



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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First Sunday of Advent

2 nd December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Denys and Beverley Hancock's Intentions
3 rd December	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Daniel and Agnes Finn RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Charles David Geach RIP
4 th December	St John Damascene	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Tony Kenning RIP
5 th December	Advent Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony & St Blaise
6 th December	St Nicholas	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Lubi and Richard's Intentions
7 th December	St Ambrose	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Peter Collard (RIP) and family
8 th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Fr Michael Bell (Good Estate)
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Fr Michael Lynch (Good Estate)
9 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	John and Martha Cassidy RIP
10 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Doug Hyde (Good Estate)
			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 2 nd December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 3 rd December
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	R Streeter & J Burns	P Pitts	I Kearney-Rose & L Perril
Minister of Holy Communion	B Ivory & B Black	A Loring	R Tennant & N O'Rourke
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 10 th December
Welcomers	L Stetkova & C Berrie		Y Trevor & J Hickie
Readers	R Streeter & A de Kremer	B Moore	C Miller & P Reilly
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & J Widdows	J Aitkens	M Mildner & J Burns
Coffee			H Davis & C Jones
Church Cleaning	M Marriott & A Munton		

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 (Snr), 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, Bernard Gandy, John Jackson, John and Shirley Parminter

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, Thomas Clapperton, Denis O'Brien and Kathleen Hudson

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£285.28
Loose Plate	£237.21
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£1,062.49

Next Sunday 10th December – 7.00 pm in St Joseph's there will be a Musical Evening with Carols followed by seasonal refreshments. All welcome.

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



When did you last go to confession? It is good Catholic practice to make our confession every few weeks, and especially before Christmas and Easter. To this end, our **Deanery Advent Penitential Services** are as follows:

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

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

Thursday 14 th December	St John the Baptist, Melton	7.00 pm
Friday 15 th December	St Augustine's, Stamford	7.00 pm
Sunday 17 th December	St Joseph's, Oakham	3.30 pm
Monday 18 th December	St Gilbert's, Bourne	7.00 pm
Tuesday 19 th December	St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham	7.00 pm

Please take this opportunity to prepare well spiritually during the season of Advent.

Very Important – please read! Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

On Thursday 7th December, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centres won't be introduced. For information on the days of prayer and fasting see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Christmas Hamper Tickets for the raffle for this hamper will be on sale from Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd December.

Aid for Chad and Peru The support for the stall 2 weeks ago for those in need in Peru was amazing! £258 was raised for the poor families and will be sent this next week. Many thanks indeed!

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

Second Collection There will be a second collection for the Christmas flowers at Masses this weekend. Thank you in anticipation.

Parish Christmas Card Instead of sending individual cards to parishioners why not put greetings in the parish card and donate the money saved to charity.

Mary's Meals A huge thank you for so many generous gifts this last week of money to provide meals for the children and also numerous items for the backpacks. Your continued support is inspirational and a further £400 has been sent this week!! This money will be doubled so 57 more children will receive a daily meal thanks to you!!

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

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.

SPUC The Melton and Rutland branch of this society meet in Melton on the first Tuesday of the month. If anyone is interested in attending, Bridget and Claire are happy to give anyone a lift. Please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289 for more information.

CAFOD On behalf of CAFOD, many thanks for your generosity in giving to the Harvest Fast Day. We raised a total of £463.30, a 15% increase on last year. Your generosity will help save the lives of some of the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world.

St. Joseph's Parish Sewing Group meets in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Come and share tea/coffee, company, conversation and expertise. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, embroidery etc. Tables available for sewing machines. December's meetings are on the 9th and 16th. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

Church Mouse The Winter edition of our Parish magazine is due before Christmas. If you have any articles/stories etc. you would like to put in the next edition, please either leave them in the Church porch marked for the attention of "Church Mouse" or email to eileenworrall@hotmail.com. The deadline for articles is 10th December.

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