



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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



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### Second Sunday of Lent

20 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Derek Dawson RIP
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Robert Goodger RIP
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Chair of St Peter	Monday	9.30 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	St Polycarp	Tuesday	9.30 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
			10.00 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	<b>NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Deceased Members of the Benson Family
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Henry Ferguson RIP

**Confession Times:** Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		T & C Slattery
Readers	J Alston & S Taylor	A Loring	N O'Rourke & L Perril
Minister of Eucharist	B Ivory & J Burns	J Aitkins	M Pryke & R Miller
Coffee			H Davis & J Fay
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	M Vincent-Enright & J Williamson	L Smith	C & R Miller
Minister of Eucharist	M Donn & R Lott	L Knowland	N O'Rourke & A Wilkinson
Coffee			C Slattery & J Kelly
Church Cleaning	H Coomber & C Farmer		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">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	10.30 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 Hilary Davis Maria Marriott	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:hilaryj@uwclub.net">hilaryj@uwclub.net</a> <a href="mailto:tantucat@yahoo.co.uk">tantucat@yahoo.co.uk</a>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE ILL:** Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Pearl Duffy, Mary Crump, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura & 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, Veronica Wands, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Mike Ellis, Yvonne Trevor, Virginia Barwell, Cindy & Graham Johnston

**Anniversaries †** Mary Branston, Agnes Finn, Margaret Hayes, Thomas Ford, Clarice Dupont, John Tyler, Denis Cullen, Daniel Brennan-Smith, Angela Hindley-Bromann, Thomas Tutly & Martin Stimson

**Last Week's Collection**

Loose Plate	£267.02
Envelopes	£170.06
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£977.08

**Catholic Traditions for Lent** This is a season when Catholics can have a real sense of identity, of being in union with the world-wide Church. The days of Lent are a special time, a season set apart. It is something which should be of real and living importance to us. It is a season of penance. The Church sets aside these forty days before Easter as a time of preparation. We are meant to do penance for our sins. That means making some real sacrifice. Catholic tradition helps here. We speak of 'giving up' things for Lent: sweets, or alcohol, or snacks between meals. It is a central and crucial part of Lent that we should fast, identifying with Christ who fasted and prayed in the desert. It is a tragedy to miss out on Lent, an annual opportunity to renew our lives and get close to God. One day we will meet Him face to face. The time to get ready for that is now.

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



**Sunday Masses at Uppingham**  
in the School Chapel at 12.15 pm:

- 6<sup>th</sup> March
- 15<sup>th</sup> May
- 12<sup>th</sup> June

The Lenten booklet "**Walk with Me**" is available in the Church porch - a useful resource to help us during Lent. Please put money in the wall box marked "newspapers".

**Countryside Stations of the Cross and Mass Celebration with Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY)** All are invited to be involved in this occasion which will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey, Oaks Road, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 5UL. Calling all young people to come along with their families and friends and enjoy being "involved" in what will be an inspiring afternoon. Wellies are a must if the weather is wet! The Stations will commence at 1.45 pm with Mass at 3.30 pm. Refreshments will be available at the end of the afternoon. Make this great journey with our young people! Bring your voices, bring your instruments! More information from Ian Cardwell on 07752 130224 / iancardwell50@hotmail.com or Pauline Payne on 07885 187374 / paulinepayne@hotmail.com. We look forward to see you!

**Mothers Prayers - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Meet at 5 Old Brewery Court, High Street, Somerby at 2.00 pm. Details from Lorraine on 01664 452117.

**Confirmation 2016** Please let Fr Stephen or Elizabeth Keogh know of any candidates wishing to be confirmed this year. We hope to organise classes soon.

**Annual Valentine Marriage Mass with renewal of vows** All married couples are invited to join us at Nottingham Cathedral on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 3.00 pm to celebrate your marriage with Bishop Patrick, and to renew your vows to each other. Whether you are celebrating 5 years or 50 years, you are very welcome.

**Churches Together - Lent Lunches** will take place on Fridays at 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm from 19<sup>th</sup> February through to 18<sup>th</sup> March in All Saints Church Meeting Room, Church Street, Oakham. Soup Lunch costs £3.50. A special occasion to meet with members of other Churches and raise funds for Christian Aid.

**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 porch area. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** At St Joseph's Catholic Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Service 'Receive Children - Receive Me' starts at 2.00 pm (Leader - Nuala O'Rourke), followed by tea and Cuban cake. Please note the new start time for this year. Everyone welcome.

**Rutland Ladies Social Group** This friendly group meet at St. Joseph's on the last Saturday of the month, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. It is aimed at ladies who live on their own and who might like to meet others in the same situation. If you would like more information, please contact Joan Burns on 01572 771444, or just turn up for 2.00 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> February. The speaker this month is Jill Collinge.

**Mary's Meals** We would like to invite parishioners to a viewing of 2 DVDs - one on 17<sup>th</sup> February and one on 24<sup>th</sup> February, which shows how the Mary's Meals feeding programme works and how the backpacks we have generated are used by the children. This will take place in the Meeting Room at 7.15 pm on both evenings - DVDs are 30 mins - refreshments will be available. (Organised by Bridget Francis)

**Parish Council** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If you have any queries or questions you would like to put to the PPC, please send in writing via the Church office by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Refugees** During Lent, the book sale will continue in the meeting room every day. All donations raised will be sent to the Cafod Appeal for the Refugees. Please just pop your donation in the box. Many thanks.

**English Martyrs School News** Year of Mercy: On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we are inviting parishioners to join us for a shared lunch (soup and a roll) as part of our Lenten and Year of Mercy celebrations. Please telephone the office on 01572 722400 to let us know (for catering purposes) if you are able to come along.

**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*