



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

## ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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### Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

11 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	<b>4.30 pm</b>	Holy Mass	Mike Goulding RIP
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	<b>9.00 am</b>	St Thomas	David Bevan RIP
			<b>11.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy	Monday		Holy Mass	Gwendolen and Margery Knight
14 <sup>th</sup> December	St John of the Cross	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	<b>9.00 am – 10.00 am</b>	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Advent Feria		<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	Reenette Savant's Intentions
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria	Thursday	<b>9.30 am</b>	Holy Mass	Alan Hutton's Intentions
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria	Friday	<b>10.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	Sister Anthony (Good Estate)
			<b>7.00 pm</b>	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP.
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	<b>4.30 pm</b>	Holy Mass	Michael Terrett and Family
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	<b>9.00 am</b>	St Thomas	Lesley and Chris Knowland's Intentions
			<b>11.00 am</b>	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community

**CONFESSION TIMES:      Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am      Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am**

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Welcomers	Ann Robinson and Eileen Worrall	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Fran Rhowbotham
Readers	Ron Streeter and Tom Reilly	Maureen Mildner and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Sylvie Nguyen
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones
Readers	Joan Burns and Siobhan Taylor	Marjorie Port and Brian Moore
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk">rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk</a>
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley, Anne Stevenson, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddell, Elsie Fay and Calum Simpson If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria [atrcchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:atrcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**Anniversaries †** John Wallace, Gladys Reuse, Agnes Wallace, Willott Graczyk, John Patrick O'Shea, Monica Joyce, Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush and Margaret Seabrook

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes	£89.00
Loose Plate	£137.50
Standing Orders	£630.00
Total	£856.50

**Our Advent Penitential Service** will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. Please make every effort to make a good Confession in preparation for Our Lord's coming among us at Christmas. Three priests from our Deanery will be available to help you.

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



**Second Collection** There will be a second collection after Holy Mass this weekend for Poor and Needy Parishes.

**The Parish Christmas Card** is now available to sign. Instead of sending greetings to individual parishioners, why not put the money you would have spent to support the homeless. This year's appeal is The Cardinal Hume Centre. For more information, visit <https://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk>

**LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) – “Have Your Say” – Synod 2021/2023** LACY will be hosting an afternoon of “Games, Fun and Faith” exploring the Synod. This will be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 100 Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester, LE4 2BD, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – from 2.00-5.00 pm. All young people, their families and friends are invited to share in the afternoon. The Pope is calling on us to pass on views and thoughts to our Priests, Bishop and each other! We value your ideas! A great opportunity to voice them! Light refreshments will be available. Full details on the LACY facebook page. Look out for our poster! We'd love to hear from you. Book in with us or just come along – all welcome. Contact information: [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or [claudiacoxon@googlemail.com](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlemail.com)

**Mary's Meals** Thank you for supporting the 100 mile walk for Mary's Meals. The final total is £325 which will be doubled, making the total we are sending to Mary's Meals £650! Thank you so much for your generous support. A further **£142.58** has been collected from Wednesday and Sunday coffee, which will be doubled by the charity. Many thanks for your ongoing, generous support.

**Faith in Families Children's Charity Christmas Appeal - We still need your support! - It's not too late to help us!**

With all the changes we have experienced this last year and half, as well as the big change for our charity with the merger of us joining the Adoption Focus team (<https://www.adoption-focus.org.uk>) in the New Year to create a service across the whole of the Midlands, our Christmas Appeal is still at our focus at present as we still have lots of families in real need this Christmas! We hope to help as many families across the East Midlands as we can this year and into the New Year, but we can't do this without your support. If you can spare a few pounds this Christmas to support this long-standing appeal, then please help us to bring a smile to a child and their family this year!

**Jars** Thank you to everyone who has provided empty jars. We have built up a large stock and will not be collecting them in the Church until further notice, so no more for now please. Thank you. Denys and Beverley Hancock

**Face Coverings HM Government has made the wearing of face covering mandatory (a legal requirement) in Places of Worship.**  
**When singing you MUST have a face covering -**  
**If you have a face covering exemption, please wear a face covering if you wish to sing or please refrain from singing.**

**Aid for Chad & Peru** If you still have some Christmas shopping to do and you'd like something a bit different, do come and look at the stall on Saturday and Sunday in the meeting room! The colourful items come direct to us from the shanty towns in Lima which has been so badly hit in the pandemic. By supporting our tiny charity you are directly helping to feed the hungry. Every penny reaches them. Thank you so much for your support.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

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