



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

21 st March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass			St Joseph	Mary Martin RIP
22 nd March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Sunday		St Thomas	----
	Laetare Sunday			St Joseph	Kevin James Quinn RIP and All Parishioners
23 rd March	Lenten Feria	Monday		Holy Mass	The Savant Family
24 th March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Kay Sandland RIP
25 th March	The Annunciation of the Lord	Wednesday		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
				Holy Mass	Eileen Tagg RIP
26 th March	Lenten Feria	Thursday		Holy Mass	Johanna Lester RIP
27 th March	Lenten Feria	Friday		Holy Mass	Mary Martin RIP
				Latin Mass	----
28 th March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass			St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory
29 th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday		St Thomas	----
				St Joseph	All Parishioners

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 21 st March	Sunday 22 nd March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers			
Readers			
Minister of Holy Communion			
Coffee			
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 28 th March	Sunday 29 th March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers			
Readers			
Minister of Holy Communion			
Coffee			
Church Cleaning	E Keogh & R Streeter		
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
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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 † Peter Rowley, Colin Scott, Maurice Hartwell, Christopher Morris, Ronald Farnworth, Rose Perry, Marjorie Burke, Audrey
 Rosevear, Henry Harper, Jim Smith and Maureen Mather

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£176.75
Loose Plate	£161.33
Standing Orders	£590.00
Total	£928.08

Masses Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, there will be no public Masses
 celebrated in St Joseph's or St Thomas of Canterbury. Fr Stephen will offer
 Mass daily for the intention of the day and for all parishioners.

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

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."

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.

Start of British Summer Time

Clocks go forward one hour on Sunday
 29th March at 2.00 a.m.

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?

English Martyrs School News

Maths Challenge The maths challenge team of Daniel, Daniel, Lilly and Ivan were in action at Kings School, Peterborough on Thursday, having qualified for the tournament by winning their group competition. From the 19 schools involved, we were the only primary - all of the other participants being secondary schools. We emerged as 9th place - our highest ever, a huge achievement for the youngest participants in the event.

Bridge Champions Daniel and Isaac attended the National Youth Bridge tournament in Loughborough last week. They joined a number of other pairs from other primary schools in the mini bridge competition. They worked very well as a team and came joint 1st with another school from Nottingham.

Bible Times Experience All year 4 and 5 children went to a Bible Story experience run by Market Overton Free Church. They enjoyed a whistle-stop story telling tour from the Old Testament to the New Testament. They met many characters from the Bible, had fun dressing up, took a bible quiz and did some food tasting.

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.

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.

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.

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend