



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	In Thanksgiving (JA)
26 th February	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
27 th February	Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
28 th February	Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
1 st March	Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting and Abstinence	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
			7.30 pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
2 nd March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
3 rd March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	William Martin's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
4 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
5 th March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Healey RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Hilary McNabb RIP
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Holy Souls in Purgatory

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 25 th February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 26 th February
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	J Alston & S Taylor	P Pitts	N O'Rourke & P Reilly
Minister of Eucharist	R Lott & M Donn	F Wignall	B Ivory & R Tennant
Coffee			S Archer & E McCombie
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 4 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 5 th March
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	J Widdows & A de Kremer	B Moore	L Perril & J Burns
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & K Wigmore	A Loring	N O' Rourke & B Ivory
Coffee			V Wands & M Kenning
Church Cleaning	E Keogh & R Streeter		

Parish Website	http://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	11.00 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, 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, 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 and Margaret West-Sadler

Anniversaries † Daniel Brennan-Smith, Angela Hindley-Bromann, Thomas Tutly, Martin Stimson, Margaret Duffy, Francis Kilkenny, Gertie Colin, James Cregan and Clare Ellis

Last Week's Collection	
Loose Plate	£251.80
Envelopes	£166.35
Standing Orders	<u>£540.00</u>
Total	£958.15

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be two Masses that day which will include the blessing and imposition of ashes.

Lent The message of Lent is made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are given ashes on our foreheads, we will hear 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.

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 5th March
- Sunday 21st May
- Sunday 11th June

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is on Friday 10th March. There are envelopes for donations available in the Church porch.

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?

Mother's Prayers will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

Confirmation Classes now start for all Confirmandi this Monday at 7 pm in the meeting room. Please ensure you have written your letter to Fr Stephen asking to receive the Sacrament.

First Holy Communion It was good to see all children attending the class after half term. Please make sure you share what we learnt about in the lesson with your parents. See you all at Mass.

Parish Census Many thanks to those of you who have already completed our Parish census, we have had a great response. Can I please ask those of you who haven't yet completed either the on-line form or the paper copies, which can be found in the Church porch, to do so as soon as possible so that we can finish collating our database. If you need any assistance, please contact either me, Maria or Eileen - we will be happy to help. Please note that your data will only be kept on the secure Parish server and not shared with any third party. Many thanks. Sarah Archer

Bottle Tops: What happens to them? They are taken to Bourne to the Wake Community Centre and from there to be recycled. For every ton received, £50 goes to the Air Ambulance and on the notice board at the Centre was a thank you receipt for £150 which had been donated over the year. So keep them coming!

CAFOD Many thanks for 2 more phones and 8 cartridges. Phones recycled for CAFOD raise between £3 and £5. Cartridges raise 50p. So it is worthwhile and adds up to support the poor.

Books Do have a browse as there is such a good selection for a very worthy cause! Thank you

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery The Nottinghamshire session of Bishop Patrick's programme of awareness-raising events on this subject is on Tuesday 7th March at 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm at Our Lady and St Patrick in The Meadows, Launder Street, The Meadows, Nottingham, NG2 1JQ. Registration will open from 5.30 pm onwards with a simple meal of soup and a roll available for those coming straight from work. There will be contributions from expert speakers including Nottinghamshire Police and the Medaille Trust. This is a free event and it is hoped that as many people as possible will take up the offer of this invaluable training so that, as Catholics, we will be better equipped to recognise this crime and know how to work together with the authorities to stamp it out. The venue is accessible by tram for those coming via Nottingham train station. Please book your place with Diane Williams on formation@nrcdt.org.uk or Louise Cooke on ipnottingham@nrcdt.org.uk. See poster in the Church porch for more information.

Mary's Meals Backpacks are ready to go ... but they just need some exercise books - can anyone help? The response for other items has been tremendous. Many thanks.

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