



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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
26 th December	St Stephen	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	All our Altar Servers
27 th December	St John the Evangelist	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Hutton Family
28 th December	The Holy Innocents	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	For Emily
29 th December	St Thomas Becket	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Bishop Patrick's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
30 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Fr Michael Lynch RIP
31 st December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Anthony, the late Lord Gainsborough
			11.00 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

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 23 rd December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 24 th 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 & R Tennant 4.30 pm M Pryke, E Worrall, B Black & R Lott
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 & M Donn	A Loring	J Burns
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 30 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 31 st December
Welcomers	B Francis & A Robinson		Y Trevor & P Reilly
Readers	T Reilly & J Alston	J Aitkens	C Miller & N O'Rourke
Minister of Holy Communion	J Widdows & J Burns	J Aitkens	B Ivory & R Tennant
Coffee			R Duncan & R Hunt
Church Cleaning	C Jones & R Jones		

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

Anniversaries † Colin Larkin, Betty Hope, Ethel Robinson, Ursula Stephenson, Winifred Prior, Patrick Joseph Maiden, Edward Webb, Fergus O'Brien, Anthony Lord Gainsborough, Valerie Hughes, Malcolm Gibson, William Healey, Theresa Ford, Stanislaw Lubnicki, Sisto Foglietta, Bruce Wigmore and Lawrence McGuire

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£219.50
Loose Plate	£316.46
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£1,075.96

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.



Uppingham School Masses in

the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:

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

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our parishioner, Margaret Seabrook, who died this past week. Margaret's funeral service will be held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at Grantham Crematorium. Please remember her in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

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.

Readers' Rotas The readers' rotas for end of December 2017 – April 2018 are available in the Church porch. Please pick up your copy asap.

Mary's Meals Once again, thanks to your amazing continued generosity, a further £252 has been sent to Mary's Meals this week. This means, once it is doubled, a further 36 children will receive a daily meal and attend school. How wonderful is that?

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 The second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes raised £286.95

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.

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.

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