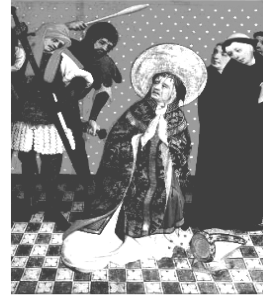




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

2 nd April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	All Parishioners
3 rd April	Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Patrick England RIP
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Anne-Marie Stevenson RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
4 th April	St Isidore	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mr and Mrs R Hills RIP
5 th April	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Doris and Derek Adams RIP
6 th April	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Lenten Feria		10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
7 th April	St John Baptist de la Salle	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Ellen Freer (Good Estate)
8 th April	Lenten Feria	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Mr Menezes RIP
			7.00 pm	St Joseph	Service of Reconciliation
9 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Parents of Dr Vijay Savant
10 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	All Parishioners
			10.30 am	Holy Mass	Paraic Feeney RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 2 nd April	Sunday 3 rd April
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Eileen Worrall	Nola McGarrity and Pauline Morton
Readers	Siobhan Taylor and Tom Reilly	Lorraine Perril and Annie de Kremer
Coffee		Sylvie Nguyen
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 th April	Sunday 10 th April
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Fran Rhowbotham
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Ron Streeter	Maureen Mildner and Annie de Kremer
Coffee		Pauline Morton
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	

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	10.30 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott	rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Groups	Barbara Black Maureen Mildner	Tel: 01572 724918 Tel: 01572 756477
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112 jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk
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Please pray for the following who are ill: *Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley,, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Calum Simpson and Angela Munton, John Shortmoor, Joseph Shortmoor and Fr Tom McGovern, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Melanie McDonald, Ita Jones and Michael Dawson - 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 † *Margaret Murton, Angela Clipsham, David Healey, George Hyde, Josephine Goddard, Ray Tyler, Joan Noble, Carol Seaton, James Tyler and Ciro Nerini*

Last week's collection

Collections	£127.04
Planned Giving and Donations	£822.00
Total	£949.04

Do please take the opportunity to make a **good Confession** during Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This week, the clergy of the deanery parishes will be available for the **Penitential Services** each evening at **7.00 pm** as follows:

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



Stations of the Cross each week in Lent on Fridays at 10.45 am, shared with All Saints.

Friday 8th April – St Joseph's
On all Sundays in Lent, we will also make the Stations of the Cross at 5.00 pm in St Joseph's.

Monday 4 th April	St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford
Tuesday 5 th April	St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham
Wednesday 6 th April	St Guthlac, Market Deeping
Thursday 7 th April	St John the Baptist, Melton Mowbray
Friday 8 th April	St Joseph, Oakham

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

If you would like a copy of the minutes of the latest PPC meeting, please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Good Friday Witness Walk

Churches Together are organising the annual Christian Walk of Witness on Good Friday 15th April, for the first time since the pandemic, as follows:

10.15 am - Assemble in the grounds of St John and St Anne
10.30 am - Silent walk of Witness through the town along the High Street to the Market Place
10.40 am - Short service and Hymns around the Buttercross.
All welcome.

Easter Flowers There will be a collection after Holy Mass this weekend (2nd/3rd April) for Easter Flowers for the Church.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel As St Michael is the Patron Saint of Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, we will say this prayer during Holy Mass in support of the people of Ukraine and for peace in the whole world.

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

On the Feast of the **Divine Mercy** on Sunday 24th April, starting at 2.30 pm, there will be Holy Mass, blessing of images of the Divine Mercy and any other religious articles, Holy Hour, Rosary and Confessions during Adoration.

Mary's Meals The last 53 backpacks for poor children have now been collected for Mary's Meals. This means the children will receive clothes, pencils, books and flipflops and be able to attend school, where they will receive a meal every day. Truly a gift of hope. A huge thank you for all your donations to fill the back packs. Magnus now feeds 2,279,941 children a day!! An amazing miracle!

Recycling Many thanks for all the items in the recycling box. They will be sent to this e-centre very soon. Please keep looking!!

Caritas – Diocese of Nottingham Caritas has received numerous expressions of interest in hosting, welcoming and supporting refugees from the conflict in Ukraine. The pieces are beginning to fall in place nationally, enabling us to develop ways locally to support parishes and individuals in their response. There will be a workshop on Zoom on Monday 28th March under the banner of Parishes of Welcome, to support those who wish to respond to the refugee crisis. To sign up visit bit.ly/ParishesofWelcome or email Paul Bodenham at caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day Many thanks to those who have already donated following CAFOD Family Fast Day. If you have not yet contributed, please bring your envelopes to Church before Easter.

Important information – please read

Deanery and Parish Reorganisation

Further to the Bishop's recent Pastoral Letter at the beginning of Lent on the necessity of reorganising deanery and parishes structures, at the recent Grantham Deanery meeting with Bishop Patrick and his Vicar Generals, plans were presented that would mean combining the parishes of St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford and St Joseph's, Oakham. Over time, the two parishes will become one parish encompassing the two churches, served by one parish priest. There will be just one PPC and one Finance Committee. This merging will clearly need some discussion and so further meetings will be held over the course of this year to facilitate and transition towards this new reality. No timescale was outlined but the transition is to happen sooner rather than later and may depend on circumstances, e.g. ill-health or retirement of a priest. As this process moves forward, I will, of course, keep you updated on developments as it will mean a change for all of us, not least in the need to revisit Mass times, but also to look at how help from the laity can be garnered to assist with the administration and other aspects across the communities

New way of donating and giving to collection

Do you ever find that you are at Mass and you do not have any money for the collection, or there is a second collection that catches you out with no money? One of the changes in life that has taken place over the last two years is the use of contactless cards for almost everything we buy, and as a result, there is less need to carry any money.

At St Joseph's, we have found that cash in collections is only a third the amount it was before the pandemic. We have been investigating what we can do to make it easier for parishioners and visitors to give, which will also help our finances. The best solution we have found is a contactless card system called a Digital Collection Plate.

As well as enabling speedy giving at St Joseph's, you can also donate through our website (www.stjosephs-oakham.org). By providing the required information, all your contributions using Digital Collection Plate will be gift-aided (where applicable). Simply press the Donate button and follow the simple instructions. You can donate a minimum of £1, but then all donations using the same credit or debit card will be gift-aided.

The Digital Collection Plate will also enable separate contributions to be made, for instance for second collections or any special campaigns.

Planned Giving by Standing Order and by Envelope will continue as before, however this is a quick and easy way to make any additional donations.

Cash and Envelopes will still be welcome in the collection basket, which will be in the Porch.

The Digital Collection Plate will also be located in the Porch from this weekend, and assistance will be available to begin with to help anyone with any queries.

Contributions and donations can also be made through our website.

If you have any queries, please ask Maria or Nick Taylor.