



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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Palm Sunday

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
15 th April	Monday of Holy Week	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
16 th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	John & Joy Widdows (Good Estate)
17 th April	Spy Wednesday	Wednesday	9.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
18 th April	Maundy Thursday	Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Mass	Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP RIP
19 th April	Good Friday	Friday	3.00 pm	St Joseph	Liturgy of Good Friday
20 th April	Holy Saturday	Saturday	8.30 pm	St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory
21 st April	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Wendy Hetherington RIP
			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 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
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 20 th April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 21 st April
Welcomers	J O'Shea & C Berrie		P Reilly & Y Trevor
Readers	I Kearney-Rose	Viscount Campden	tbc
Minister of Holy Communion	J Burns, J Aitkens & E Worrall	tbc	M Pryke & B Black
Coffee			C Jones & H Davis
Church Cleaning	M Marriott, A Munton, C Farmer & H Coomber		

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: Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Claire Smith, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Fr David Bowler, Sylvia Minckley, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson and Floss Jepson, , Casey O'Hanrahan and Bridget Francis

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 rechurchoakham@live.co.uk

Anniversaries † Susan Maiden, Elizabeth Carroll, Sydney Wilkinson, Gertrude Mary Ford, Alan Shelley, Brian Fobbester, Godfrey Nicolle Anderiesz, Dorothy Fullagar, Peter Wallace, Christopher Herridge, Peter Bailey and Marjorie Tomlinson

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes £197.50
Loose Plate £293.12
Standing Orders £520.00
Total £1,010.62

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

- 5th May
- 9th June

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



Bible Study Please see enclosed flier concerning new Bible Class beginning Monday 29th April.

Confirmation and Holy Communion
Preparation for these Sacraments will continue after the Easter holidays. Please pray for the Confirmandi who will be confirmed by Bishop Patrick on the evening of 13th May.

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.

The second collection for CAFOD last week raised £351.96. Many thanks for your generosity.

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. At 11.30 am on Spy 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 our Bishop Patrick to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Oils. During the Mass, all the Priests and Deacons present will renew their commitment to the 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 us to use in our Diocese during the coming year. There are, as you know, three holy oils used in the Church's celebration in 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 Holy Thursday is a truly 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. Fr Stephen and Deacon Raymond will renew their commitment to the priestly and diaconal ministry and service. Watching will take place until midnight, recalling the agony of Jesus in the Garden.

Good Friday Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence, a day of solemnity as we recall the event of the first Good Friday. I hope that every parishioner will make a special effort to give some time to the meaning and the solemnity of this day and to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the cross and the story of our Redemption. Procession through the town at 10.00 am. Good Friday Liturgy at 3.00 pm.

Holy Saturday 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.

A warm welcome to Reuben Gabriel Noakes who will be baptised on Easter Sunday. May God guide and protect him throughout his life.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a collection on Good Friday during the service. This is a mandatory collection for Holy Places in Palestine.

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

Please note: There will not be Adoration on Holy Saturday. Adoration will re-commence on Saturday 27th April. Please try and pop in, even for a short visit!

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.

St Joseph's and English Martyrs' 200 Club Winners for March are: 1st prize of £100 – Briege Slattery; 2nd prize of £20 – Barbara Black; 3rd prize of £10 - Cheryl Rogerson

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.

English Martyrs School News Our Year 3 children put on a fabulous Easter production this week. They worked really hard to learn all their lines and all the songs and performed beautifully.

Date for your diaries – Friday 7th June. More details to follow. If you are able to offer any services as an auction promise, please contact the school office.

Fr Stephen came into school on Friday to bless our new Stations of The Cross stones that were designed and painted by the children and have been placed in our prayer garden.

We wish all the parishioners a Holy and peaceful Easter and we will be back with more school news after the holidays.

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.

Foundation Governors needed English Martyrs CVA are looking to welcome some new Foundation Governors to the school's governing body. If you are interested in finding out some more information, please speak to Sarah Archer (current Chair of Governors) 01572 756622 or call in at the school office.

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: rechurchoakham@live.co.uk

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

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

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend