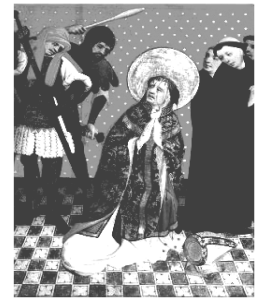




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Dye email stephendye@btinternet.com
 Presbytery, Station Road, Oakham LE15 6QU Tel: **01572 722308**
Deacon Rev. Raymond Keogh Tel: **01572 755360**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28 th November	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Faithful Departed
29 th November	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Faithful Departed
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
30 th November	St Andrew	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
1 st December	Blessed Martyrs of Derbyshire	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Fiona Ruddle's Intentions
2 nd December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
3 rd December	St Francis Xavier	Thursday	9.30 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
4 th December	St John Damascene	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Bridget Francis' Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Fr John Cuthbert RIP
5 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Pat Quinn RIP
6 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Stanley Henry Brown RIP

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

THIS WEEK ROTAS	Saturday 28 th November	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 29 th November
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	A de Kremer & T Reilly	A Loring	M Mildner & L Perril
Minister of Eucharist	R & G Tennant	F Wignall	D & S Morrell
Coffee			R Hunt & R Duncan
NEXT WEEK ROTAS	Saturday 5 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 6 th December
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		T & C Slattery
Readers	S Taylor & T Slattery	L Smith	P Reilly & H Davis
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & K Wigmore	A Loring	M Mildner & J Burns
Coffee			J & B Nash
Church Cleaning	M & J O'Kane		

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, John O'Brien, Maura & Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, 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 & Rhona Morris

Anniversaries †

Desmond Mould, Ethel Carr, Bridget Bell, Vera Kelly, Ian Greig, Delia Jones, Daniel Arnold Marriott, John Dawson, Patricia Loring, Tony Kenning, David Westow, Douglas Healey, Patricia Hanagan & Ursula Bell

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£381.88
Envelopes	£213.80
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£1,135.68

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:
• 6th December

The second collection last weekend raised £100.79 for the Nottingham Diocesan Youth Service.

The Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis begins 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

Bishop Patrick will open the Jubilee of Mercy with a celebration Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Tuesday 8th December at 11.30 am.

On the First Sunday of Advent we welcome pupils and staff from English Martyrs School who will help us celebrate the 10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's.

Retiring Collection There will be a retiring collection towards Christmas flowers at St Joseph's at all Masses on the weekend of 5th/6th December.

Gift Aid We are very fortunate at St. Joseph's to have many regular contributors who have signed up to have their donations linked to Gift Aid. We have just had the second instalment of our Gift Aid repayment from HMCE and the total for the year is £9,303.

Many thanks to all concerned and if you are a tax payer and have still not signed up to this generous allowance from George Osborne, please contact our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, Peter Martin.

Church Mouse The Winter edition of the parish quarterly publication is due. It would be great if you could send any articles, recipes, jokes, etc. that you may have to be included in the next edition. Please send them to Maria Marriott via email at tantucat@yahoo.co.uk by 1st December.

Date for your Diary St Joseph's Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday 17th December at 7.00 pm. More details to follow shortly.

Priest, Prophet and King – A series of three Advent Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron This series of reflections by Bishop Robert Barron is the ideal way to prepare to welcome Jesus anew this Christmas. Who was Jesus, the child in the manger, who grew up to become an itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? Through this deeply biblical program, you will come to understand Jesus better, become more familiar with Scripture, and understand your own call to be priest, prophet, and king; the mission that you received when you were baptised. Bishop Barron uses biblical insights and engaging stories and affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. To be held in the Meeting Room on Wednesday 2nd, 9th and 16th December at 7.15 pm **Not to be**

Walk with Me booklets for Advent are now available in the church porch - a useful resource to help us to prepare for Christmas. Please put money in the wall box marked "newspapers".

Food Bank Christmas Hampers The Food Bank are asking for people to donate £15 for a food hamper to give to those who will find it a struggle at Christmas. Cheques should be made payable to "Rutland Food Bank" and can be given to Fr Stephen.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend