



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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## First Sunday of Lent

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
5 <sup>th</sup> March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Healey RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Hilary McNabb RIP
			12.15pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Major Patrick O'Brien RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Saints Perpetua and Felicity	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8 <sup>th</sup> March	St John of God	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Michael O'Rourke RIP
9 <sup>th</sup> March	St Frances of Rome	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Henry Ferguson and Hugh Burns RIP
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Dave Tucker RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena and David Tookey and Family
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Healey 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 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	J Widdows & C Berrie		P Donn & J Hickie
Readers	M Vincent & R Streeter	B McDonald	R Tennant & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Eucharist	M Pryke & J Widdows	J Aitkins	M Donn & M Port
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Church Cleaning	H Davis & C Wignall		
<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>Acting 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 and Margaret West-Sadler

**Anniversaries †** Clare Ellis, Frederic Hudson, Emma Gardner, Beatrice Tyler, Michael O'Rourke, Kath Houlden, Patricia Beckett, Andrew Seale, Hugh Burns, Henry Ferguson, James Rouse, Manuela Cox, Atelia Leandro, Mary Rathbone, Peter Rafferty, Vera Williamson and John Wyatt

**Last Week's Collection**

Loose Plate	£228.29
Envelopes	£176.50
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£944.79

**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?

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

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

**Melton Mowbray Parish** are having '24 hours for the Lord' on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow.

**Deanery Station Masses and Penitential Services this Lent**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm	Station Mass at Our Lady and St Guthlac, Market Deeping
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Penitential Service at St Mary's, Grantham
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm	Penitential Service at St Joseph's, Oakham
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm	Station Mass at the Immaculate Conception and St Augustine, Stamford

**Confirmation** The young people from St Joseph's to be confirmed this May will be making their promises at the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday this weekend. It is good to see so many wishing to receive this Sacrament! Please pray for them. Thank you.

**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.

**Our sincere condolences** to the family and friends of Charles "Tony" Richards who died recently. Please remember him in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

**English Martyrs School News** The children walked to Church on Wednesday for the Ash Wednesday Mass. We have been delighted to receive feedback from a number of Parishioners who commented on how well behaved and respectful the children were.

We are continuing to fundraise to meet the donation from the Big Lottery Fund for our all-weather pitch. We have a crowd funding page which has already raised over £200 – further donations are greatly appreciated!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/EnglishMartyrs>

**Oakham Parish Sewing Group** will meet on Saturday 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. All welcome.

**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](mailto: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**

**Parish income and Gift Aid** Our Parish income comes from four main sources: weekly envelopes, banker's orders, loose plate and Gift Aid. All donations made by tax payers can be enhanced by 25% by simply Gift Aiding your contributions. The tax you have paid on that contribution can be reclaimed at the standard rate. Most donors in the Planned Giving schemes using either the weekly envelopes or a bankers order have signed a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) and increased their donation by 25% at no extra cost to themselves. Parishioners using the loose plate, who pay income tax, could also increase their contributions by 25% simply by joining one of the Planned Giving schemes and signing a GAD form at no extra cost to themselves and the Parish would benefit financially. Planned giving linked to a Gift Aid Declaration is the most efficient way of contributing to the up-keep of the Parish. Historically, you as a congregation have always been very generous and Fr Stephen thanks you for your continued support.

**Mary's Meals** A message from Magnus: "Thank you for everything you do for so many suffering children in this world. 1,500 children now receive a daily meal in Aleppo. A further 1,430 Syrian refugees are also receiving a meal thanks to your generosity. Together let us continue this journey one step at a time, one meal at a time, one child at a time. Thank you."

A huge thank you for the 25 exercise books, toothpaste and soap received this week. We can now complete 15 more backpacks for the children. Please keep it coming, especially larger shorts for the boys. Many thanks.

**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

**The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe – visit to St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham: Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**April – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting Nottingham Cathedral from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the beginning of the 2017 National Pilgrimage Tour. The Service of Reception will be on the Friday at 7.00 pm, with the Guadalupe Mass following at 7.30 pm. The Service of Return, marking the end of the Visit, will be on the Wednesday at 1.00 pm.

The Image is based at the Shrine in Bedford and is one of 220 authorised digital replicas, which confers the same blessings and graces as the original in Mexico. During this special week, there will be Masses honouring Our Lady, other events and opportunity to venerate the Image. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also Protectress of the Unborn and Patroness of the Life Movement, which is particularly significant in this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act in this country.

Please visit [www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk](http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk) to see details of the National Pilgrimage Tour and to learn more about the fascinating story of the Guadalupe Miracle. Why not arrange a Pilgrimage from your church or organisation to this very special event.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£100	Fr Stephen Dye
2nd	£20	Danny Cassidy
3rd	£10	Peter Davis

**Church Repository** Please take some time to visit the Church Repository in the Meeting Room as we have a some really lovely items for sale, such as beautiful notebooks for £3.99 – a real bargain; grave-side candles for just £3 and many other items – all at a really good price.

**Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery** The Nottinghamshire session of Bishop Patrick's programme of awareness-raising events on this subject is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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@nrctd.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrctd.org.uk) or Louise Cooke on [ipnottingham@nrctd.org.uk](mailto:ipnottingham@nrctd.org.uk). See poster in the Church porch for more information.

**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 porch area.) Please be assured that all donations from the 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.