



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Second Sunday of Lent

12 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Elsie Fay RIP
13 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Lesley and Chris Knowland's Intentions
			10.30 am	Holy Mass	Mary King RIP
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	All Parishioners
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
14 th March	Lenten Feria	Monday		Holy Mass	No Holy Mass today (Fr Stephen is saying Mass in Melton)
15 th March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Fr Tom (Good Estate)
16 th March	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Lenten Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Helena Gliwa (Good Estate)
17 th March	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Norah O'Leary RIP
18 th March	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Maeve Swann RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Rt Rev Dr Brian McHalloran RIP
19 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	The Sisters at Melton Mowbray
20 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Monica England's Intentions
			10.30 am	Holy Mass	All Parishioners
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

CONFESSION TIMES:

Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am

Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am


THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 12 th March	Sunday 13 th March
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Joan Burns and Meryl Vincent	Marjorie Port and Brian Moore
Coffee		Veronica Wands
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Phil Boak, Rachel Jones and Chris Jones	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 19 th March	Sunday 20 th March
Welcomers	Philip and Mich Sturley	Chris Jones and Nola McGarrity
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Joan Burns	Marjorie Port and Maureen Mildner
Coffee		Rosemarie Duncan and Chris Jones
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	

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	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
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, Melanie McDonald and Ita Jones - 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 † Peter Rafferty, Vera Williamson, John Wyatt, Leslie Gauntlett, Patricia Maiden, Thomas Ruane, George Stephen, James O'Connor, Geoffrey Brown, Desmond McGuinness, Daniel Collin, Frances Wileman, John Nolan and Thomas Tutty

Last week's collection	
Collections	£249.37
Planned Giving and Donations	£630.00
Total	£1,083.47

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

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation

Classes take place on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room.

First Holy Communion - 4.00-5.00 pm;
Confirmation - 5.30 pm.

Stations of the Cross each week in Lent on Fridays at 10.45 am, shared with All Saints.
Friday 11th March – St Joseph's
Friday 18th March – All Saints
Friday 25th March – St Joseph's
Friday 1st April – All Saints
Friday 8th April – St Joseph's

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

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in our 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.

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

Family Mass – St Joseph's – Sunday 20th March – 10.30 am

There will be a Family Mass on Sunday 20th March – the feast of St Joseph - at 10.30 am. This is aimed at all our families in our school community both Catholic and non-Catholic and all families within the Parish. This first Mass will primarily be led by English Martyrs School and the children, but the aim is that in future we would like to involve more children/youth from the wider parish. If anyone would like to be involved in future Family Masses, please contact Maria on rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk It would be great to see as many families as possible there.

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.

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 the 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, refrain from meat or from some favourite snack or treat. 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?

Next Bereavement Support Group will take place on Monday 21st March at 2.30-4.00 pm in the Meeting Room. No need to book – you will be very welcome.

A cheque for £139.36 has been sent to SPUC raised from Wednesday and Sunday coffee.

Many thanks for the lovely bag of clothes for Chad, donated in the week. It is very much appreciated.

Planned Giving Envelopes The next year's planned giving envelopes are now available at St Joseph's and St Thomas's. If you don't see one with your name on, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester are seeking to recruit a deputy headteacher. For further information please visit: www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies **Closing Date:** Friday 18th March 2022

Mary's Meals Enclosed with the newsletter is a letter from Mary's Meals confirming that the back packs project is ending. It is so sad that the back packs project has to cease as it is no longer cost effective. Thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity these past 5 years helping to fill so many of them, enabling very poor children to go to school and receive a meal. The last 50 backpacks will now be filled ready to be collected by the end of April. The few remaining items will then be sent to help fill the 2 lorries going to Ukraine from Melton, as this seems to be the very best thing to do. Thank you again for your amazing support.

Received from Caritas Diocese of Nottingham

HelpUkraine Donate direct at: Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain Limited Barclays Bank Acc no: 80038237
Sort code: 20-65-89 with reference HelpUkraine

Caritas in Ukraine Caritas Internationalis have launched a campaign to support their work, especially for the most vulnerable people, such as the elderly and children in the conflict zones. Donate on their website:

<https://www.caritas.org/what-we-do/conflicts-and-disasters/crisis-in-ukraine/>

A History of the Parish and Community of St Patrick's Parish, Leicester – a book has been published to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Church, covering the last 200 years. If you would like a copy, visit www.saintpatrick-leicester.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

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, 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

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

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, 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.