



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Second Sunday of Advent

4 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Brendan Alston RIP
5 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Charrington and Mathews Families
			11.00 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners, Visitors, Relatives and Friends of our Church Community
6 th December	St Nicholas	Monday		Holy Mass	Joe and Mairead Scott's Intentions
7 th December	St Ambrose	Tuesday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Marie Johnson
8 th December	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Richard Illingworth RIP
9 th December	Advent Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Shalom Savant and Family
10 th December	The Martyrs of Lincolnshire	Friday	10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
11 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Mike Goulding RIP
12 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	David Bevan RIP
			11.00 am	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 4 th December	Sunday 5 th December
Welcomers	Jan O'Shea and Caroline Berrie	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Annie de Kremer and Meryl Vincent	Nuala O'Rourke and Lorraine Perril
Coffee		Hilary Davis
Flowers	No flowers during Advent	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 11 th December	Sunday 12 th 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	

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

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, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, 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, Brian Jiggins, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, 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 at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Anniversaries † David Westow, John Brown, Douglas Healey, Patricia Hanagan, Ursula Bell, John Nobbs, Ellen Fisher, Bridget O'Sullivan, Denis Giuseppi, Thomas Clapperton, Denis O'Brien, Kathleen Hudson, John Wallace and Gladys Reuse

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£125.00
Loose Plate	£195.00
Standing Orders	£630.00
Total	£950.00

Synod

Our third Parish Synod Meeting will take place on Thursday 9th December at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room. We are to consider the following questions:

1. How do I hear and respond to the voice of God's Holy Spirit in my life; what signs of the Spirit at work do I see in the life of my parish?
2. What steps may the Holy Spirit be calling us to take as a parish on our journey together into God's future (a. in the short/medium term; b. in the long term)?

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 next weekend (11th/12th December) for Poor and Needy Parishes.

Our Advent Penitential Service will take place on **Thursday 16th 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.

Christmas Flowers There will be a collection after Holy Mass this weekend (4th/5th December) for Christmas Flowers.

The Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion 2022 Preparation lessons will begin in early 2022. If your child is in year 3, please email Maria for more information at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2022 Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Joseph's in May 2022 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are 13 years or older and would like to receive the Sacrament, please give your name and age to Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk and write a letter to Fr Stephen explaining why you would like to – Fr Stephen Dye, St Joseph's RC Church, Station Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6QU.

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 9th 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 or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com

Mary's Meals Thank you to those of you who have handed in their sponsor monies for the 100 mile walk for Mary's Meals. We still have a few to receive – could you please hand them into Maria as soon as you can. It will then be doubled by the charity, supporting even more children with the gift of life. The total so far is £295 (doubled to £590) – this means so far 37 children will receive clothes to wear, a hot meal, be able to go to school and learn to read! It is undoubtedly a life-saving gift as it really does give them the "gift of hope". Thank you so much for your generous support.

A further £142.58 has been collected in the blue cups (in the Church porch) and donations, 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

Singing Hymns As restrictions are being relaxed, we are taking the approach that we have taken throughout the opening of our Church during the pandemic. When we do start to sing hymns and certain parts of Holy Mass, **you MUST wear a mask or face covering.** We want to continue to keep everyone as safe as we can. Thank you for your continued support.

Sign of Peace - for your information – taken from **CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**

It is recommended that the physical Sign of Peace remains suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Maria

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 at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk Many thanks for your ongoing 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

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at 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

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