



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Third Sunday of Lent



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
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
16 th March	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Vincenzo Rosati's Intentions
17 th March	St Patrick	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Sister Anthony (Good Estate)
18 th March	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Elliott Family's Intentions
19 th March	St Joseph (Solemnity)	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Denys Hancock's Intentions
20 th March	St Alcmund	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Bridget McNulty's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Parish Clergy Intentions
21 st March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mary Martin RIP
22 nd March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Kevin James Quinn RIP

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 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
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 21 st March	Sunday 22 nd March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers	A Robinson & C Berrie		F Rhowbotham & M Mildner
Readers	R Lott & A de Kremer	P Gatheral	J Burns & N O'Rourke
Minister of Holy Communion	B Black & J Aitkens	tbc	K Wigmore & A Hutton
Coffee			E McCombie & S Archer
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 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 † Thomas Ruane, George Stephens, James O'Connor, Geoffrey Brown, Desmond McGuinness, Daniel Collin, Frances Wileman,
John Nolan, Thomas Tutty, Cecil Tyler, Harvey Hodgson, Leonard Carr and Veronica Dunster

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£161.25
Loose Plate	£275.85
Standing Orders	£590.00
Total	£1,027.10

Please note there will be no coffee/tea after Mass on Wednesday and Sunday until further notice.

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

Please note that the Church will open during the day on Saturday and Sunday in Lent.

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 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?

Mass and Coronavirus On Monday this week, Bishop Patrick issued a decree requiring us to move to the next level of precautions against the spread of the virus. Maintaining rigorous hygiene by everyone remains a central precaution. In addition, the Bishop has introduced the following measures: the chalice will not be administered at Holy Communion, the sign of peace will not be given during Mass, shared items such as hymn books, prayer cards, rosaries are not to be used. The Bishop also strongly encourages everyone to receive Holy Communion only in the hand - for those who might find this difficult, he asks that it be done as an act of charity towards your fellow parishioners. A decree from the Bishop requires our obedience. The full text of his decree will be inserted into this Newsletter.

Thursday 19th March is our Patronal Festival. We welcome the Staff and Students of English Martyrs Catholic Voluntary Academy to celebrate Mass with us.

Churches Together in Oakham A decision was taken yesterday at the Churches Together in Oakham committee meeting to cancel all the remaining Lent lunches at All Saints Church Hall. Thank you to all those people who offered to make soup which will no longer be required. Marjorie Port on behalf of the committee.

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. In preparation for the rededication, we have been asked to say The Angelus. Please find a copy enclosed with this newsletter.

Mary's Meals A huge thank you for the towels, pencils, toothpaste, t-shirts and 2 backpacks donated this week for Mary's Meals. A little child will be delighted to receive them and be able to go to school and enjoy a meal. Thank you.

Faith in Families - Reminder 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 Church porch. Only returned empty boxes will be put in the porch for your re-collection. If anyone wants gift aid forms or a new box, please contact Mair O'Kane. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

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.

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

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. The last meeting of this month will be on 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

Additional notices

English Martyrs School News The total amount raised for our cake sale was £210. Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the sale.

We had a wonderful week celebrating **World Book Week**. The children were involved in lots of activities about reading and about their favourite books. On Monday, the children took part in workshops with author Rachael Greaves in the bell tent, which we had won the use of at the Rutland Show. Rev Peter Rush came in to school to share Bible stories with the children. Children also had a chance to come dressed as their favourite book characters and design a t-shirt about their favourite book. We held a story breakfast for families and children also designed dioramas with scenes from their favourite book. A busy, fun-filled week!

Rosmini Centre:

Saturday 21st March – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm – **Lenten Retreat Day** – Guidance, Mass, Adoration. Lunch provided – suggested donation is £20.

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40 Days for Life started on Ash Wednesday and will finish on Palm Sunday, 14th April. It's not too late to join with other Christians all around the world for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two during a 40 day vigil at the Stapleford Care Centre from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm. We give a witness to the babies who are aborted in our community, help our society grow in an awareness of the unborn child's humanity and offer help and hope to vulnerable women who are under pressure to abort, and to all those affected by abortion. A big thank you to all who have prayed with us so far. If you'd like more information, please contact 40daysforlifenootts@gmail.com or visit 40daysforlife.com/Nottingham-

On Friday 27th to Saturday 28th March, Melton Mowbray Parish are holding a 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time before the Lord.

It is at **St Francis Convent Chapel**, Dalby Road, LE13 0BP from 3.00 pm on Friday to 10.00 am on Saturday

Then at **St John's Church**, Thorpe End, LE13 1RB from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday.

Then back to the **Convent Chapel** from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Further details from Jean Garrett on 07960 975483, jeangarrett@talktalk.net, especially if you are planning to come during the night.

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) will be meeting once again with the LACY Working Group at St Mary's, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG on Wednesday 18th March – 7.30-9.00 pm to discuss upcoming and future events sharing "Faith and Fun". A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in working with this group to spread the Gospel amongst our young people. We're looking for new ideas to attract and inspire! People of all ages are welcome to come along. More information from Pauline, if required, at paulinepayne@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!