



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Second Sunday of Lent

7 th March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Margaret & Richard Morgan RIP
8 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Avis & Jack Smith RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Pro Populo
9 th March	St Frances of Rome	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Henry Ferguson, Hugh Burns and Michael O'Rourke RIP
10 th March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
11 th March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Francis and Ann Connolly RIP
12 th March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mary Martin RIP
13 th March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Patricia Maiden RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mary King RIP
14 th March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Michael and Emily Morgan RIP
15 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Sister Thomas More's Intentions

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 7 th March	Sunday 8 th March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		Y Trevor & C Jones
Readers	R Lott & S Taylor	C Smith/ S Walker	I Kearney-Rose & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	J Aitkens & M Port	tbc	F Rhowbotham & K Wigmore
Coffee			V Wands
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 14 th March	Sunday 15 th March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers	R Lott & J O'Shea		N McGarrity & J Hickie
Readers	J Alston & T Reilly	C Knowland	L Perril & A Shacklady
Minister of Holy Communion	E Worrall & R Lott	tbc	M Pryke & A Nguyen
Coffee			R Duncan & R Hunt
Church Cleaning	C Jones & R Jones		
Church Flowers	No flowers during Lent		


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 & 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, Jeffrey Whawell, Anne Stevenson and Fr John Trenchard

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 † Emma Gardner, Beatrice Tyler, Michael O'Rourke, Kath Houlden, Elizabeth Hawthorne, 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 and George Stephens

Last Week's Collection
Envelopes £219.25
Loose Plate £327.18
Standing Orders £590.00
Total £1,136.43

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

Uppingham School Masses Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:
• Sunday 8th March

This weekend there will be a talk on behalf of CAFOD at all Masses by Maggie Maiura.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** on Friday after the 9.30 am Mass during Lent. This will alternate between St Joseph's and All Saints Church.

There will also be Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on **Sundays** at 5.00 pm during Lent.

LENT The message of Lent is made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are given ashes on our foreheads, we will hear 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?

Mass, Parish Events and Coronavirus We received guidance from the Bishops' Conference written by Professor J McManus on the celebration of the liturgy in the light of coronavirus. At the time of writing, we are not in a pandemic. Efforts in England and Wales are focused on containment of the virus and this advice is written for those circumstances. If this situation changes, further detailed guidance will be produced. The guidance will be kept under continuous review. The advice is to take a stepped approach and with very few cases in the UK and none in the local area, we should currently implement step 1. The key thing to do is ensure everyone maintains good hygiene (we should be doing this already) especially at Mass and Parish gatherings. Full details for step 1 are set out on an attachment to this newsletter. More detailed guidance can be found on the Bishops' Conference website at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary – Sunday 29th March This year, on Sunday 29th March, we will be joining with communities all around the country in prayer for The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. **More details to follow.** If you want to know more about The Rededication, visit: www.behold2020.com.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pat Dawson who died recently. Please remember her in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Council Minutes The minutes of the latest PPC meeting are available on the noticeboard, on the parish Facebook page, and will be in the next edition of the Church Mouse. If, however, you would like your own copy, please email Jim at jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk or leave a note for him in the pigeonholes in the Church porch.

A men's wedding ring has been found in Church. Please contact Maria at rc-churchoakham@live.co.uk.

Mother's Prayers The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be on Tuesday 31st March - 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year are now available in the Church porch.

Wednesday 11th March – 5.30 pm Oakham Christian Meditation Group warmly invite you to 'An Evening with Centering Prayer' and a talk led by Rev Mel King, a priest in the diocese of York, at **St John and St Anne**. Light refreshments provided. Centering Prayer is a method which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence, drawing on the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 6:6 and the Christian contemplative tradition.

St Joseph's Parish Sewing Group will be meeting in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Bring your own project, sewing/knitting/crochet embroidery etc. and come and share tea/coffee, company and conversation. This month's meetings will be on 14th and 21st March. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

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.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend