



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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## First Sunday of Lent

29 <sup>th</sup> February	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Zena Tookey and Family
1 <sup>st</sup> March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	St Casimir	Monday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Saints Felicity and Perpetua	Thursday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
6 <sup>th</sup> March	St John of God	Friday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	<b>NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Margaret & Richard Morgan RIP
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Avis & Jack Smith RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	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 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers	P & M Sturley		M Mildner & G Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	J Aitkens & R Streeter	G Webb	N O'Rourke & J Burns
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & E Worrall	tbc	A Nguyen & M Mildner
Coffee			C Slattery & J Kelly
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers	T & B Reilly		Y Trevor & C Jones
Readers	R Lott & S Taylor	C Smith/ S Walker	I Kearney-Rose & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	J Aitkens & M Port	tbc	F Rhowbotham & KWigmore
Coffee			V Wands
Church Cleaning	H Coomber & C Farmer		
Church Flowers	No flowers during Lent		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time Email: <a href="mailto:james.belderbos@gmail.com">james.belderbos@gmail.com</a> Tel: 07535 940 048
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	James Belderbos	Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Enid 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, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson, Floss, Jepson Joy Widdows, Pat Dawson Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Daphne Berarey, Jim Whalley, Margaret Reid, Jeffrey Whawell, Anne Stevenson and Fr John Trenchard

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 †** Francis Kilkenny, Gertie Colin, James Cregan, Clare Ellis, Frederic Hudson, Emma Gardner, Beatrice Tyler, Michael O'Rourke, Kath Houlden and Elizabeth Hawthorne

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes	£178.75
Loose Plate	£309.27
Standing Orders	£590.00
Total	£1,078.02

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



**Uppingham School Masses** Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:  
 • Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Next weekend** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March there will be a talk on behalf of CAFOD at all Masses by Maggie Maiura.

**A visitor to the Parish** This Saturday, the celebrant for the 4.30 pm Mass will be Fr Anthony Pateman from St Peter's, Leicester. Please make him welcome.

**The World Day of Prayer** has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The service will be at the **Methodist Church, Northgate, Oakham** on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm, followed by refreshments.

**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?

**Our sincere condolences** to Lubi and Richard Geach on the loss of their mother, Jean Geach, who died recently. Please remember Jean in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** on Friday after the 9.30 am Mass during Lent. This will alternate between St Joseph's and All Saints Church, with next week's Stations of the Cross taking place at All Saints Church. There will also be Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's on **Sundays** at 5.00 pm during Lent.

**Parish Council Minutes** The minutes of the latest PPC meeting are available on the noticeboard, on the parish Facebook page, and will be in the next edition of the Church Mouse. If, however, you would like your own copy, please email Jim at jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk or leave a note for him in the pigeonholes in the Church porch.

**Churches Together in Oakham** An Evening of Swing Music starring Ron Iveson, The Singing Vicar, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 for 7.30 pm, The Catmose Club, South Street, Oakham. Tickets £5 from Marjorie Port, Annie de Kremer, or All Saints Church. See poster in Church porch for more details.

**Mother's Prayers** The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

**Rosmini Centre**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30-9.00 pm – Lenten 'exploration of prayer' – Fr David Tobin 'Prayer is relationship'  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00-9.00 pm – Healing Mass

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 5.30 pm** Oakham Christian Meditation Group warmly invite you to 'An Evening with Centering Prayer' and a talk led by Rev Mel King, a priest in the diocese of York, at **St John and St Anne**. Light refreshments provided. Centering Prayer is a method which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence, drawing on the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 6:6 and the Christian contemplative tradition.

**Mary's Meals** Towels, spoons, pencil cases and boys shorts were all a lovely surprise to find this week in the box. Many thanks indeed.

**CAFOD** Thank you for the 2 phones left this last week for CAFOD. Each phone is worth between £3 - £5, so it's well worthwhile. Look forward to receiving more!

**St Joseph's Parish Sewing Group** will be meeting in the Meeting Room on Saturdays (except the last Saturday of the month) from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Bring your own project, sewing/knitting/crochet embroidery etc. and come and share tea/coffee, company and conversation. This month's meetings will be on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Any questions, telephone Jenny Urquhart on 01572 770580.

**Book of Remembrance** This is an ongoing project, so if at any time you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please collect a slip from the Church porch which gives details of what to do.

**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

**Mass Intentions** If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch.

**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*