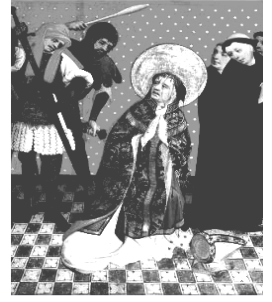




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND
ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Palm Sunday

4 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday		St Joseph	F Hudson and Family
5 th April	Palm Sunday	Sunday		St Joseph	All Parishioners
6 th April	Monday of Holy Week	Monday		Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (Jim and Mair O’Kane)
7 th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Paul Keany RIP
8 th April	Spy Wednesday	Wednesday		Holy Mass	Richard McCarthy RIP
9 th April	Maundy Thursday	Thursday		Holy Mass	Meryl Vincent’s Intentions
10 th April	Good Friday	Friday		St Joseph	Liturgy of the Passion
11 th April	Holy Saturday	Saturday		St Joseph	Zena Tookey and Family
12 th April	Easter Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord	Sunday		St Joseph	All Parishioners

Holy Week will be rather different this year! Please be assured that Fr Stephen (in self-isolation) will be celebrating Mass for the daily Intention and also for All Parishioners. As far as he is able, he will celebrate the Liturgy of the Sacred Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Please be assured of his prayers for you at this difficult time.

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	James Belderbos	Email: james.belderbos@gmail.com Tel: 07535 940 048
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
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, Enid 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, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Daphne Berarey, Jim Whalley, Margaret Reid, Anne Stevenson and Fr John Trenchard and Florence Valentine

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 † George Hyde, Josephine Goddard, Ray Tyler, Joan Noble, Carol Seaton, James Tyler, Ciro Nerini, Mary Flanagan and Veronica Hubbard

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£
Loose Plate	£
Standing Orders	£590.00
Total	£

Extract from Cardinal Vincent's letter

"We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time."

Uppingham School Masses

Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:
• tbc

Due to government advice for the over 70s, please be aware of your elderly neighbours and parishioners. Do they need any help? Can you do some shopping for them? Also remember all the advice we have been given about washing hands and social distancing. Please stay safe.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Richard McCarthy and Paul Keany, who both died recently. Please remember Richard and Paul in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

LENT The message of Lent was made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we were 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 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 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, refrain from meat or from some favourite snack or treat. 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?

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 rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk Many thanks

St Joseph's and English Martyrs' 200 club winners for February are:

1st prize: Emma McCombie - £100; 2nd prize: Chris Thomas - £20; 3rd prize: Philip Sturley - £10

Mother's Prayers There will be no Mother's Prayers meetings until further notice.

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

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

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