



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

23 rd April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena and David Tookey and Family
24 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Safeguarding Sunday)	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Gillian Ford RIP
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
25 th April	St Mark	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Sister Anthony's Intentions
26 th April	Easter Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
27 th April	Easter Feria	Wednesday	9.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Marjorie Port's Intentions
28 th April	St Peter Chanel	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Rubini RIP
29 th April	St Catherine of Siena	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart & Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
30 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Bruce Wigmore & Catherine McMurray RIP
1 st May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Liam Caffrey RIP

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 23 rd April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 24 th April
Welcomers	C Collins		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	J Alston & R Tennant	Wignall Family	N O'Rourke & M Port
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & M Pryke	A Loring	D Morrell & R Miller
Coffee			V Wands
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 30 th April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 1 st May
Welcomers	J Williamson & C Berrie		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	M Vincent-Enright & J Williamson	P Venn	J Burns & P Reilly
Minister of Eucharist	R & G Tennant	J Aitkins	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Coffee			L Ramshaw & P Morton
Church Cleaning	R Duncan & M Port		

Parish Website	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Acting Head Teacher	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney Rose	Tel: 01572 823883
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman – Parish Pastoral Council	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Mary Crump, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura & 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, Veronica Wands, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Mike Ellis, Yvonne Trevor, Virginia Barwell, Cindy & Graham Johnston

Anniversaries † Edith O'Brien, Daniel Finn, Raymond Port, Sheila Adams, Jean Tylee, Rita Sheahan, Annie Holan, Declan O'Brien, John Murrell, Lee Cole, Elizabeth Rubini, Richard Turnbull, Louis McMillan, John Wootton & Mabel Jenkins

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£155.75
Loose Plate	£227.74
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£923.49

At the end of Mass in St Peter's Square on Sunday 3rd April, Pope Francis launched a humanitarian initiative for the people of Ukraine, in the form of a **special collection** to be taken in all Catholic churches in Europe on Sunday 24th April 2016:

"I think in particular, here in Europe, of the drama of those who suffer the consequences of the violence in Ukraine, of those who remain in lands devastated by hostilities that have claimed thousands of lives, and of all those, over a million, who have been displaced as a result of the grave ongoing situation there. The affected are primarily the elderly and children. In addition to accompanying them in my constant thought and prayers, I wish to promote humanitarian aid for them. A special collection for this cause will be held in all the Catholic churches throughout Europe on Sunday 24th April. I invite the faithful to participate in this initiative by contributing generously. This gesture of charity, as well as alleviating material suffering, will also express to Ukraine my personal closeness and that of the Church as a whole. I strongly hope that this will promote peace and respect for rights, without further delays, in this sorely-trying land."

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



Sunday Masses at Uppingham in the School Chapel at 12.15 pm:

- 15th May
- 12th June

The Readers' Rota – May to August 2016 - is now ready for collection in the Church porch. Please pick up your copy asap.

Bishop Patrick would like a second collection to be taken at all Masses celebrated in the Diocese of Nottingham on the evening of Saturday 23rd April and on Sunday 24th April, the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Parish Day of Renewal will take place on Thursday 28th April at the Franciscan Convent, Melton Mowbray. Theme of the day is "You are my beloved". Please sign the list in the Church porch if you are interested in coming - booking forms are available. Any queries, please phone Barbara on 724918 or Maureen on 756477.

This Sunday (24th April), the Diocese will celebrate Safeguarding Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to promote the ministry of safeguarding and to highlight our commitment in ensuring all our parish communities are safe places for the vulnerable.

Mother's Prayers will be held on Tuesday 26th April at 2.00 pm - 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

Rutland Ladies Social Group This friendly group meet at St. Joseph's on the last Saturday of the month, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. It is aimed at ladies who live on their own and who might like to meet others in the same situation. If you would like more information, please contact Joan Burns on 01572 771444, or just turn up for 2.00 pm on Saturday 30th April. The speaker this month is Maria Fryer – "Living on a Barge".

March for Life UK takes place on Saturday 14th May in Birmingham. Local coach available, cost £5 - children free. A wonderful inspiring pro-life celebration for all the family, this event attracts large numbers of young people from all over the UK and is an inspirational Christian witness. Starting with Mass in Birmingham Cathedral, concelebrated by Bishop Patrick who is attending the march, it continues this year as a pro-life festival in the heart of the city centre. Live music, food stalls, face painting, balloons and flags; inspiring international speakers and the Mercy bus are just some of the attractions. Last year the happiness and the awesome minutes of silent prayer were an amazing experience. The coach leaves Melton Baptist Church at 8.00 am returning at 6.30 pm approx. For more details/ booking, please call 01664 565781 or email spucmeltonandrutland@hotmail.co.uk.

Children's Liturgy – Message for parents Children's liturgy takes place at the 10.30 am Mass every Sunday during term-time. It is intended for children between the ages of 3 and 8. Older children sometimes attend and are welcome. The children leave Mass with the catechist and an assisting adult for about 20 minutes. During this time, we say prayers together and study the Gospel reading. Each week we discuss the message of Jesus and learn how we may follow Him better. If time allows, relevant activities such as illustrating the message of Jesus and enacting the Gospel story may be included. Some children then feel confident enough to relay the main topics of discussion to Fr Stephen and the parishioners. We ALWAYS need more parents to join our group, especially in the capacity of catechist. If you could help out, we would be very grateful. Please see Hanna Coomber after Mass to find out more. Thank you.

Church Mouse The next booklet is due early in May. If you have any items you would like included in the May booklet, could you please send them via email to eileenworrall@hotmail.com by 25th April.

Marv's Meals A huge thank you for all the items left in the Church porch – we really appreciate your amazing support. So far 145 backpacks have been sent and we are very keen to send more. We are looking for donations of rulers, coloured pens/pencils, tennis balls, pencil cases, soap, flip flops or second hand shoes. Any donations can be left in the box in the Church porch. Many thanks.

There will be a showing of the third, newly released, Mary's Meals DVD in the Meeting Room on Wednesday 18th May at 7.00 pm. For more information, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289.

English Martyrs School News The Year 6 prayers were answered as they have had an amazing week at the Catholic retreat in Crich with sunshine all day everyday – the children have spent their evenings preparing for Mass on Thursday evening. We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If anyone has any, please leave them in the box in the Church porch. We are having a textile fundraising collection. There are bags available from school or simply use bin bags. Any old textiles, clothing, curtains, towels, bedding would be appreciated – bags need to be at school by the afternoon of 4th May.

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