



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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## Second Sunday of Advent

6 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday	Vigil Mass	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Deceased members of the Hutton Family
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese, Solemnity	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Adrian Glover RIP
			7.00 pm	<b>Sung Mass Exton, LE15 8AN</b>	<b>For the Benefactors of St Michael's Choir and their intentions</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin			
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9.00 am – 10.00 am		
		Our Lady of Loreto	10.00 am	Holy Mass	D. M. intentions
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday	Saint Damasus I, Pope			
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	7.00 pm	Holy Latin Mass	<b>St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday	Exposition & Benediction Vigil Mass	3.30 – 4.00 pm		
			4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Michael Astill's Intention

**Sacrament of Confession TIMES:      Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am      Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

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

<b>Parish Websites</b>	<a href="https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/">https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/</a>	<a href="https://www.catholicstamford.com/">https://www.catholicstamford.com/</a>
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Tel: 07513 725552	<a href="mailto:Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk">Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>
<b>Parish Support Group HELP</b>	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
<b>House Faith Sharing Group</b>	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Andreas Menzies Tel: 01572 722308	<a href="mailto:ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org">ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org</a>
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>
<b>English Martyrs Primary School</b>	Head Teacher: Mrs Jo Rutledge Willow Crescent, Oakham	Tel: 01572 722400 <a href="https://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/">https://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:office@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">office@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>

### **Parish Office Telephone contact:**

For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or (via email, quickest option) 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.**

<p><b><u>Last week's collection</u></b></p> <p>Collections    £163.00 Planned Giving &amp; Donations    <u>£677.31</u> Total £840.31</p> <p><b><u>Please note</u></b> <b>This weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Collection for Poor &amp; Needy Parishes</b> As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Church.</p>	<p><b><u>Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders</u></b></p> <p>If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a> Many thanks for your ongoing support.</p>	<p><b><u>Please note:</u></b></p> <p>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. <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk">rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a></p>	<p><b><u>Don't forget</u></b> to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
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**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.

**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, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Amanda Messer, Elizabeth Jones and Marie Thérèse Goldberg. If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, (permission required). Please contact Maria [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Anniversaries** † John Dawson, Patricia Loring, Tony Kenning, David Westow, John Brown, Douglas Healey Patricia Hanagan, Ursula Bell, John Nobbs, Ellen Fisher, Bridget O'Sullivan, Denis Giuseppi, Irene Collin, Thomas Clapperton, Denis O'Brien, Kathleen Hudson, John Wallace, Gladys Reuse, Agnes Wallace, Willott Graczyk, John Patrick O'Shea

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen**

***It is the Lord's House, which Jesus taught was a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose. The House of God, where dwells the Real Presence of God, must be treated with ongoing reverence.***

**The month of December** is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical colour purple – a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical colour changes to white or gold – a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

**Hilary and family** would like to thank parishioners for the overwhelming messages of condolences following Peter's death and for attending the funeral. Donations for Mind in memory of our grandson Nathan (who took his own life aged 19) came to £460.00.

**The Christmas Offering** traditionally goes to the Priest of the Parish and forms the major part of his income for the year, along with the Easter offering. Priests do not receive any income from any other source outside of the Parish. So, whatever you give in your Christmas Offering will express your personal and financial support. Should you wish to provide a Christmas Offering, please mark your envelope as 'Christmas Offering' or use one of the envelopes provided at the back of Church and place it in the usual bag as the Offertory Collection is taken up. You can also use the card reader in the porch or on the website under the heading Christmas Offering using this link <https://donate.mydona.com/st-joseph-rc-oakham>

**Important Notice: Essential works to pathway and lighting:**

**Work Commencing this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Please note that we will be having some essential work done to the pathway leading from the carpark to the Church door.**

**You will be guided round to the street pathway to gain entrance to the Church.**

**The work will last approximately 1-2 weeks, dependant on weather conditions.**

**There maybe some noise during Holy Mass on the Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.**

**The first meeting of Churches Together on Thursday 4th December 1-1.30 pm** will be led by a member of our Parish at the Baptist Church, Melton Road. Please try and support us. Thereafter meetings will be held each Thursday at St Joseph's.

### **Pensioners Christmas tea party**

You are cordially invited to join us for a Christmas tea party in the meeting room on **Wednesday 10th December** from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Please rsvp via email [saraharcher251@gmail.com](mailto:saraharcher251@gmail.com) or on the clipboard in the foyer. Please indicate if you require transport or have any dietary requirements. Many thanks. Sarah and Emma

## **Christmastide 2025**

**Monday 22nd December - Holy Mass 10.00 am - St Joseph's Oakham**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Holy Mass 10.00 am - St Mary & St Augustine Stamford**

**Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve Vigil - Nativity of Our Lord**

**Carols begin at 5.45 pm- St Joseph's Oakham**

**6.00 pm Holy Mass - St Joseph's Oakham**

**6:00 pm Holy Mass - St Mary & St Augustine Stamford**

**11:30 pm Office of Readings followed by Midnight Mass**

**Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day - Nativity of Our Lord**

**9:00 am Dawn Mass of Christmas - St Mary & St Augustine Stamford**

**9.00 am - Dawn Mass of Christmas - St Thomas of Canterbury Exton**

**10.30 am – Day Mass of Christmas - St Joseph's Oakham**

**11:00 am - Day Mass of Christmas - St Mary & St Augustine Stamford**

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year)** - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence\* as required with this form, i.e. a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

**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

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