



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Second Sunday of Lent

11 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena and David Tookey and Family
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Healey RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	The Bussey Family
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mary and Dermot Reynold's Intentions
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Marcus Gilman RIP
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	The Lee Family
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick Patron of Ireland	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mrs Elize Platt
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Agnes Hudson
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Funeral Service	Saturday	10.00 am	St Joseph	Funeral Service for Charles Anthony Richards
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Healey RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Ian McNaught (Good Estate)
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**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 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	J Widdows & C Berrie		P Donn & J Hickie
Readers	M Vincent & R Streeter	B McDonald	R Tennant & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Eucharist	M Pryke & J Widdows	J Aitkins	M Donn & M Port
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		T & C Slattery
Readers	T Reilly & M Donn	G Webb	C Miller & J Burns
Minister of Eucharist	R Lott & R Tennant	L Knowland	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Coffee			P Morton & J Fay
Church Cleaning	H Davis & C Wignall		
<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>		
<b>Primary School – English Martyrs</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham		<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>
<b>Acting Head Teacher</b>	Mrs A Chambers		Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion		11.00 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Irene Kearney Rose		Tel: 01572 823883
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis		Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin & Barbara Black		Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Sarah Archer		Tel: 01572 756622
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall		<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

<p><b>Please pray for the following who are ill:</b> Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, 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 and Lewis Paul</p>										
<p><b>Anniversaries †</b> Peter Rafferty, Vera Williamson, John Wyatt, Leslie Gauntlett, Patricia Maiden, Thomas Ruane, George Stephens, James O'Connor, Geoffrey Brown, Desmond McGuinness, Daniel Collin and Frances Wileman</p>										
<p><b>Last Week's Collection</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Loose Plate</td> <td>£267.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Envelopes</td> <td>£145.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing Orders</td> <td>£540.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£952.80</td> </tr> </table>	Loose Plate	£267.80	Envelopes	£145.00	Standing Orders	£540.00	Total	£952.80	<p><b>Lent</b> The message of Lent was made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are given ashes on our foreheads, we heard the priest say "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". These are powerful words. They are in direct opposition to most of what we will see and hear around us every day. We do not live in a society where many people are Catholics. It is not like living in Medieval England, when the Church was the focal point of every town and village and where the seasons of the Christian year were part of life for everyone. 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 morning when we rise, every night before going to bed, saying a 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 while still in the Church as Mass ends and while others might still be praying? Our Lenten traditions help us to share with Jesus his experience of the desert. 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 to 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?</p>	
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<p>Don't forget to join us for coffee after Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.</p> 										
<p><b>Uppingham School Masses</b> in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</li> <li>• Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>										
<p><b>Melton Mowbray Parish</b> are having '24 hours for the Lord' on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow.</p>										
<p><b>Two Evenings for Lent with Bishop Robert Barron</b> In Lent, we are called to repentance - another word for this is Conversion. We will be showing two videos by Bishop Robert Barron on <b>Conversion: Following the Call of Christ</b>. Bishop Barron presents six stories of conversion from scripture in which ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life by Him. The presentations will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room. Please make every effort to be there and allow this eloquent preacher to assist you to have a better Lent.</p>										
<p><b>Deanery Station Masses and Penitential Services this Lent</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>7.00 pm</td> <td>Penitential Service at St Mary's, Grantham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>7.00 pm</td> <td>Penitential Service at St Joseph's, Oakham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</td> <td>7.30 pm</td> <td>Station Mass at St Mary &amp; St Augustine, Stamford</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please take these opportunities for making your Easter Confession.</p>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Penitential Service at St Mary's, Grantham	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Penitential Service at St Joseph's, Oakham	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm	Station Mass at St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford	<p><b>Confirmation</b> It was good to see the Confirmandi who presented themselves to the Parish during Mass last weekend as they prepare to receive the Sacrament. They are all very enthusiastic, which is a joy to see!</p>
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<p><b>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</b> We will make the Stations after the morning Mass on Fridays and on the Sundays of Lent (5.00 pm). This beautiful Lenten Devotion helps us to appreciate Our Lord's great love for us and the great sacrifice he made for us, as we walk with Him on his final journey along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary.</p>										
<p><b>Society for the Protection of Unborn Children</b></p> <p><b>40 Days for Life</b> - A group of people will be praying for mothers and babies threatened by abortion, outside the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, every day during Lent, from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm. They request people to join them for any time you can spare. Ring Frances on 01664 565781 for details. This event has the full support and blessing of Bishop Patrick.</p> <p><b>March for Life - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> - An advance notice that your local SPUC branch will be running a coach to this amazing event for all the family, which starts with Mass in Birmingham Cathedral. The cost will be just £5 return for adults, children under 14 free. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on display in the Cathedral. Details from Frances 01664 565781.</p>										
<p><b>Mary's Meals</b> 15 more backpacks were sent this week from the Parish filled with all the necessary things the children will need to start school. You can almost feel their excitement as they receive them! As one father in the DVD said "we never imagined our children would ever own such things and we can't thank you enough" - very humbling to hear. Many thanks for all your continued support.</p>	<p><b>Cafod</b> The selection of books is gradually going down, continuing to raise money for the refugees. Do take a look. Thank you.</p>									
<p><b>The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe – visit to St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting Nottingham Cathedral from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the beginning of the 2017 National Pilgrimage Tour. The Service of Reception will be on the Friday at 7.00 pm, with the Guadalupe Mass following at 7.30 pm. The Service of Return, marking the end of the Visit, will be on the Wednesday at 1.00 pm. The Image is based at the Shrine in Bedford and is one of 220 authorised digital replicas, which confers the same blessings and graces as the original in Mexico. During this special week, there will be Masses honouring Our Lady, other events and opportunity to venerate the Image. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also Protectress of the Unborn and Patroness of the Life Movement, which is particularly significant in this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act in this country. Please visit <a href="http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk">www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk</a> to see details of the National Pilgrimage Tour and to learn more about the fascinating story of the Guadalupe Miracle. Why not arrange a Pilgrimage from your church or organisation to this very special event.</p>										
<p><b>English Martyrs School News</b> We are continuing to fundraise to meet the donation from the Big Lottery Fund for our all-weather pitch. We have a crowd funding page which has already raised over £200 – further donations are greatly appreciated!</p> <p><a href="https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/EnglishMartyrs">https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/EnglishMartyrs</a></p>										
<p><b>Our Sick List</b> If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: <a href="mailto:rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk">rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk</a></p>										
<p><b>Please note:</b> Any cheques made out to the Parish should read <b>St. Joseph's Oakham RCP</b>. Thank you.</p>										

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend**

## **Parish income and Gift Aid**

Our parish income comes from four main sources:

- Weekly envelopes
- Bankers orders
- Loose plate
- Gift Aid

All donations made by tax payers can be enhanced by 25% simply by Gift Aiding your contributions. The tax you have paid on that contribution can be reclaimed at the standard rate.

Most donors in the Planned Giving schemes using either the weekly envelopes or a Bankers Order have signed a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) and increased their donation by 25% at no extra cost to themselves.

Parishioners using the loose plate, who pay income tax, could also increase their contributions by 25% simply by joining one of the Planned Giving schemes and signing a GAD form at no extra cost to themselves and the Parish would benefit financially.

Planned giving, linked to a Gift Aid Declaration, is the most efficient way of contributing to the up-keep of the Parish.

Historically you as a congregation have always been very generous and Fr. Stephen thanks you for your continued support.