



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

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Second Sunday of Advent

5 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Daniel and Agnes Finn RIP
6 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
7 th December	St Ambrose	Monday		Holy Mass	The Holy Souls
8 th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday		Holy Mass	The Holy Souls
9 th December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Rachel Lott (Good Estate)
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		10.30 am – 12 noon	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10 th December	The Martyrs of Lincolnshire	Thursday		Holy Mass	The Holy Souls
11 th December	St Damasus I	Friday		Holy Mass	For Emily (Well-being)
12 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Lesley and Chris Knowland's Intentions
13 th December	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community

Please note

If you wish to attend Holy Mass on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, please ring Maria on 01572 722308 to book a place or email rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk.

Please note that no bookings are taken for the weekend Masses after Thursday at 6.00 pm.

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott	rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - 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 LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchar, Caterina Harrison, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine and Alison Pepperdine.* If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£
Loose Plate	£
Standing Orders	£650.00
Total	£

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Priestly Ordination Please pray for Fr Lim Gamsi who is being ordained to the Sacred Priesthood for our Diocese at the Cathedral in Nottingham on Saturday 5th December. Fr Lim was a student on placement with us during the summer several years ago. We remember him as he begins his priestly ministry among us. Ad multos annos!

Christmas Masses

We appreciate that many of you will want to go to Holy Mass at Christmas including people visiting you. However, Masses over Christmas will be subject to the same restrictions as now and we will be operating the usual pre-booking system. That means that we can only accommodate 24 individuals or a few more if there are family groups. This means that some of you who want to come to Holy Mass may not be able to do so. Fr Stephen will be putting on extra Masses over Christmas but that may not meet the anticipated demand.

In the light of this, Bishop Patrick has asked us to remind all parishioners that like Easter, the Nativity of the Lord is one of the two solemnities in the Ordinary Form of the Church's liturgical calendar which has its own Octave. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. So, for example, the prayers for Holy Mass during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still Christmas Day. This means that, liturgically, each of the days from 25th December to the 1st January is 'Christmas Day'. So, you can come and celebrate the mystery of Christmas at any of the Masses during the Octave days. Would you please pre book in the usual way but without specifying which day you wish to come to Mass and you will be allocated one Mass within the Octave. This will allow us to maximise the number of people we can accommodate. It is an act of Christian charity for every parishioner and visitor to be sensitive to the needs of others.

Please also remember that these Masses do not just happen. We are dependent on volunteers, willing to give up part of their own Christmas, to sanitise the church before and after every Mass and to act as stewards on the day. Thank you for your understanding.

Deacon Raymond

Thursday	24th	Christmas Eve	4.30pm and 8.00pm
Friday	25th	The Nativity of the Lord	9.00am and 11.00am
Saturday	26th	St Stephen, the first Martyr	4.30 pm
Sunday	27th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9.00am and 11.00am

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk. Many thanks.

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk.

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk.

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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