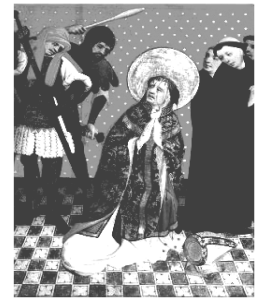




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Holy Souls in Purgatory
7 th December	St Ambrose	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8 th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday	NB:9.00 am	Holy Mass	Kevin O'Shea RIP
9 th December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Ron Tovey RIP
10 th December	Blessed Martyrs of Lincolnshire	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Terrence Hart's Intentions
11 th December	St Damasus	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mr & Mrs Shützer-Weissman & Family
			7.00 pm		NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
12 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Gabriel Faulconbridge's Intentions
13 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Agnes & Geoff Wallace 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 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
NEXT WEEK ROTAS	Saturday 12 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 13 th December
Welcomers	C Collins		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	T Reilly & A de Kremer	P Pitts	C Miller & N O'Rourke
Minister of Eucharist	M Donn & M Port	J Aitkens	L Perril & G Tennant
Coffee			V Wands & M Kenning
Church Cleaning	E Keogh & R Streeter		

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 & John Widdows

Anniversaries †

Douglas Healey, Patricia Hanagan, Ursula Bell, John Nobbs, Ellen Fisher, Bridget O'Sullivan, Denis Guiseppi, Thomas Clapperton, Denis O'Brien, Kathleen Hudson, John Wallace, Gladys Reuse, Agnes Wallace, Willott Graczyk & John Patrick O'Shea

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£240.35
Envelopes	£124.25
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£904.60

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

English Martyrs carol singing

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be holding a carol concert in St. Joseph's on Wednesday 16th December. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Christmas Card will be available to sign next weekend. Rather than send individual cards to parish friends why not send greetings in the parish card and donate the money saved to Mary's Meals. (Any money raised before the 28th December the government will double).

Parish Concert and Social Evening will take place on Thursday 17th December at 7.00 pm. Please come and enjoy a relaxed evening of music and song followed by a shared table in the Meeting Room. Would anyone who would like to sing a song, play a piece of music, recite a poem or do a sketch at the Christmas Concert, please get in touch with Cecile Wignall Tel 01572 821327.

First Holy Communion Preparation classes for Holy Communion will commence mid-January. More details will follow later. Forms to be filled in by parents will be in the church porch in a couple of weeks.

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 missed.**

Refugees The total from the sale of books is now £190. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Retiring Collections

5th/6th December for Christmas flowers
12th/13th December for New and Poor parishes

The second collection at the end of November raised £142.14 for the Nottingham Diocesan Youth Service.

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.

Appeal I am desperately looking for a car seat for a 1 year old for December/January. Would prefer one that fits inside a seatbelt, but anything would be good. Please contact me either at Mass or on 01572 759153. Siobhan Taylor

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.

Prepare well for the Birth of Our Lord by making a good confession. There are five Penitential Services in the Grantham Deanery as follows:

Deanery Penitential Services

Tues 15th December: St Gilbert's, Bourne at 7.00 pm
Weds 16th December: St Mary's, Grantham at 7.00 pm
Thurs 17th December: St John's, Melton at 7.00 pm
Friday 18th December: St Augustine's, Stamford at 7.00 pm
Sunday 20th December: St Joseph's, Oakham at 4.00 pm

Christmas Hamper Raffle in aid of Mary's Meals. Tickets will be on sale after Masses next weekend 12th/13th December. Winning ticket will be drawn after the Christmas Concert on Thursday 17th December.

Faith in Families recent half yearly box collection totalled £122.41. The total for 2015 is £262.64. Many thanks for your generosity and continued support.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend