



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### First Sunday of Advent

2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	All Parishioners
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Daniel and Agnes Finn RIP
			10.30 am	St Joseph	The Savant Family
4 <sup>th</sup> December	St John Damascene	Monday	10.00 am	St Joseph	<b>Service of Word and Holy Communion</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Feria	Tuesday	10.00 am		<b>No Holy Mass today</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Nicholas		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Augustine and Priscilla Menezes RIP
7 <sup>th</sup> December	St Ambrose	Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Eileen Worrall and Family
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	The Faithful Departed
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Maria Marriott's Intentions
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	The Hutton Family
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Joseph	The Faithful Departed
			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 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Irene Kearney-Rose and Ron Streeter	Brian Moore and Lorraine Perril
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Barbara Black and Rachel Lott	Fran Rhowbotham and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Veronica Wands
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Maria Marriott and Eileen Worrall	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Welcomers	Philip and Mich Sturley	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan Burns and Eileen Worrall	Anthony Nguyen and Marjorie Port
Coffee		
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
Church Cleaning	Maria Marriott and Eileen Worrall	

**Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.**

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
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<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
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<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Anniversaries †** John Dawson, Patricia Loring, Tony Kenning, David Westow, John Brown, Douglas Healey, Patricia Hanagan, Ursula Bell, John Nobbs, Ellen Fisher, Bridget O'Sullivan Denis Giuseppi, Thomas Clapperton, Denis O'Brien and Kathleen Hudson

### DEANERY AND PARISH REORGANISATION - PLEASE READ

Following a productive meeting with Bishop Patrick and Canon Peter Vellacott, I can confirm that after **31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**, our Holy Mass times and occasions will be as follows:

Wednesday	9.00 am - Exposition and Adoration	St Joseph's, Oakham
	10.00 am – Holy Mass	St Joseph's, Oakham
Friday	7.00 pm – Latin Mass	St Thomas, Exton
Saturday	4.30 pm – Holy Mass	St Joseph's, Oakham
Sunday	10.30 am – Holy Mass	St Joseph's Oakham

**Only on solemnities**, Holy Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas, Exton at 9.00 am.

**Please note:** During inclement weather conditions in the winter months, Holy Mass at Exton will be cancelled if the conditions are icy/snowy. An email will be sent on the day to inform parishioners if Holy Mass is cancelled.

#### Last week's collection

Collections	£128.65
Planned Giving and Donations	£779.00
Total	£907.64

**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](mailto: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

**Christmas Flowers** There will be a collection for Christmas flowers after Holy Mass this weekend (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December).

**Aid for Chad and Peru** Beautiful handmade Peruvian decorations and gifts will be on sale after Holy Masses this weekend (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December). Do come and have a look! Every penny raised goes directly to the poor in the shanty towns of Lima. Many thanks.

**English Martyrs School** We welcome English Martyrs School to Holy Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the blessing of their Advent wreaths.

**Second collection** There will be a second collection after Holy Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December for Poor and Needy Parishes.

**Comboni Mission** A recent second collection for the Comboni Mission raised £544.48. Thank you for your generosity.

**Jams and Chutney Sale** There will be a sale of jams and chutneys after Holy Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. Also, if you have any small jars you wish to donate, please leave them in the Church porch.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer** The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

**From the start of December**, CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

**If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder**, please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department ([parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk)) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you! If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

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**For photographs of recent diocesan events**, such as Mass in Honour of Saint Hugh, and Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, visit the diocesan flickr account (photographs website) at: [www.flickr.com/photos/dioceseofnottingham/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dioceseofnottingham/albums)

**Mass Intentions** If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)