



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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Third Sunday of Advent

16 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mary and John McGrachan RIP
17 th December	Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Millington Family
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			3.30 pm	St Joseph	Advent Penitential Service
18 th December	Advent Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Lubi and Richard's Intentions
19 th December	Advent Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
20 th December	Advent Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Zena and David Tookey and Family Intentions
21 st December	St Peter Canisius	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Bridget McNulty's Intentions
22 nd December	Advent Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	The Bullimore Family In Memory of Jake RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
23 rd December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Christine MacGregor RIP
24 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	All Parishioners
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Moira McCormick's Intentions
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joe & Pat Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
25 th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Monday	12 midnight	St Joseph	All Parishioners
			9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Peter Dean and Bridget Davis RIP

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 16th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 17th December
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	J Alston & M Vincent	B McDonald	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & M Donn	L Knowland	M Port & B Ivory
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 23rd December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 24th December
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		T & C Slattery
Readers	S Taylor & J Alston	G Webb	11.00 am A De Kremer 4.30 pm J Widdows & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black, E Worrall & R Lott	S Allan	11.00 am J Burns & F Rhowbotham 4.30 pm M Pryke & E Worrall
Coffee			No coffee this week
Church Cleaning	H Coomber, C Farmer, H Davis, M & J O'Kane		
Monday 25th December	Midnight Mass	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am
Welcomers	R Lott & J O'Shea		J Nash & P Donn
Readers	R Streeter & M Vincent	Lord Gainsborough	L Perril & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	B Ivory & J Aitkens	A Loring	J Burns

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 Muntun, 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, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Bernard Gandy, John Jackson, John and Shirley Parminter

Anniversaries † Pauline Goater, Evelyn Bush, Helen Cooke, Charles Hobbs, Margaret Battersly, Thomas Wilson, Vivien Panter, Jake Bullimore, Jessie Wigginton, Mary Turnbull, William Coughlin, Edmund Rauscher and Colin Larkin

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£171.63
Loose Plate	£312.63
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£1,024.30

Masses over Christmas

As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, all Catholics are obliged to go to Mass over the weekend twice – once for Sunday and once for Christmas Day. In particular, the 4.30pm Mass on Sunday will not fulfil your obligation for Sunday Mass as this is the First Mass of Christmas. Two Masses are required for that weekend.

For details of the Masses for Christmas visit <http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/index.php/news>

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:

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.

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

- 14th January
- 4th February
- 4th March

First Holy Communion Classes will start mid-January for those wishing to make their Holy Communion. Please fill in the form on the Parish website and give it to Fr Stephen or Deacon Raymond. More details will follow after Christmas. Many thanks.

Urgent: Volunteers needed We have two jobs coming up that we need your help with. They are:

1. Setting the Crib up underneath the Altar
2. Setting up the Christmas Tree - it has the lights attached so no fiddly adjustments are needed.

If you feel you could help with these jobs, please add your name, email and contact number to the list in the Church porch. At most, it will take about an hour and we can arrange a day which suits you. Many thanks.

Church flowers Following my recent appeal for someone to take over my role of organising the church flowers, so far no one has volunteered. Maybe people needed time to think about this, so please do phone me (Maureen) on 01572 756477 if you have any questions.

St Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stamford has a vacancy for a permanent full-time head teacher, commencing 1st September 2018. Full details are available from EPM, the school's HR providers, at headship@EPM.co.uk. Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs Sue Bray, School Business Manager, on 01780 762094. The closing date for applications is noon on Monday 22nd January 2018 with interviews being held on Friday 26th January.

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

Mother's Prayers Please note that there will not be a Mother's Prayers meeting during December. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th January at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. Contact Lorraine on 01664 452117 for details.

Christmas Hamper Thank you to all of you who supported in various ways the raffle for the Christmas hamper. The raffle was won by Maureen Mildner and the amazing amount of £200 was raised. This amount will be doubled by a benefactor and all money will go directly to Mary's Meals.

The annual Churches Together Breakfast will be held on Saturday 20th January at 8.30 am in the Victoria Hall. Tickets: £4.00 available from Marjorie Port. Tel. No. 01572 724203. See poster in the Church porch for details.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux - 9th-12th April 2018 – full board £300 sharing, £320 single room with en-suite facilities. Travel by Silverdale Coach and P&O Ferry to Lisieux in Normandy, France. Follow in the footsteps of St Therese of Lisieux. See the place where she was brought up, the Cathedral where she attended Mass with her family, celebrate a private group Mass in the Basilica and a private group Mass in the Carmel where she lived and died. Guided tour of the museum also included. Full guided pilgrimage by a guide from the Pilgrim Centre in Lisieux. For more information and a booking form, please contact Fr John McCay at jmmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or on 07853 068189.

English Martyrs School News Our Early Years and KS1 children put on fantastic performances of their Nativity Play, 'Hey Ewe', this week. They worked so hard learning all the lines and songs and they did a wonderful job. Another successful Maths Challenge competition this week. It was a tough round with some incredibly complex questions, however, the team were victorious by the slimmest of margins - 188 points to 186. At the half way stage of the competition, they remain in the top place in the league.

Our KS1 children enjoyed a trip to Oakham Museum this week to learn about Christmas across the ages and to do some Christmas Crafts. The EYFS children had a visit to Rutland Farm Park to see the animals and to meet Father Christmas.

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