



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

6 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Katie Cairns RIP
7 th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Rosemary Gunn RIP
			4.00 pm	St Joseph	Penitential Service
8 th April	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mgr Peter Dooling RIP
9 th April	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Meryl Vincent (Good Estate)
10 th April	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Fr Paul Smith's Intentions
11 th April	St Stanislaus	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12 th April	St Guthlac	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Sheila Moore, Janine Kulbricka and Angela McGuire's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
13 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Ann & Francis Connolly RIP
14 th April	Palm Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 6 th April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 7 th April
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		J Hickie & F Rhowbotham
Readers	A de Kremer & M Vincent	P Gatheral	J Burns & M Port
Minister of Holy Communion	J Aitkens & M Donn	tbc	K Wigmore & M Pryke
Coffee			The Slattery Family
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 13 th April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 14 th April
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	S Taylor & R Streeter	The Wignall Family	M Donn & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Holy Communion	R Lott & B Black	tbc	B Ivory & M Port
Coffee			M Stretfield & S Nguyen
Church Cleaning	M Marriott & A Munton		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison 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	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Enid Wootton, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Teresa 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, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Virginia Barwell, Cindy Johnston, John Owens (Snr), Michael Gardiner, Helen Wilson, Baby Luke Somerville, Graham Andrews, John Widdows, May Carrie, Lewis Paul, Floss Jepson, Nigel Stark, Phillip Botteley, Andrena Lynch, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Avril Thompson, Jeffrey Miller, John and Rosemary Went, Cathy Green, Catherine Fardell, Amanda Messer, Fr David Bowler, Ailine Egan, Melissa Barker, Sylvia Minckley, Gabriel Reid, David Morton, Sheila Wilson, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Fr Richard Finn OP, Fr John Warrington, Casey O'Hanrahan, Joy Widdows, Meryl Vincent, Pat Dawson, Nicholas Tomlinson, Casey O'Hanrahan and Bridget Francis

Anniversaries † Ray Tyler, Joan Noble, Carol Seaton, James Tyler, Ciro Nerini, Mary Flanagan, Veronica Hubbard, Susan Maiden, Elizabeth Carroll, Sydney Wilkinson, Gertrude Mary Ford and Alan Shelley

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£172.50
Loose Plate	£256.40
Standing Orders	£520.00
Total	£948.90

Please note the following **Deanery Penitential Services:**

Sunday 7 th April	4.00 pm	St Joseph's, Oakham
Tuesday 9 th April	7.00 pm	St Mary Immaculate, Grantham
Wednesday 10 th April	7.00 pm	St Francis Convent Chapel, Melton Mowbray
Thursday 11 th April	7.00 pm	Sacred Heart and St Gilbert, Bourne
Friday 12 th April	7.00 pm	St Augustine's, Stamford

The priests of the Deanery will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on these dates. Please prepare well for Easter by making a good Confession!

Uppingham School Masses Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:

- 5th May
- 9th June

Lincoln Deanery Station Mass at Lincoln Cathedral on Thursday 11th April at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

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



Next week is **HOLY WEEK** – the most important week of the Christian Year.

Request from Bishop Patrick to all the Parishes of the Diocese of Nottingham – Second Collection in Aid of CAFOD – Cyclone Idai

Emergency Appeal You will have heard of the devastation caused by Cyclone Idai in parts of Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. CAFOD, along with their partners, are providing urgent support to the thousands of people who are suffering following the loss of their homes in the floods. There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend – 6th / 7th April - please give what you can to help this work. You can also use a CAFOD fast day envelope if you still have one. Otherwise, just hand in an envelope with CAFOD on the front, and we will make sure all the money raised is passed on quickly to help the relief of the suffering.

Parish Day of Renewal - Saturday 11th May Please see enclosed flier for further details.

Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation for these Sacraments finishes this coming week and will continue after the Easter holidays.

Pope Francis and Bishop Patrick are urging us to experience a closer encounter with God. During Lent there will be **Adoration each Saturday morning from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon**, beginning on Saturday 16th March. Please make an effort to pop in - even for just 10 minutes or so. The Sacrament cannot be left unattended so it is important that as many as possible try to come. A good resolution for Lent!

Churches Together Service at Oakham Baptist Church on Palm Sunday (14th April) – starts with Afternoon Tea at 5.00 pm (please bring finger food to share – drinks will be provided). The Palm Sunday Service is at 6.00 pm.

As part of Churches Together in Oakham, we will participate in making the Stations of the Cross on **alternate Fridays** in St Joseph's and All Saints Church. On 12th April, Stations of the Cross will be in St Joseph's at 10.00 am.

SPUC Penny boxes for April are due to be collected - could you please give them to Bridget Francis (Tel No. 01572 812289). Every penny helps towards the pro-life cause. Thank you for your help and support.

Student Cross Unfortunately, the Student Cross will not be passing through Oakham this year. Thank you to those parishioners who had offered to host them - it is much appreciated. Helen Jones

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 a small white ribbon which will also be available and will be attached to an Easter flower. Many thanks. Mich Sturley and Mair O'Kane

Mary's Meals Message sent from Magnus - 17,000 families are being supported in several schools in Malawi after the recent severe floods. They are being helped with food water and shelter. Thank you all for your amazing support. Through your help we are able to give hope, love and nourishment to those most in need now, as well as helping all those in Malawi we already do. Thank you so much.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the children's liturgy group as catechists. Thankfully we have an excellent and loyal team of helpers, but from next term there will only be two catechists left doing this worthwhile job. The role of the catechist is to help children to understand the Sunday Gospel and thus to learn about God and Jesus. We do this by reading and discussing the Gospel and through prayers and activities. It is interesting for both the children and the catechists. We know that new recruits settle in quickly and enjoy their task. Unfortunately, as there are only two of us, after Easter we will have to limit the sessions to two per month. This is not an ideal situation – just having two more catechists would help significantly to keep continuity, although the more the better. Please think about joining us, so that we can keep the children's liturgy going. Anyone who is interested is welcome – you don't have to be a parent. Lots of help will be given. Please see or contact me (0778 8503243) or see Fr Stephen. Thank you very much. Hanna Coomber

On the **Feast of the Divine Mercy** on Sunday 28th April, starting at 2.30 pm (finishing around 5.00 pm), there will be Mass, blessing of images of the Divine Mercy and any other religious articles, Holy Hour, Rosary and Confessions during Adoration. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Meeting Room.

Mother's Prayers The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th April at 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

English Martyrs School News Following weeks of hard work learning their routines, some of our children took part in the Primary School Spotlight show this week at Stamford Corn Exchange. They were amazing! All the children have been busy over the last couple of weeks raising money for their class charities. They have done sponsored walks, sponsored scoot, sponsored run, obstacle course and bag packing. Local company Deco Schoolwear, who are our uniform suppliers, have very generously sponsored new sport tracksuits for our sporting events. We now have 15 tracksuits with our logo that children can use when we go to competitions.

Church Repository We now have a range of Easter cards for sale – please come and have a look.

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please fill in a consent form available in the Church porch 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