



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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



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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

12 <sup>th</sup> April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Pat Conlon RIP
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Mass	Pro Populo
			4.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday of Holy Week	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Alan Penn RIP
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday of Holy Week	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	St Joseph	<b>Requiem Mass for Margaret Moore</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)</b>		10.00 am		Service of the Word and Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Maundy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>	Thursday	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Holy Mass	Dominc Walters RIP
18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>The Passion of the Lord – Good Friday</b>	Friday	<b>3.00 pm</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	St Joseph	Commemoration of the Passion Stations of the Cross
19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil</b>	Saturday	<b>8.30 pm</b>	Holy Mass	Sr Anthony RIP
20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	Sunday	<b>9.00am</b>	St Thomas	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund
			<b>10.30 am</b>	St Joseph	Pro Populo

**CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

Welcomers	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>
Readers	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>
Coffee		<b>Please see your Rotas</b>
Flowers	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>	
Church Cleaning	<b>Please see your Rotas</b>	

**Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.**

<b>Parish Websites</b>	<b><a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a></b>	<b><a href="http://www.catholicstamford.com">www.catholicstamford.com</a></b>
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
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<b>House Faith Sharing Group</b>	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
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<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** *Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Jean Aiken and Amanda Messer*

**Parish Sick List** If you would like to add anyone to the sick list, please contact Maria [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Please note, if you give permission, their name will be published in St Joseph’s Newsletter and on St Joseph’s website in the Newsletter tab.

**Anniversaries †** *Elizabeth Carroll, Sydney Wilkinson, Gertrude Mary Ford, Alan Shelley, Brian Fobbester, Godfrey Nicolle Anderiesz, Dorothy Fullagar, Gilbert Tennant, Peter Wallace, Christopher Herridge, Peter Bailey, Edward Smyth, Edith Walters, Marjorie Tomlinson*

**Parish Office Telephone contact:** For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email. **In the case of an emergency, please ring the office number – the end message will advise you who to contact. If you know any parishioners** who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we do not know we cannot help.

**Easter Offering** The only income Canon Peter receives from the Parish is simply from the Easter and Christmas offerings: he is not paid a monthly salary. With this in mind, if you do not use the weekly envelopes and would like to give an offering, please use the white Easter Offering envelopes. They will be available in the porch and on the benches as usual. If you would like to gift aid it and you meet the requirements, please indicate that on the envelope. Alternatively, if you would like to use the Card Reader in the porch, please select Easter Offering. Canon Peter thanks you very much for your generosity.

**Last week's collection**

Collections £ 178.88

Planned Giving

and Donations £ 692.30

Total £ 871.18

Easter Flowers - £193.80 Many thanks

**Stations of the Cross** Good

Friday at 7pm

**Credo Group** No Credo group on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

(Maundy Thursday).

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

**Mobile phones** Could you please ensure that your **mobile phone is silent during Holy Mass**. Thank you.

**Please note:** Canon Peter is at St Joseph's every Monday and celebrates Holy Mass at 10.00 am. He is available after Holy Mass should you want to make an appointment.

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**Shhhhhh.... Important – please read:** Just a gentle reminder to all. It would be appreciated if you could be quiet in Church before Holy Mass begins and leave the Church quietly after Holy Mass ends. We encourage you to chat with others but please do so once you are outside of the main body of the Church so that you won't disturb others who want to pray. Many thanks for your understanding.

**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 McKinney to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Oils. During the Holy 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 Holy Mass, Bishop Patrick McKinney 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 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 to 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 7.30 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. Canon Peter and Deacon Raymond will renew their commitment to their priestly and diaconal ministry and service. Watching at the Altar of Repose will take place until 10pm, 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 8.30 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 Easter 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.

**Good Friday - Walk of Witness** Churches Together are organising the annual Christian Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 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 Liturgy and Hymns around the Buttercross All welcome.

**Parish Census** If you have not completed the census form Canon Peter announced last week, please collect one from the porch. Please return to Maria in the office – Many thanks

**Churches Together lunchtime meetings** will be hosted by us, St Josephs during April and May at 1pm to 1.30 pm every Thursday and it would be really good if Parishioners could come and support our few Parishioners who are leading these sessions.

**We currently have a role for a part-time Catholic chaplain. - Please see the link below.**

<https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/4574-Roman-Catholic-Part-Time-Chaplain-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Priest-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-Sister-Lay-Person/4574>

**The important vote for all MPs** on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on **Friday 25th April**. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide)

**Holy Mass Streaming Service** If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Parish Office via email [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308.

**Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders** If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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