



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Third Sunday of Advent

10 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Margaret Dehqani-Tafti RIP
11 th December	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Mikey Gillick (Good Estate)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Hilda Walby's Intentions
13 th December	St Lucy	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	John Brown RIP
14 th December	St John of the Cross	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Ellen Freer's Intentions
15 th December	Advent Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
16 th December	Advent Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Special Intention (The Moor Family)
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
17 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Fernanda Nicoll RIP
18 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Hyde Family (Good Estate)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			4.00 pm	St Joseph	Deanery Penitential Service

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 10 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Saturday 11 th December
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	M Vincent & J Williamson	G Webb	I Kearney-Rose & M Donn
Minister of Eucharist	N O'Rourke & R Lott	S Allan	L Perril & B Ivory
Coffee			R Duncan & R Hunt
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 17 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Saturday 18 th December
Welcomers	J Widdows & C Berrie		P Donn & J Hickie
Readers	J Alston & R Streeter	J Aitkins	M Mildner & P Reilly
Minister of Eucharist	J Widdows & B Black	F Wignall	M Pryke & K Wigmore
Coffee			J & B Nash
Church Cleaning	L Perril, P Boak & L Stetkova		

Parish Website	http://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	11.00 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	eileenworrall@hotmail.com


Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura & Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, John O'Brien, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Virginia Barwell, Cindy Johnston, Mary Lambert, John Owens (Snr), Michael Gardiner & Helen Wilson

Anniversaries † Kathleen Hudson, John Wallace, Gladys Reuse, Agnes Wallace, Willott Graczyk, John Patrick O'Shea, Monica Joyce, Pauline Goater & Evelyn Bush

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£155.50
Loose Plate	£217.79
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£913.29

Deanery Penitential Services during Advent	
Sunday 18 th December:	St Joseph's, Oakham at 4.00 pm
Monday 19 th December:	St Gilbert's, Bourne at 7.00 pm
Tuesday 20 th December:	St John the Baptist, Melton Mowbray at 7.00 pm
Wednesday 21 st December:	St Mary Immaculate, Grantham at 7.00 pm
Thursday 22 nd December:	St Augustine's, Stamford at 7.00 pm
Please prepare well for Christmas by making a good confession.	

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:
Dates for 2017 to follow

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our parishioner, John Brown, who died this week. Please remember him in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. John's Requiem Mass is at 1.00 pm on Thursday 22nd December at St Joseph's.

Christmas flowers There will be a second collection at all Masses at St Joseph's on the weekend of 17th/18th December. Thank you in anticipation. Volunteers to help arrange flowers will be welcomed with open arms!! Contact Maureen on 756477.

Second collection There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes.

Christmas Charity Project - One Roof Leicester Donations received from the Parish Christmas Card and the raffle will be given to this local charity.

Holy Communion Would parents of children who are in year 3 and who wish their child to make their First Holy Communion next year, please give their names to Fr Stephen before Christmas at the very latest. Classes will commence in the New Year. Thank you.

English Martyrs School will be holding their Carol Service in St Joseph's at 6.00 pm on **Tuesday 20th December**. All welcome!

Stained Glass Windows Project The designs for the stained glass windows will be on display in the meeting room during Masses this weekend.

The Briars Team will be holding their CANNONS EVENT at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Wednesday 14th December from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. This is a great occasion for young people to share – a time of “Music, Prayer, Guest Speakers and Food”. Our Bishop will be sharing the evening with the young people too. Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) will be taking a coach to the Cathedral on Wednesday evening from Leicester. It will pick up at St. Thomas More, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester at 5.30 pm and then on to Sacred Heart, Mere Road, Leicester at approximately 5.45/6.00 pm. A warm welcome awaits all who would like to share this evening. Contact Seamus O'Looskan, Chaplain at St Paul's Catholic School, Leicester, email olooskan@hotmail.com to book your seat at only £5 per person. The coach will return to Leicester and drop off at Sacred Heart and St Thomas More at approximately 9.45/10.00 pm. See poster displayed in the church porch. We look forward to hearing from you.

Food Bank Donations now would be most welcome for the Christmas hampers. If you wish to help, any donation can be handed into the sacristy, labelled Food Bank Hamper. The full cost of a hamper is £15 but any donation at all would be most welcome asap. Many thanks.

Book of Remembrance If you wish to have the names of loved ones who have died written in our Book of Remembrance, please pick up one of the slips from the porch which gives all the details you need to do this.

200 Club The first draw for the St Joseph's and English Martyrs 200 club has taken place. November's winners are:

1st prize	£100	Barry Chalmers-Stevens
2nd prize	£20	Joanna Terrett
3rd prize	£10	Philip Sturley

We are very grateful to the members for their continued support. We are currently seeking new members as there are still some numbers available. Membership forms can be found in the church porch. If you have any questions, please speak to Briega Slattery or email emmapotter21@gmail.com

Church Mouse The next issue will be the Christmas issue. If you have any articles you would like included, please either email them to eileenworrall@hotmail.com or leave them in an envelope in the church porch marked for the attention of the Church Mouse. The deadline for articles is **12th December**.

Mary's Meals Another 16 backpacks have been sent this week for Mary's Meals, thanks to all your continued support. A total of 346 have now been sent. We now need toothbrushes and pencil cases. Many thanks indeed. For more information contact bafrancis3@tiscali.co.uk

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend