



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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First Sunday of Lent

9 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Hugh Burns RIP and Henry Ferguson RIP
10 th March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	James William Roberts RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
11 th March	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
12 th March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
13 th March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
14 th March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
15 th March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
16 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	The Ferguson Family & Friends RIP
17 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Holy Souls in Purgatory

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 9 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 10 th March
Welcomers	R Lott & A Robinson		J Hickie & P Donn
Readers	S Taylor & R Streeter	B McDonald	M Port & M Donn
Minister of Holy Communion	R Lott & B Black	tbc	J Burns & A Nguyen
Coffee			E McCombie & S Archer
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 16 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 17 th March
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	R Lott & M Vincent		M Mildner & M Donn
Minister of Holy Communion	J Aitkens & E Worrall	tbc	M Pryke & M Hatton
Coffee			M Kenning & V Wands
Church Cleaning	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, , Casey O'Hanrahan and Bridget Francis

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 † Patricia Beckett, Andrew Seale, Hugh Burns, Henry Ferguson, James Rouse, Manuela Cox, Atelia Leandro, Mary Rathbone, Peter Rafferty, Vera Williamson, John Wyatt, Leslie Gauntlett, Patricia Maiden, Thomas Ruane, George Stephens, James O'Connor and Geoffrey Brown

Last Week's Collection
 Envelopes £179.75
 Loose Plate £286.32
 Standing Orders £520.00
 Total £986.07

The Celebrants of Holy Mass this weekend are **our Diocesan Hermits**, Fr Richard and Fr David. Please make them welcome!

Mother's Prayers The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

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



Churches Together in Oakham Lent Lunches (soup, roll, cheese and fruit) will be held in All Saints Church Hall every Friday from 8th March – 5th April from 12.00 - 1.30 pm. Cost: £3.50. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Fair Trade stall available. Come and share with friends. All welcome.

Uppingham School Masses Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:
 • Sunday 17th March

Missionary work in Kenya A parishioner from Stamford will visit an orphanage in Nairobi at the end of March. The Sister at the orphanage has asked if there may be available, recorders (musical instruments) for the children. Any contributions would be a blessing and most gratefully received. Thank you.

LENT The message of Lent was made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. When we were given ashes on our forehead, we heard the priest say, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember man that you are dust and to dust you shall return". These are powerful words. They are in direct opposition to most of what we will see and hear around us every day. It will not be easy to see Lent as a holy and important season this year. We do not live in a society where many people are Catholics. In order to create a sense of the importance of Lent, we will have to develop it within our own hearts and in our homes and families. In Lent we should take extra time to pray. We should bring back into our lives things that we may have allowed to fade out: praying every night before going to bed, saying the Rosary during the day, saying Grace at meals. We could make this Lent a time when we really reflect on the importance of what we are doing when we receive Holy Communion. Do we make a proper thanksgiving afterwards? Or do we hurry away from Church, leaving before the Mass ends so as to be first in the exit from the car park? Do we start to chatter with friends whilst in Church and while others might be praying? During Lent we could recall the Church's instruction that we make every Friday a day of penance. We are meant to perform some penitential act – for example, refrain from meat. Do we? In Lent we should be performing some serious and genuine act of penance – giving up sweets or coffee or alcohol or TV. If we find ourselves saying "Oh, I don't have any sins for which I need to do penance" are we sure we are telling the truth about ourselves?

The Spring edition of Mission Today is available at the back of the church. If you are a red box holder, please take one. If you have any queries over your red box collection, please contact Hilary Davis at hilaryj@uwclub.net or Tel. 01572 724256.

Churches Together in Oakham CTIO resources are going to be stored in the stable block at St Joseph's by kind permission of Fr Stephen. We now need a large storage cupboard, preferably with shelving to store equipment. If anyone has a cupboard which may be suitable, either to donate or sell, please ring Marjorie on 01572 724203.

Faith in Families It is once again time for the half yearly collection of boxes. Please leave in the sacristy or give to Mair O'Kane. Please do not leave full boxes in the Church porch. Only returned empty boxes will be put in the porch for your re-collection. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

LACY Working Group Meeting The next meeting of the LACY Working Group will take place on Thursday 14th March at the Franciscan Convent, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BP. A warm invitation to all people interested in sharing time planning events and liturgies for our young people. Come and help us with our agenda of activities for 2019 and inspire us with your thoughts and ideas too – sharing "Faith and Fun" ideas! The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm. We look forward to seeing YOU!! Contact Pauline Payne, email: paulinepayne@hotmail.com or Ian Cardwell – iancardwell@hotmail.com for further information.

Mary's Meals A huge thank you for the large number of tennis balls that were donated this week.

The recent White Flower Appeal raised £220 for SPUC. Many thanks for your generosity.

English Martyrs School News We have had our Storytelling week this week so children have been involved in lots of activities revolving around reading and writing. We also celebrated World Book day on Thursday and the children came to school dressed as their favourite book character. There were some wonderful costumes and the children had a great day. Fr Stephen came into school on Ash Wednesday to deliver Mass for the children and families. Thank you to the parishioners who also joined us. Mrs Scott's class had a great day on Monday when they went to Casterton College, along with other local schools, to spend a day participating in arts and drama sessions. They enjoyed performing a song together, making pizzas, learning the samba drums, dancing and acting. They had a fabulous time! Well done to the 4 children who were selected by achievement to sit the UKMT Preliminary Maths Challenge. They obtained 1 gold award and 3 silver awards between them. A huge achievement of which we are very proud. Finally, as promised, the total amount raised for the cake sale was a whopping £366.63! Thank you again to the parishioners for their support.

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