



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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First Sunday of Lent

17 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Joe Quinn RIP
18 th February	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	In Thanksgiving to St Jude for Prayers answered
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
19 th February	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Steve & Sandra Hickling's Intentions
20 th February	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
21 st February	St Peter Damian	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Hatton Family
22 nd February	The Chair of St Peter	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Kathleen Queenan RIP
23 rd February	St Polycarp	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	Chris Hind's Intentions
24 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	David Cashman RIP
25 th February	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Joseph & Jeanne Meschini RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

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 17 th February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 18 th February
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	T Reilly & R Streeter	A Loring	M Mildner & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Holy Communion	E Worrall & J Widdows	A Loring	R Tennant & F Rhowbotham
Coffee			C Slattery & J Kelly
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 24 th February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 25 th February
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		P Reilly & Y Trevor
Readers	J Alston & J Widdows	L Smith	R Tennant & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	R Lott & M Port	J Aitkens	M Pryke & M Donn
Coffee			R Hunt & R Duncan
Church Cleaning	P Boak & F Quatabina		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	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: 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 Ruddie, 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 and Fr David Bowler

Anniversaries † Mary Lally, Henry Harnden, Rita Carpenter, Arthur Lambert, Olive Wright, Dorothy Richardson, Hilary Fletcher, Mary Branston, Agnes Finn, Margaret Hayes, Charles A Richards, Thomas Ford, Clarice Dupont, John Tyler, Denis Cullen and Daniel Brennan-Smith

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£227.75
Loose Plate	£326.71
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£1,094.46

Deanery Events in Lent

Friday 9th – Saturday 10th March: “24 hours with the Lord, Melton Mowbray (see below)
Thursday 15th March – St Augustine’s, Stamford: 6.30 – 7.15 pm Confessions followed by Station Mass
Wednesday 21st March – St Gilbert’s, Bourne: 6.30 – 7.15 pm Confessions followed by Station Mass
Thursday 22nd March – St Joseph’s, Oakham: Penitential Service, Confessions, Adoration and Benediction 7.00 – 8.00 pm
Monday 26th 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:

- 4th March
- 22nd April
- 20th May
- 17th June

24 hours for the Lord Sign up to keep watch at our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday/Saturday, 9th/10th March. Answer Pope Francis' and Bishop Patrick's call to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Spending time quietly before the Lord can give great benefits in our lives. It can allow Him to touch us in a deeper way. We can pray for our own intentions, for the future of our Parish and for all the troubles in the world. Exposition will start on Friday afternoon in St Francis' School then; 2.45 – 11.00 pm at the Convent Chapel; 11.00 pm – 10.00 am Saturday at St Peter's and 10.00 am - 6.00 pm at St. John's.

"Adoremus" The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from 7th – 9th 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.

As a start, we will be holding a series DVD presentations on The Eucharist by Bishop Robert Barron on the following Mondays – 26th February, 5th, 12th and 19th 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.

Lenten Penance? It is important that we pray for the end of abortion; for the victims of abortion and particularly that the Government does not decriminalise this practice. Therefore, it is proposed that during the six Fridays of Lent from 10.00 am – 11.00 am, we silently pray in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Please make it a Lenten resolution and enter your names on the list in the porch to ensure a sufficient number are present. Thank you.

Women's World Day of Prayer will take place at Oakham Baptist Church, Melton Road on Friday 2nd March at 2.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Thank you so much for the cards and good wishes I have received during my recent illness. Especially thank you for the prayers which helped my recovery. It is all very heart warming. Ruth.

Hear My Prayer – Beautiful reflective music for Lent including Thomas Tallis's Lamentations and works by Byrd, Taverner, Josquin, Purcell and others. Performed by Divers Voyces, directed by Jeremy Jepson at St Joseph's on Sunday 11th March at 7.00 pm. Tickets £7 (children under 16 free), including refreshments. Available from Anne de Kremer on 01572 724873 or on the door.

Faith in Families 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. Please be assured that all donations from your Parish will be used to support our children and families services, these being:

- Post adoption support to adopted children, young people and their families
- Support to birth family and adopted adults in respect of tracing and reunion services
- Children's groups – support groups for adopted children
- Support to families in need in the RC Diocese of Nottingham
- Schools Social Work Service – in partnership with Catholic Schools in the Diocese

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

DVD and Book Lending Library We are co-ordinating a lending library for DVD's and books that you may find of interest. They include some of the DVD's which have been shown over the last few years that you may not have had an opportunity to see. You will find the library on a shelf to the side of the cabinet on the left in the meeting room. Please write in the notebook supplied what you are borrowing and the date. If you have any DVD's or books of a religious nature that you think other parishioners might enjoy, please leave them on the shelf or in the sacristy.

Mother's Prayers will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

Lent lunches will take place in the All Saints Church Hall from 12 midday on the following dates:
 23rd February, 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March and 23rd March.

Please note: The Council will be carrying out road resurfacing from Monday 12th February to Friday 9th March, which may cause disruption to your journey to St Joseph's. Further details are available on the noticeboard in the Church Porch.

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