



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena & David Tookey & Family
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	John Fahy RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Solemnity of St Joseph	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	The Keogh Family
20 <sup>th</sup> March	St Alcmund	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Peter Rowley RIP (Anniversary Mass)
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	George Brannigan RIP
			7.00 pm	St Joseph	Penitential Service
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lenten Feria	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	John O'Brien RIP
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Tim O'Rourke RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Charles Wolesley RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

**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 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	B Francis & A Robinson		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	M Donn & J Widdows	B McDonald	L Perril & M Mildner
Minister of Holy Communion	B Ivory & E Worrall	A Loring	R Tennant & N O'Rourke
Coffee			S Archer & E McCombie
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	R Lott & C Berrie		P Reilly & Y Trevor
Readers	T Reilly & S Taylor	G Webb	I Kearney-Rose & N O'Rourke
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & J Widdows	J Aitkens	M Mildner & F Rhowbotham
Coffee			P Morton & J Fay
Church Cleaning	C Farmer & H Coomber		

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

**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 Ruddle, 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, Catherine Fardell, Amanda Messer, Fr David Bowler, Aileen Egan, Melissa Barker, David Tookey and Sylvia Minckley

**Anniversaries †** James O'Connor, Geoffrey Brown, Desmond McGuinness, Daniel Collin, Frances Wileman, John Nolan, Thomas Tutty, Cecil Tyler, Harvey Hodgson, Leonard Carr, Veronica Dunster, Peter Rowley, Colin Scott, Maurice Hartwell, Christopher Morris, Ronald Farnworth, Rose Perry, Marjorie Burke and Audrey Rosevear

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	
Envelopes	£301.53
Loose Plate	£288.26
Standing Orders	£540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,129.79</b>

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:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- 20<sup>th</sup> May
- 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Holy Week** The week following Palm Sunday is the most sacred time in the Church's year when we recall in our liturgies the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In particular, as witnesses for Christ in our world, we should make every effort to be present at Church during the Triduum – the three sacred days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, so that these celebrations will have an effect in our lives. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Ministerial Priesthood and the Royal Priesthood of all the Faithful and the First Mass. On Good Friday, we commemorate the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Scripture, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. (Mass is not celebrated on this day). In the evening on Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are an opportunity for us to identify personally with the mystery of the death of Our Lord for our redemption. As the Sacred Three Days reaches its climax, we celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening when our salvation history is commemorated in Sacred Scripture and the blessing of the Easter Candle – the light of Christ coming into our lives, the Glory of His rising from the dead.

**Deanery Events in Lent**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – St Gilbert's, Bourne: 6.30 – 7.15 pm Confessions followed by Station Mass

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – St Joseph's, Oakham: Penitential Service, Confessions, Adoration and Benediction 7.00 – 8.00 pm

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham: Penitential Service, Confessions, Adoration and Benediction 7.00 – 8.00 pm.

**Divine Mercy Service - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - 2.30 pm** Fr Stephen and a visiting Priest will celebrate the Divine Mercy Service on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday. Please make a note in your diary and please attend. Refreshments available afterwards in the Meeting Room. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (This is the Promise made by Our Lord to Saint Faustina.)

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

We are holding a series of DVD presentations on The Eucharist by Bishop Robert Barron on Mondays during Lent. The last showing is on 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room. Do please make every effort to attend this session. You will not leave unaffected. Bishop Barron is an eloquent, persuasive and sound presenter of the Catholic faith and its rich heritage.

**Many thanks** to those parishioners who supported the Concert of Sacred Music for Lent given last Sunday evening by the "Divers Voyces" choir. It was astonishing to hear the complexity and beauty of so much pre-Reformation choral music by composers such as Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, contrasting with later styles of Church music by Henry Purcell and Matthew Locke and the more familiar style of Felix Mendelssohn. All credit due to the skill of the choir members and their conductor and organist, Jeremy Jepson.

**Blessed Sacrament Procession** On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 pm, Bishop Patrick will lead the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession, as we witness to our faith through the streets of central Nottingham, starting at St Mary's, Hyson Green, and proceeding to the Cathedral for Benediction at around 4.00 pm. After Benediction, we will pause to pray before the tomb of the Venerable Mary Potter to pray for her Beatification. For more information, please make contact with Fr David Palmer: catholicdavid@me.com. In addition, we encourage your parishioners to come and join us, before the Blessed Sacrament Procession, for the study morning at St Mary's, Hyson Green. Bishop Patrick will open the morning in prayer at 10.00 am and we will finish just before the start of the procession. The study morning will be looking at the Eucharist. For more information, please contact formation@nrcdt.org.uk.

**Lent Lunches** Soup and cheese lunches will be served every Friday in Lent in All Saints Church Hall from 12.00 - 1.30pm. Cost £3.50 - proceeds to Christian Aid Fair Trade stall. Come and share with friends. A warm welcome to all.

**Student Cross - Help needed** The Midland leg of Student Cross will again be visiting our Parish on the evening of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. They will be stopping to sleep on the Church floor after their long walk as part of their 120 mile pilgrimage to Walsingham. We need hosts to give them a basic meal and a chance to freshen up before they return to St Joseph's for the night. (6.00 pm - 8.00pm). Please consider welcoming a grateful pilgrim during the season of Lent. Sign up in the Church porch or call Helen Jones on 01572 759406.

**Easter Flowers** There will be a collection for Easter flowers after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Envelopes for your donation will be available and if you leave your name and address and are a tax payer, gift aid can be claimed. You may like to donate in memory of a deceased loved one and to print their name on small white ribbons which will also be available and will be attached to an Easter flower. Many thanks.

**CAFOD** A huge thank you once again for supporting the CAFOD book sale. This coming week will be the last week for a while in preparation for Easter. Whatever money has been raised for the refugees will be doubled which makes it even more worthwhile!

**The Women's World Day of Prayer day** which was cancelled due to snow has been re-organised. It will be held at Oakham Baptist Church, Melton Road on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

**St Joseph's and English Martyrs 200 Club winners for February**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	Mrs Dudin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£20	Barry Nash
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£10	Hanna Coomber

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

**Faith in Families** This half-yearly box collection raised £163.50 for Faith in Families. Very many thanks for all your continued support.

**A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend**