



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Fiona Ruddle (Good Estate)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	David Cashman RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
			7.00 pm	St Joseph	Concert of Sacred Music for Lent
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	David Cashman RIP
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Judy Ramanoop's Intentions
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Keogh's Intentions
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
			10.00 am - 11.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Benny Toth's Intentions
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena & David Tookey & Family
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	John Fahy RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

**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 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		J Hickie & J Nash
Readers	A de Kremer & R Lott	B Moore	M Port & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	J Burns & E Worrall	S Allan	K Wigmore & M Pryke
Coffee			V Wands & M Kenning
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	B Francis & A Robinson		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	M Donn & J Widdows	B McDonald	L Perril & M Mildner
Minister of Holy Communion	B Ivory & E Worrall	A Loring	R Tennant & N O'Rourke
Coffee			S Archer & E McCombie
Church Cleaning	M Marriott & A Munton		

<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>Head Teacher</b>	Alison 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	Email: <a href="mailto:irene@kearney-rose.co.uk">irene@kearney-rose.co.uk</a> Tel: 07743 030 460
<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>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>


**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, 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, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Robert Johnstone, 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, Lewis Paul, Floss Jepson, Angela Munton, Nigel Stark, Shane Spencer, Phillip Botteley, Andrena Lynch, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Avril Thompson, Jeffrey Miller, Fr Dominic O'Connor, Fr Kevin Clark, Fr Michael Bell, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Bernard Gandy, John and Shirley Parminter, Roly Marriott, Catherine Farndell, Amanda Messer, Fr David Bowler, Aileen Egan and Melissa Barker

**Anniversaries †** 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, Geoffrey Brown and Desmond McGuinness

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	
Envelopes	£119.00
Loose Plate	£188.02
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£847.02

**Deanery Events in Lent**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – St Augustine's, Stamford: 6.30 – 7.15 pm Confessions followed by Station Mass  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – St Gilbert's, Bourne: 6.30 – 7.15 pm Confessions followed by Station Mass  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – St Joseph's, Oakham: Penitential Service, Confessions, Adoration and Benediction 7.00 – 8.00 pm  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham: Penitential Service, Confessions, Adoration and Benediction 7.00 – 8.00 pm.

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



**Uppingham School Masses** in the School Chapel will be celebrated at 12.15pm on:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- 20<sup>th</sup> May
- 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Divine Mercy Service - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - 2.30 pm** Fr Stephen and a visiting Priest will celebrate the Divine Mercy Service on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday. Please make a note in your diary and please attend. Refreshments available afterwards in the Meeting Room.  
 "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (This is the Promise made by Our Lord to Saint Faustina.)

**"Adoremus"** The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Cardinal Nichols wrote: **"We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."** Bishop Patrick has said **"It is Christ whom we truly encounter in the Eucharist who sends us out into our community and wider world to encounter him in the poor and the marginalised, and to respond as we can."** We are asked to send delegates to the Congress and more importantly to respond as a Parish by increasing our understanding of the Eucharist and practice of Eucharistic Adoration.  
 We are holding a series of DVD presentations on The Eucharist by Bishop Robert Barron on Mondays during Lent. The next two showings will be on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room. Do please make every effort to attend these sessions. You will not leave unaffected. Bishop Barron is an eloquent, persuasive and sound presenter of the Catholic faith and its rich heritage.

**Lent Lunches** Soup and cheese lunches will be served every Friday in Lent in All Saints Church Hall from 12.00 -1.30pm. Cost £3.50 - proceeds to Christian Aid Fair Trade stall. Come and share with friends. A warm welcome to all.

**Student Cross - Help needed** The Midland leg of Student Cross will again be visiting our Parish on the evening of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. They will be stopping to sleep on the Church floor after their long walk as part of their 120 mile pilgrimage to Walsingham. We need hosts to give them a basic meal and a chance to freshen up before they return to St Joseph's for the night. (6.00 pm - 8.00pm). Please consider welcoming a grateful pilgrim during the season of Lent. Sign up in the Church porch or call Helen Jones on 01572 759406.

**Homeless and Rough Sleeping in Oakham Meeting – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 10.30 for 10.45 am start (to finish by 11.45 am) – Oakham Baptist Church, Melton Road (01572 724990)** Oakham has seen a noticeable increase in numbers of homeless rough sleepers this Winter and the particularly cold weather has caused much alarm for the well-being of these men. Local residents from our churches and wider community have expressed concern and actively helped in various ways. Professionals from RCC will attend the above meeting to explain local services for homeless/rough sleepers and how best we can support the situation. Many of us are concerned and want to help but are unsure how best to go about it. This open meeting aims to provide much of that information plus some guidance on best practices. We encourage anyone concerned about the situation or who has personally befriended or engaged with homeless individuals to come along.

**English Martyrs School News** We officially opened our Astroturf on Friday and this was covered by the local newspaper and Rutland Radio. The children are very excited to be able to use this amazing facility. We would like to thank parents, staff, governors and parishioners for all their hard work into making this happen.  
 Some great results in recent sporting events, including Dodgeball, Cross Country and Swimming has meant that we still currently stand at the top of both Rutland Primary Sports leagues - something that we are very proud of.  
 We had our World Book Day on Tuesday as it was postponed due to the snow last week. We shared a lovely breakfast with families and celebrated all the wonderful costumes that the children had on.

**Church Mouse** We will be producing an edition of the Church Mouse in time for Easter. We would really like to have more stories, articles, recipes, etc from parishioners, so if you have anything to include in this edition, please either email it to eileenworrall@hotmail.com or leave it in an envelope in the Church porch, addressed to "Church Mouse". The deadline for articles is 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Due to some rebuilding work** we have Cottesmore stone/rocks available which would be suitable for a large rockery. If you are interested, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289 or by email b.afrancis@tiscali.co.uk.

**St. Joseph's Parish Sewing Group** meets in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 pm to 3.30 p.m. Come and share tea/coffee, company, conversation and expertise. Bring your own project, sewing, knitting, embroidery etc. Next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

**Book of Remembrance** This is an ongoing project so if at any time you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please collect a slip from the Church porch which gives details of what to do. Thank you.

**Our Sick List** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware 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**