

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 th November	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
19 th November	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Terry Carroll RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Myra Cullinan RIP
20 th November	Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
21 st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Jonathan Port RIP
22 nd November	St Cecilia	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
23 rd November	St Clement I	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
24 th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Faithful Departed
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Fr Dominic O'Connor (Good Estate)
25 th November	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Private Intention (J and RN RIP)
26 th November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Faithful Departed
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

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 18 th November	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 19 th November
Welcomers	B Francis & A Robinson		T & C Slattery
Readers	J Alston & S Taylor	A Loring	P Reilly & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	J Widdows & B Black	L Knowland	M Port & K Wigmore
Coffee			S Archer & E McCombie
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 25 th November	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 26 th November
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	A de Kremer & M Vincent	L Smith	C Miller & M Port
Minister of Holy Communion	J Burns & R Lott	S Allan	K Wigmore & M Pryke
Coffee			V Wands & M Kenning
Church Cleaning	P Boak & L Stetkova		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison 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	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and 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 (Sr), Michael Gardiner, Helen Wilson, Baby Luke Somerville, Graham Andrews, John Widdows, May Carrie, Margaret West-Sadler, Lewis Paul, Floss Jepson, Angela Munton, Nigel Stark, Karen Black, Shane Spencer, Phillip Botteley, Andrena Lynch, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Avril Thompson, Jeffrey Miller, Fr Dominic O'Connor, Fr Kevin Clark, Fr Michael Bell, Fr Michael Lynch, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green and Bernard Gandy

Anniversaries † Denis Phelan, Evangelina Cooper, Rita Wilson, Annie Williamson, Maria Boyle, Ricardo Burgio, Jonathan Port, Mary Royce, Annette Moss, Michael Durkin, Frankie Freeman, Ellen Unsworth, Gerard Smyth, James Cockerham, Henry Day and Arthur Fullbrook

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes £255.05
Loose Plate £335.26
Standing Orders £540.00
Total £1,130.31

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bernie Wilkinson who died recently. Bernie was a good parishioner who suffered from illness for many years. Please remember her in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Don't forget to join us for coffee after Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.



Parish volunteers Many volunteers are needed to help with the smooth running of the Parish. We need volunteers to help with the services – to play the organ, serve on the altar, do the readings and organise the children's liturgy. We also need volunteers to clean the church, arrange the flowers, control the finances, maintain the Church building and grounds, and help out occasionally in a variety of ways – putting up the Christmas tree, helping with the Advent wreath or Easter tableau, putting out chairs for meetings and driving sick parishioners to and from hospital. At the moment, we urgently need someone to help with the cleaning. This involves about an hour's commitment six times a year. There is also a need for general helpers. This just means being put on a list. We know that many people have demanding lifestyles and so you may not be able to help much of the time and will often have to say 'no' but the times you can say 'yes' will be an enormous help to us. If you feel that you can help, please contact Jim O'Kane at jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk or Fr Stephen or Deacon Raymond.

Uppingham School Masses in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:

- 3rd December
- 14th January
- 4th February
- 4th March

Jams, Chutneys & Mince-meat Sale Denys and Beverley Hancock are holding their annual sale of jams, chutneys and mince-meat before and after Mass at St Joseph's on 18th and 19th November. Sale proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals.

Aid for Chad Please come and have a look at some amazing Peruvian handicrafts on sale in the meeting room during the weekend of 18th/19th November. Aid for Chad supports poor families in the shanty towns of Lima and Peru.

Due to some rebuilding work we have Cottesmore stone/rocks available for anyone who would like some. If you are interested, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289. Whilst the stone is free, we would appreciate a donation to the Church.

English Martyrs Appeal Many thanks to all of you that have made such generous contributions to our appeal - we are all truly grateful and it is making such a difference to our children. Although we have been truly blessed by your kindness, English Martyrs are still in need of your help. If you feel you can contribute, there are envelopes in the Church porch, along with gift aid forms (if you are a tax payer, we can claim back the tax on your gift). You can also help our school whilst doing your Christmas shopping! If you buy anything online, by using the 'Giving Machine' website, a percentage of the money spent is sent directly to our school. Instructions on how to do this are in the Church porch. However, if you would like help setting this up, there will be a few volunteers in the meeting room after Mass on Sunday 12th November who will be happy to help you. And lastly, would your Company consider making a contribution to our school? This can be very tax advantageous to you! Thank you again for your amazing support and please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Alison Chambers, Head Teacher, on 01572 722400 (achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk) or Sarah Archer, Chair of Governors at (sea2@oakham.rutland.sch.uk).

Mother's Prayers will be held on Tuesday 28th November at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

Church Repository We now have Christmas gifts and cards available for sale but hurry, they are selling fast.

Red Box Collectors If you have not already received your 2018 Calendar, please collect one from the back of the church.

Children's Nativity Play - Christmas Eve 2017 An invitation to girls and boys to take part in this year's Nativity Play at 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve. Thirteen girls and boys are needed for non-speaking roles; one narrator is also required. Our first meeting will take place on Saturday 25th November at 10.30 am, in the Meeting Room at St. Joseph's and will last one hour. There will be three Saturday rehearsals and one to be confirmed during the week before Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact me on 01572 723406 or via email on hanna.coomber@gmx.com or see me at Mass. Thank you. Hanna Coomber

Wheelchair The Parish has acquired a lightweight wheelchair which is available for parishioners to borrow. It fits neatly into the car boot and is much more 'user friendly' than the rather cumbersome wheelchairs provided by the NHS. Parishioners wishing to borrow it for trips to hospital, Church etc., please contact Hilary Davis on 01572 724256 or email hilaryj@uwclub.net

English Martyrs School News We had 13 superb athletes competing in the Rutland Cross Country League on Saturday. As a school, our performances were very strong with 2 children winning their races and everyone else coming in the top 10 of their race. Year 6 had an amazing time at Forest School on Tuesday. They spent the morning building dens which they then used for a number of games of Capture the Flag in the afternoon. It was a great day which the children really enjoyed. The FEM cake sale last week was a great success raising just over £240. The FEM Christmas Fair is on 1st December from 2.30pm. Entry is free and there will be Christmas gift stalls, hamper raffle, Hambleton BBQ, tombolas, Santa's grotto, refreshments, live music and games. In order to make this event a success, however, we are urgently needing donations of the following items: bottles, sweets/chocolate, nearly new items, toys, children's books and cakes. If you are able to contribute, please place the items in the donation box at St Joseph's or take them to school. If you are able to assist with running a stall on the day, please get in contact as it would help us a great deal. FEM contact details are: FEMOakhams@gmail.com or phone 01572 720262 (Emma). Thank you for your support.

Faith in Families Thank you so much for your continued support for Faith in Families. The total collected for this half year came to £116.17. The Agency continues to look for prospective adoptive parents from the Catholic Community. Anyone interested could phone 0115 955 8811 or look on-line at enquiries@faithinfamilies.org where there is lots of information about adoption and the adoption process. Anyone wishing to donate to Faith in Families using standing orders or gift aid, please talk to Mair O'Kane.

Food bank The food bank, as in previous years, will be distributing Christmas hampers to those in need. The cost of a hamper is now £20. If you would like to donate the cost of a hamper or indeed any amount, please put it in an envelope with the word "Hamper" on the outside and leave it in the sacristy. Many thanks.

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: rcchurchoakhams@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