



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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



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### The Holy Family

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
30 <sup>th</sup> December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Jones (Well-being)
31 <sup>st</sup> December	St Sylvester I, pope	Tuesday			
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Anne-Marie Stevenson RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	Thursday			
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Most Holy Name of Jesus	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Pat and Joe Quinn RIP and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Yvette Nicolle-Anderiesz RIP

**CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

THIS 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	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Joan Burns	Nuala O'Rourke and Ed Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Andrew Wilkinson and Joan Burns (EA)	Lesley Knowland and Ed Anderson
Coffee		Phil Boak
Flowers	Mair O'Kane	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Mariott	

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

Parish Websites	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	<a href="http://www.catholicstamford.com">www.catholicstamford.com</a>
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
Safeguarding Representative	<a href="mailto:Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk">Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>	Tel: 07513 725552
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Group	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Andreas Menzies	<a href="mailto:ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org">ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org</a> Tel: 01572 722308
Parish Newsletter	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 [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@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 †** *Ursula Stephenson, Winifred Prior, Patrick Joseph Maiden, Edward Webb, Fergus O'Brien, Anthony Lord Gainsborough, Vanya Martin, Valerie Hughes, Malcolm Gibson, William Healey, Theresa Ford, Mary Countess of Gainsborough, Harold Johnson, Stanislaw Lubnicki, Sisto Foglietta, Bruce Wigmore, Lawrence McGuire Doris Gonty, Veronica Gandy, Joseph Kennedy, William Maxwell, Mary Turnbull, Elsie Tyler, Gillian Sillars, Anne-Marie Stevenson, Pat Quinn, Annie Williams, Ronald Redman, Olga Szman, Sheila Shackleton, Veronica Morris, Desmond Whitby, Thelma Long, Francis Kelly and Yvette Nicolle-Anderiesz*

**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 [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 do not know we cannot help.

**Last week's collection**

Collections	£268.60
Planned Giving and Donations	£690.00
Total	£958.60

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

**Christmas Flowers** The recent collection for Christmas Flowers raised £220.05. Many thanks for your generosity.

**St Joseph's Parish Council** There will be a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January to Andreas Menzies or via email at [ppcchair@stjosephsoakham.org](mailto:ppcchair@stjosephsoakham.org)

**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

**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.