



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	Kevin O'Shea RIP
17 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Joseph and Jeanne Meschini RIP Elsie Fay RIP
18 th December	Advent Feria	Monday	8.00 am	Holy Mass	John McDonagh (Good Estate)
19 th December	Advent Feria	Tuesday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Fr Keith Enston RIP
20 th December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Advent Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Faithful Departed (Mass attended by English Martyrs School)
21 st December	St Peter Canisius	Thursday			No Holy Mass today
22 nd December	Advent Feria	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Carroll Family
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Maria Marriott's Intentions
23 rd December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Michael Hill RIP
24 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday			No 9.00 am Holy Mass
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Peter Martin RIP
	Vigil Mass of Christmas		4.00 pm	St Joseph	Readings and Carols
			4.30 pm	St Joseph	Bridget Davis RIP
25 th December	Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord	Monday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesdays: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 11.30 am-12.00 noon 3.30-4.00 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 16 th December	Sunday 17 th December
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Nuala O'Rourke and John Alston
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Andrew Wilkinson and Judy Aitkens	Maureen Mildner and Kitty Wigmore
Coffee		Hilary Davis
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Maria Marriott and Eileen Worrall	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 23 rd December	Sunday 24 th December – 10.30 am
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Ann Robinson	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Joan Burns and Irene Kearney-Rose	Annie de Kremer and Brian Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rachel Lott and Barbara Black	Fran Rhowbotham and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		No coffee this week
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Maria Marriott and Eileen Worrall	
	Sunday 24 th December – 4.30 pm	Monday 25 th December – 10.30 am
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Ron Streeter and Meryl Vincent	Lorraine Perril and Ed Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Eileen Worrall	Nuala O'Rourke and Ed Anderson
Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.		
Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	

Please pray for the following who are ill: *Fiona Ruddle, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Claire Smith, Floss Jepson, Phillip Botteley, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Catherine Farndell, Amanda Messer, Fr David Bowler, Emily Morgan, Melissa Barker, Nicholas Tomlinson, Richard Goodger, Fr John Trenchard, Alison Pepperdine, Moira McCormick, Ita Jones, Simon and Sandra Lambert, Frank and Margaret Parslow, Kevin Gallagher, John and Anna Enni, Nick Reid, Margaret Horn, Rita Hunt, Fr Stephen Dye, Martin Duncan, Ellen Freer, Denys Hancock, Robert McDonald, David Price, Callum Simpson and Elisabeth Simpson* **We have updated our sick list to the best of our knowledge. If your loved one has been removed, please contact Maria asap and they will, of course, be reinstated with their permission.** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list **with their permission**, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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

Last week's collection

Collections	£225.80
Planned Giving and Donations	£741.00
Total	£966.80

If you know any parishioners who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we don't know we cannot help.

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



If you would like to offer Holy Mass for friends/family/relatives, please obtain their **permission** for **their names** to go into the public domain, ie Newsletter and the Newsletter online. This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. Many thanks

Reminder Next weekend, Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass twice; once on the 4th Sunday of Advent and again on Christmas Day. Please note that the Vigil Mass on Sunday does not fulfil the Sunday obligation.

Fr Stephen wishes to thank sincerely all those parishioners who very generously sent him gifts and Christmas cards. Also those who were able to attend the two "get togethers" over the last two weeks. May God bless you all for your kindness.

Aid for Chad and Peru There are a few Christmas items for sale in the meeting room for this great cause. Please take the time to have a look.

Please note there won't be coffee in the meeting room after 10.30 am Holy Mass on Sunday 24th December.

Mary's Meals Great news! Once again, any donations for Mary's Meals will be doubled until 22nd January thanks to a very kind donor. This means two children will be fed for a year instead of one which is a gift of life indeed!

Parish Christmas Card This year our Parish Christmas card is raising money for the Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless and those who live in poverty. Please consider, instead of sending individual cards to parishioners, signing our card and donating the money saved to this very worthwhile cause.

A Reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

The ongoing reorganisation of the diocese, enabling us all to become more missionary in a way which recognises that we now have fewer clergy and fewer parishioners, continues to make steady progress. To date the 108 parishes we had in 2017 have been reduced to 88, with 32 parishes having been amalgamated to form 12 new larger parishes. Parishioners in all our parishes are on a journey of working more closely together, in a more missionary fashion, in our united effort to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, and to put that love into practice across the East Midlands.

The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the **Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer**. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

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

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

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@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Facebook Don't forget St Joseph's has a Facebook page on which future events can be advertised, members can be alerted to, for example, changes in service times, and ideas can be put forward. If you would like to join, please email Maria and send a request via Facebook at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk