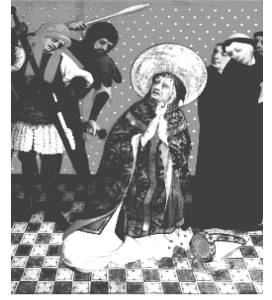




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Palm Sunday

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| 9 th April | Vigil Mass | Saturday | 4.30 pm | Holy Mass | Parents of Dr Vijay Savant |
| 10 th April | Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord | Sunday | 9.00 am | St Thomas | All Parishioners |
| | | | 10.30 am | St Joseph | Paraic Feeney RIP |
| | | | 5.00 pm | St Joseph | Stations of the Cross |
| 11 th April | Monday of Holy Week | Monday | 9.00 am | Holy Mass | Louise Dear RIP |
| 12 th April | Tuesday of Holy Week | Tuesday | 9.00 am | Holy Mass | Edward Castle RIP |
| 13 th April | Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday) | Wednesday | 9.00 am | Holy Mass | Maura Corbett RIP |
| 14 th April | Maundy Thursday The Mass of the Lord's Supper | Thursday | 7.00 pm | Holy Mass | Angela Munton (Good Estate) |
| 15 th April | Friday of the Passion of the Lord | Friday | 3.00 pm | St Joseph | Good Friday Liturgy |
| | | | 7.00 pm | St Joseph | Stations of the Cross |
| 16 th April | The Easter Vigil Mass | Saturday | 8.00 pm | Holy Mass | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| 17 th April | Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord | Sunday | 9.00 am | St Thomas | The Gainsborough Family |
| | | | 10.30 am | Holy Mass | All Parishioners |

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am

| THIS WEEK'S ROTAS | Saturday 9 th April | Sunday 10 th April |
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| Welcomers | Tom and Belinda Reilly | Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Fran Rhowbotham |
| Readers | Meryl Vincent and Ron Streeter | Maureen Mildner and Annie de Kremer |
| Coffee | | Pauline Morton and James Fay |
| Flowers | No Flowers during Lent | |
| Church Cleaning | Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer | |
| NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS | Saturday 16 th April | Sunday 17 th April |
| Welcomers | Siobhan and Nick Taylor | Maureen Mildner and Chris Jones |
| Readers | Joan Burns and Siobhan Taylor | Lorraine Perril and Brian Moore |
| Coffee | | Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz |
| Flowers | tbc | |
| Church Cleaning | Elizabeth Keogh and Ron Streeter | |

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| Parish Website | http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org | |
| English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher | Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers | www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400 |
| Children's Liturgy Group | For children up to First Holy Communion 10.30 am Mass in term time | |
| Safeguarding Representative | Maria Marriott | rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk |
| Parish Support Group - HELP | Rosemarie Duncan | Tel: 01572 723873 |
| House Faith Sharing Groups | Barbara Black | Tel: 01572 724918 |
| | Maureen Mildner | Tel: 01572 756477 |
| Chair - Parish Pastoral Council | Jim O'Kane | Tel: 01572 755112 jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk |
| Parish Newsletter | Eileen Worrall | eileenworrall@hotmail.com |

Please pray for the following who are ill: *Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley,, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Calum Simpson and Angela Munton, John Shortmoor, Joseph Shortmoor and Fr Tom McGovern, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Melanie McDonald, Ita Jones and Michael Dawson - If you cannot see your loved one's name in this sick list online you need to sign a consent form – please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk.*

Anniversaries † *James Tyler, Ciro Nerini, Mary Flanagan, Veronica Hubbard, Susan Maiden, Elizabeth Carroll, Sydney Wilkinson, Gertrude Mary Ford, Alan Shelley, Brian Fobbester, Godfrey Nicolle Anderiesz, Dorothy Fullagar, Gilbert Tennant, Peter Wallace, Christopher Herridge, Peter Bailey and Edward Smyth*

| Last week's collection | |
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| Collections | £144.97 |
| Planned Giving and Donations | <u>£756.00</u> |
| Total | £900.97 |

Good Friday Witness Walk

Churches Together are organising the annual Christian Walk of Witness on Good Friday 15th April, for the first time since the pandemic, as follows:

- 10.15 am - Assemble in the grounds of St John and St Anne
- 10.30 am - Silent walk of Witness through the town along the High Street to the Market Place
- 10.40 am - Short service and Hymns around the Buttercross.

All welcome.

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



Stations of the Cross On all Sundays in Lent, we will make the Stations of the Cross at 5.00 pm in St Joseph's.

Easter Flowers Once again, a very big thank you for your generous contributions to the Easter flower collection. The amount raised was £145.75. The flower team is most grateful.

Divine Mercy Sunday - On the Feast of the **Divine Mercy** on Sunday 24th April, starting at 2.00 pm, there will be Holy Mass, blessing of images of the Divine Mercy and any other religious articles, Holy Hour, Rosary and Confessions during Adoration.

HOLY WEEK: This coming week is the most solemn and holy week in the Christian calendar as we recall, relive and re-enact through our beautiful liturgies, the events of that first Holy week. Wednesday will draw us together in our Cathedral Church, the Mother Church of our Diocese, when priests, deacons, religious and the laity will gather around the altar with Bishop Patrick to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Oils. During the Mass, all the priests and deacons present will renew their commitment to their ministry and vocation as all the people present offer their support and encouragement. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils for use in our Diocese during the coming year. There are, as you know, three Holy Oils used in the Church's celebration of the Sacraments; the Holy Oil of Baptism used during Baptism, the Holy Oil of the Chrism used also at Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, and the Holy Oil of the Sick used for the Anointing of the Sick. All anointing symbolises consecration and dedication of the Lord and also the healing power and touch of the Lord as He reaches out to us through the sacraments.

HOLY THURSDAY is truly a special day for all of us as we gather together at 7.00 pm to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, during which we will be having the Washing of the Feet as a sign of our service and love to and for each other. Fr Stephen and Deacon Raymond will renew their commitment to their priestly and diaconal ministry and service. Watching will take place until midnight, recalling the agony of Jesus in the Garden.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fasting and abstinence, a day of solemnity as we recall the events of the first Good Friday. I hope that every Parishioner will make a special effort to give some time to the meaning and solemnity of this day and to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the mystery of the cross and the story of our Redemption.

HOLY SATURDAY is a day of stillness as we recall Christ in the tomb. At our Easter Vigil ceremonies, beginning at 8.00 pm on Saturday evening, we recall and relive through the beautiful liturgy of the Church, the story of creation as we light the Easter Fire, the light of the East Candle, the proclamation of the Exsultet – the great Easter hymn of triumph, the blessing of the Easter Water and the public renewal of our Baptismal Promises, followed by the First Mass of the Resurrection.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel As St Michael is the Patron Saint of Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, we will say this prayer during Holy Mass in support of the people of Ukraine and for peace in the whole world.

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Many thanks to those who have already donated following CAFOD Family Fast Day. If you have not yet contributed, please bring your envelopes to Church before Easter.

House Faith Sharing Groups Are you a 'Sunday' Catholic? Would you like to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus? Would you like to learn more about the Gospels and understand them more fully? If the answer to any of these questions is YES then consider joining one of our groups! We read an extract of the Bible, we think about it and then share our thoughts in a friendly, joyful, accepting environment. We also pray for our Parish Community, our concerns and other intentions. The sessions last approximately one and a half hours, including a short time of social interaction and refreshments. Two groups are presently taking place, twice a month, on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. We very much want to start another group to attract approximately 50-60 year olds! Groups are open to men and women. Jesus said 'COME AND SEE'. We repeat this invitation without obligation! Our groups have been referred to as an 'Oasis of Calm in our busy lives'. For further information or a casual chat, please contact either Barbara Black - 01572 724918 or Maureen Mildner - 01572 756477.

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

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

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Facebook Don't forget St Joseph's has a Facebook page on which future events can be advertised, members can be alerted to, for example, changes in service times, and ideas can be put forward. If you would like to join, please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk