



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Second Sunday of Advent



8 th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Claire Smith (Good Estate)
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	John Owens and Family
9 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Private Intention (CW)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
10 th December	The Martyrs of Lincolnshire	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	David Tookey RIP
11 th December	St Damasus	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Fr Neil Byrne's Intentions
12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Jeremy Jepson's Intentions
13 th December	St Lucy	Thursday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Bernard Gandy
14 th December	St John of the Cross	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (CW)
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
15 th December	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Maria and Roly
16 th December	Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Doug Hyde (Good Estate)
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 8 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 9 th December
Welcomers	R Lott & A Robinson		P Donn & Y Trevor
Readers	A de Kremer & M Vincent	B Moore	N O'Rourke & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & E Worrall	tbc	M Donn & M Port
Coffee			C Jones & H Davis
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 15 th December	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 16 th December
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		J Hickie
Readers	T Reilly & S Taylor	B McDonald	M Mildner & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	N O'Rourke & R Lott	tbc	M Pryke & F Rhowbotham
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
Church Cleaning	Christmas Clean: P Boak & F Qiatabina; R Duncan & M Port		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney-Rose	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Sylvia Minckley, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson and Floss Jepson.

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 † *Ian Greig, Delia Jones, Daniel Arnold Marriott, 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 and Denis O'Brien*

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes & Loose Plate £414.23
 Standing Orders £520.00
 Total £934.23

Fr Martin Hardy from Melton Mowbray will be the celebrant at the 4.30 pm Mass on Saturday 8th December.

Also, please remember to pray for **John Owens** who is being ordained Deacon in the Chapel of St Mary's College, Oscott at 5.30 pm on the same day.

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



Please note the following dates and times for the **Deanery Penitential Services**. **There is no better way to prepare a way for the Lord than to make a good Confession.**

Wednesday 12th December: 7.00 pm – St Francis, Melton
 Thursday 13th December: 7.00 pm – St Augustine, Stamford
 Friday 14th December: 7.00 pm – Sacred Heart, Bourne
Sunday 16th December : 3.30pm – St Joseph's, Oakham
 Wednesday 19th December : 7.00 pm – St Mary's, Grantham

Uppingham School Masses

Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm – dates for 2019 to be confirmed.

Peru There will be a stall selling Christmas Peruvian decorations this weekend in the Meeting Room. By buying any of these beaded items, you are directly helping the poor from Lima who live in the shanty towns where they are made. The women make them all year round and, with the money they receive, buy food for their children. They are all extremely poor and rely on our help. Do please pop in and have a look – there's sure to be something you will like! Come and see!

Second Collection There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend (15th/16th December) for Poor and Needy Parishes.

Christmas Flowers Very many thanks for your kind generosity. £150.48 was donated for our Christmas flowers.

Parish Christmas Card Please consider signing the Parish Christmas card instead of sending individual cards to parishioners. Then donate the money saved to support the multi-faith charity in Leicester, which is providing night shelter for the homeless over the winter months. The card will be available until Christmas.

Mary's Meals This last week Magnus was overjoyed to hear that any donations for the children will be doubled by the government until 1st March 2019! He never expected such a gift!

Thank you! The recent sale of jams, chutneys and mincemeat raised £312 for Mary's Meals. As the charity is currently receiving matched contributions from the government, this brings the total to £624 which will feed 44 children for the next year. Thank you all for your support. Denys and Beverley Hancock

English Martyrs School News Year 5 and 6 brought their topic on Vikings to an end with a superb Vikings Day on Wednesday. They were joined by Clan Wulfhar, Viking re-enactors who taught them about Viking life, medicine and weaponry. In the afternoon, they enjoyed a Viking banquet before the Vikings staged a battle. It was a very enjoyable day! The Christmas Fair was a huge success. We had a visit from Father Christmas, singing, guitar playing and cheerleading, amongst many other things! Thank you to the parishioners for baking and organising the cake stall.

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) will be celebrating an Advent Youth Mass on Sunday 16th December 2018, the Third Sunday of Advent, at St Mary's Catholic Church, South Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4PG at 6.00 pm. A warm invitation is extended to all young people, their families and friends, to join them for a Celebration of Mass led by our Youth. We will look with hope, joy and enthusiasm towards the coming of the Christ child. Those interested in helping with the different ministries of the Mass, come along with your skills and talents to the Church at 5.00 pm. Lots of help will be given. Pizza and light refreshments will take place in the hall afterwards. We look forward to seeing you all! Contact information: paulinepayne@hotmail.com, katieannejones95@googlemail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com.

St. Joseph's Parish Sewing Group meets in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Come and share tea/coffee, company and conversation. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery etc. Everyone welcome, beginners or experts! This month's meetings are on 8th, 15th and 22nd December. Any questions, ring Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

Mother's Prayers There will be no Mother's Prayers meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January 2019.

Church Repository There are many items and cards available in our repository in the Meeting Room. There are also some beautiful handmade angels for sale – made by Maria Marriott – the proceeds of which will be donated to Mary's Meals. Please take the time to come and have a look. If you would like to order anything, please use the notepad provided.

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if at any time you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please collect a slip from the Church porch which gives details of what to do.

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch.

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please fill in a consent form available in the Church porch 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