitled "HAVE YOUR SAY – Synod '21-'23", this will now take place via Zoom on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 4.00 pm. A great opportunity for input about the Synod, discussion and fun time and a short liturgy will be shared together. Save the date! Save the time! We look forward to seeing all young people, families and friends. (Please note that all young people under the age of 18 should be present with an adult.) Line in details for Zoom will be sent out at the beginning of January to schools and parishes and may also be found on our Facebook page @LACYcatholicyouthleics.

Contact details: [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or [claudiacoxon@googlegmail.com](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlegmail.com)

**Let's fan the flame and share our ideas with our Bishop, our Priests and each other!**

**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 at [rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.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@live.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

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