



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

**ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &  
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON**

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## Third Sunday of Lent

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Healey RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Ian McNaught (Good Estate)
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Solemnity of St Joseph	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Alison Chambers' Intentions
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	P Needham
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Judy Ramanoop's Intentions
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	F Hudson and Family
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	John Bower Brown
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Fr Fred Bliss RIP
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Kennedy RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**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 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		T & C Slattery
Readers	T Reilly & M Donn	G Webb	C Miller & J Burns
Minister of Eucharist	R Lott & R Tennant	L Knowland	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Coffee			P Morton & J Fay
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	R Streeter & R Lott	J Aitkins	M Mildner & N O'Rourke
Minister of Eucharist	J Burns & A Wilkinson	S Allan	M Port & L Perril
Coffee			H Davis & L Ramshaw
Church Cleaning	R Duncan & M Port		

<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>	Mrs A 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	Tel: 01572 823883
<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>	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
<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, Bernadette Wilkinson, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, 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, John O'Brien, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, 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 and Yvonne Trevor

**Anniversaries †** 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

**Last Week's Collection**

Loose Plate	£228.60
Envelopes	£170.75
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£939.35

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:

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Please note:** Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.

**Lent** The message of Lent was made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are 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 a 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 to refrain from meat. 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?

**Two Evenings for Lent with Bishop Robert Barron** In Lent, we are called to repentance - another word for this is Conversion. We will be showing the second of two videos this week by Bishop Robert Barron on **Conversion: Following the Call of Christ**. Bishop Barron presents six stories of conversion from scripture in which ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life by Him. This will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room. Please make every effort to be there and allow this eloquent preacher to assist you to have a better Lent.

**Please note Our Deanery Penitential Service** is at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's. Please take this opportunity to make your Easter Confession. There will be several priests from the Deanery available to hear your confession.

**Holy Communion and Confirmation** Please keep all the Confirmandi and Holy Communion children in your prayers. They are all so enthusiastic to receive the Sacraments.

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction** We will make the Stations after the morning Mass on Fridays and on the Sundays of Lent (5.00 pm). This beautiful Lenten Devotion helps us to appreciate Our Lord's great love for us and the great sacrifice he made for us, as we walk with Him on his final journey along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary.

**Church flowers for Easter** There will be a collection towards the cost of the flowers for Easter on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March. If you are already signed up for gift aid, we can now claim back on your donation. Please put your donation in one of the pink envelopes, marked for visitors, which can be found in the Church porch and then put it into the flower collection basket. Thank you.

**Book of Remembrance** As many of you will have noticed, our Book is on display in the Church in the wooden cabinet. This is an ongoing project and as more names are handed in they will be added in due course. As a reminder, there are slips in the Church porch giving details of how to have names of loved ones inscribed in the Book.

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children**

**40 Days for Life** A group of people will be praying for mothers and babies threatened by abortion, outside the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, every day during Lent, from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm. They request people to join them for any time you can spare. Ring Frances on 01664 565781 for details – small groups will be travelling. This event has the full support and blessing of Bishop Patrick.

**Lifest 17 & March for Life - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May** We will be running a coach to this national event for all the family. It starts with Mass in Birmingham Cathedral, concelebrated by Bishop Patrick, who is a keen supporter. He was delighted to meet the Oakham group last year, and we hope he will see many of us from Oakham and Melton this time! The cost is just £5 return for adults - children under 14 free. Please see the poster for details.

**Mary's Meals** Backpacks are ready to go if anyone can donate used medium size flip-flops? A huge thank you for all donations received this week. Magnus is continuing a daily meal for hungry children in Malawi.

**Church Repository** A great big thank you for your support for the Church Repository. Many new items have been added this week, such as Mother's Day cards and gifts - all at pocket money prices. Do come and have a look!

**CAFOD** Many thanks this week for 4 mobile phones and several cartridges for the poor that have been sent to CAFOD. Every little helps!

**English Martvrs School News** We started our week with a visit from Beth Dobbin, the under-23 British 200m sprint champion. She put the children through their places in a circuit and then spoke to all the school about her training, overcoming difficulties and her dreams for the future. We were all inspired by her.

We have been celebrating National Science week in school this week with the children all busily involved in lots of different investigations connected with cups and mugs! They have been finding out about their properties and which ones were suitable for different purposes.

We are also celebrating our pupils that have been involved in the National Maths Challenge Awards, working closely with Mr Timms who volunteers weekly to help prepare the children for challenging maths problems. We are pleased to announce that 3 of our pupils achieved a gold award and one of our pupils got top marks out of 1800 pupils across the country!

During Lent, we are collecting items for rucksacks as part of Mary's meals, as well as collecting silver coins for CAFOD as part of their project this Lent to turn little fish into big fish and help people around the world less fortunate than ourselves to have a brighter future. The children have been fantastic and are filling lots of fish with coins!

**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: rchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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