



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Third Sunday of Lent

23 rd March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Alan Hutton's Intentions
24 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Shalom Savant's Intentions
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
25 th March	Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Kathleen Maskell RIP
26 th March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
27 th March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Dr Rudi Hackl RIP
28 th March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
29 th March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	John Berridge RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
30 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mary Hickie RIP
31 st March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Judaline Ramanoop's Intentions
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

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 23 rd March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 24 th March
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		Y Trevor & F Rhowbotham
Readers	J Aitkens & T Reilly	C Smith/ S Walker	J Burns & M Port
Minister of Holy Communion	N O'Rourke & R Lott	tbc	F Rhowbotham & B Ivory
Coffee			G Anderiesz & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 30 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 31 st March
Welcomers	B Francis & A Robinson		P Reilly & J Hickie
Readers	R Streeter & R Lott		N O'Rourke & L Perril
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & J Aitkens	tbc	A Nguyen & M Mildner
Coffee			J Fey & P Morton
Church Cleaning	P Boak & F Quatabina		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney-Rose	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

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, Sylvia Minckley, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson and Floss Jepson, , Casey O'Hanrahan and Bridget Francis

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 † *Colin Scott, Maurice Hartwell, Christopher Morris, Ronald Farnworth, Rose Perry, Marjorie Burke, Audrey Rosevear, Henry Harper, Jim Smith, Maureen Mather and Walentyna Wojtew*

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£218.50
Loose Plate	£254.80
Standing Orders	£520.00
Total	£993.30

Please note the following **Deanery Penitential Services:**

Sunday 7 th April	4.00 pm	St Joseph's, Oakham
Tuesday 9 th April	7.00 pm	St Mary Immaculate, Grantham
Wednesday 10 th April	7.00 pm	St Francis Convent Chapel, Melton Mowbray
Thursday 11 th April	7.00 pm	Sacred Heart and St Gilbert, Bourne
Friday 12 th April	7.00 pm	St Augustine's, Stamford

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

- 5th May
- 9th June

The priests of the Deanery will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on these dates. Please prepare well for Easter by making a good Confession!

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



As part of Churches Together in Oakham, we will participate in making the Stations of the Cross on **alternate Fridays at 11.30 am** in St Joseph's and All Saints Church.

Exposition – 24 hours for the Lord – Melton Mowbray – Friday 5th April/Saturday 6th April We are having a 24+ hour Exposition again as part of our Lenten devotions. Everyone welcome if you wish to join us at any time: 3.00 pm Friday 5th April to 10.00 am on Saturday 6th April at St Francis Convent Chapel, Dalby Road; 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Saturday 6th April at St John's Church, Thorpe End; 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm back at the Convent Chapel. For further information, please contact Jean Garrett – 01664 565341 or 07960 975483.

The next **Celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form** will be on Friday 29th March at 7.00 pm.

Planned Giving Scheme Please collect your planned giving envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you.

Pope Francis and Bishop Patrick are urging us to experience a closer encounter with God. During Lent there will be **Adoration each Saturday morning from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon**, beginning on Saturday 16th March. Please make an effort to pop in - even for just 10 minutes or so. The Sacrament cannot be left unattended so it is important that as many as possible try to come. A good resolution for Lent!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the children's liturgy group as catechists. Thankfully we have an excellent and loyal team of helpers, but from next term there will only be two catechists left doing this worthwhile job. The role of the catechist is to help children to understand the Sunday Gospel and thus to learn about God and Jesus. We do this by reading and discussing the Gospel and through prayers and activities. It is interesting for both the children and the catechists. We know that new recruits settle in quickly and enjoy their task. Unfortunately, as there are only two of us, after Easter we will have to limit the sessions to two per month. This is not an ideal situation – just having two more catechists would help significantly to keep continuity, although the more the better. Please think about joining us, so that we can keep the children's liturgy going. Anyone who is interested is welcome – you don't have to be a parent. Lots of help will be given. Please see or contact me (0778 8503243) or see Fr Stephen. Thank you very much. Hanna Coomber

Churches Together in Oakham Lent Lunches (soup, roll, cheese and fruit) will be held in All Saints Church Hall every Friday from 8th March – 5th April from 12.00 - 1.30 pm. Cost: £3.50. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Fair Trade stall available. Come and share with friends. All welcome.

Day of Renewal - Saturday 11th May to be held at the Convent, Melton Mowbray - 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. 'WHY DID GOD MAKE US?'. Cost: £12 inc lunch etc. Mass celebrated by Fr Stephen. Come and enjoy! Please put the date in your diary. List in the Church porch in April.

Student Cross – help needed We have once again been asked to host the Student Cross pilgrims. This is a group of students who walk from Leicester to Walsingham during Holy Week each year carrying a large cross. As they travel, they stop off at different parishes along the way. At St Joseph's, we welcome them by offering them a warm meal and a wash in our homes. They then come back to the Church to sleep before setting off on their journey the next morning. It is a great chance during Lent to help others but also very enjoyable! The students are always hugely appreciative. Please consider welcoming a couple of students into your home for just a couple of hours on the evening of Saturday 13th April. It is always a struggle to find hosts and sometimes we have to take up the very kind offer of help from non-Christians outside our Church. Please add your name to the list in the porch or call Helen Jones on 01572 759406. Thank you.

Mother's Prayers The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

CAFOD Many thanks for the 5 phones and cartridges left this week - between £3 and £5 will be received for each phone and 50p for the cartridges, all going to help the poor. Thank you for donating them.

English Martyrs School News Thank you to the parishioners who joined us for our Quiz and Chips event. It was a great success and the total raised was £368!

Julie, Gillian and David visited us from Oakham Baptist Church on Monday 11th March to act out the story of Daniel and the Lions. Some of our children helped them retell the story, reminding us how difficult it is sometimes to do the right thing and stand up against others. Years 5 and 6 attended a Bible Times Exhibition on Wednesday 13th March at Market Overton Village Hall. It was a really enjoyable way to learn more about the life of Jesus, with scenarios brought to life by actors. The children also got to complete a quiz, dress up and taste food from Biblical times.

Last week was very busy, with activities to mark STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The children have explored levers, pulleys and gears, making their own working wells which used pulleys. They also had a morning of inventing.

LACY Coach from Leicester to Countryside Stations of the Cross If you would like to travel on the coach from Leicester to the Countryside Stations of the Cross at Mount St Bernard Abbey on Sunday 7th April, it would be most helpful if you could advise us as soon as possible if you would like to book a seat. Last date to be in touch regarding the coach is Tuesday 2nd April. Departures: 12 noon from St Mary's South Wigston, 12.20 pm from St Thomas More, Knighton and 12.40 pm from Sacred Heart, Leicester. We will depart the Abbey at 6.00 pm, dropping off in reverse order. We look forward to seeing you! More details if required from Pauline on 07885 187374.

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