



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

30 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Bruce Wigmore & Catherine McMurray RIP
1 st May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Liam Caffrey RIP
2 nd May	St Athanasius	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
3 rd May	Saints Philip & James	Tuesday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
4 th May	The English Martyrs	Wednesday	9.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Andrew Smith RIP
5 th May	Easter Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Kitty Mihovilovich RIP
6 th May	Easter Feria	Friday	11.00 am	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Mike Ellis
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Joseph Caffrey RIP
7 th May	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Norah Cassidy RIP
8 th May	The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Mabel Jenkins RIP

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 30 th April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 1 st May
Welcomers	J Williamson & C Berrie		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Andriesz
Readers	M Vincent-Enright & J Williamson	P Venn	J Burns & P Reilly
Minister of Eucharist	R & G Tennant	J Aitkins	N O'Rourke & M Mildner
Coffee			L Ramshaw & P Morton
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 7 th May	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 8 th May
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		P Donn & J Hickie
Readers	A de Kremer & S Taylor	S Allan	H Davis & L Perril
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & M Port	L Knowland	B Ivory & K Wigmore
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
Church Cleaning	L Perril, P Boak & L Stetkova		

Parish Website	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Acting Head Teacher	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney Rose	Tel: 01572 823883
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman – Parish Pastoral Council	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Mary Crump, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura & Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, John O'Brien, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Yvonne Trevor, Virginia Barwell, Cindy & Graham Johnston

Anniversaries † Richard Turnbull, Louis McMillan, John Wootton, Mabel Jenkins, James Stokes, William Rothwell, Liam Caffrey, Catherine Sumner-Fergusson, Elizabeth Doyle, Andrew Smith, Albert Tyler, Harold Healey, Patrick Cleere, Anne Camus, Margaret Reeves & Norah Cassidy

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£168.70
Loose Plate	£220.93
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£929.63

The Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis began officially on 8th December 2015 and continues until 20th November 2016. His intention is that the "balm of mercy" should reach everyone and that this would be a sign that the Kingdom of God is present in our midst. As well as an opportunity for our own spiritual growth, it is also a time to reflect upon the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, i.e. our love in action.

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



There is a Diocesan website: www.bemerciful.co.uk which will be a hub for events and activities during the year. Bishop Patrick would like each parish and each school to reflect upon what they are already doing through the lens of mercy and then undertake one further act of mercy.

Sunday Masses at Uppingham in the School Chapel at 12.15 pm:

- 15th May
- 12th June

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Counselling the doubtful
2. Instructing the ignorant
3. Caring about sinners
4. Comforting the afflicted
5. Forgiving offences
6. Bearing wrongs patiently
7. Praying for the living and the dead

1. Feeding the Hungry
2. Giving drink to the thirsty
3. Clothing the naked
4. Welcoming the stranger
5. Visiting the sick
6. Visiting the imprisoned
7. Burying the dead

The Second Collection last weekend for the people of Ukraine raised £373.91.

Mike Ellis RIP Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our good and faithful parishioner, Mike Ellis, who died last week. We shall miss him. Mike's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 6th May at 11.00 am in St Joseph's. Please remember him in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Catherine and George Wells and family wish to thank parishioners for their prayers and condolences in the sad loss of their eldest son John Francis. He died suddenly aged 55. Thankfully a man of faith, hope and a most charitable man. May his soul rest in peace.

The Parents Association of English Martyrs school are holding a quiz night on Friday 20th May at the school at 7.30pm to help raise funds for the school. Parishioners are invited to attend the event. The entrance fee is £5 per person and will include a chip supper and a glass of wine, beer or a soft drink. Tickets for the event can be purchased direct from the school office and will be on sale after Mass on Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th May and Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th May.

Parish Renewal Day May I say thank you to Barbara, Martin and Maureen, plus anyone else who helped to make Thursday such a lovely thoughtful and Blessed day. Thank you for all your hard work. God Bless. Joan Burns

March for Life UK takes place on Saturday 14th May in Birmingham. Local coach available, cost £5 - children free. A wonderful inspiring pro-life celebration for all the family, this event attracts large numbers of young people from all over the UK and is an inspirational Christian witness. Starting with Mass in Birmingham Cathedral, concelebrated by Bishop Patrick who is attending the march, it continues this year as a pro-life festival in the heart of the city centre. Live music, food stalls, face painting, balloons and flags; inspiring international speakers and the Mercy bus are just some of the attractions. Last year the happiness and the awesome minutes of silent prayer were an amazing experience. The coach leaves Melton Baptist Church at 8.00 am returning at 6.30 pm approx. For more details/ booking, please call 01664 565781 or email puccmeltonandrutland@hotmail.co.uk.

Children's Liturgy – Message for parents Children's liturgy takes place at the 10.30 am Mass every Sunday during term-time. It is intended for children between the ages of 3 and 8. Older children sometimes attend and are welcome. The children leave Mass with the catechist and an assisting adult for about 20 minutes. During this time, we say prayers together and study the Gospel reading. Each week we discuss the message of Jesus and learn how we may follow Him better. If time allows, relevant activities such as illustrating the message of Jesus and enacting the Gospel story may be included. Some children then feel confident enough to relay the main topics of discussion to Fr Stephen and the parishioners. We ALWAYS need more parents to join our group, especially in the capacity of catechist. If you could help out, we would be very grateful. Please see Hanna Coomber after Mass to find out more. Thank you.

"Year of Divine Mercy" Why not join our 8 day pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy in Poland from 5th to 12th September 2016, led by Fr Paul Lloyd, all for £829. This will include visits to the Black Madonna, St Pope John Paul II's birthplace and many more historical places. Contact Teresa on 0116 2248350 or mobile 07877 581148. A deposit of £200 is required.

Mary's Meals A huge thank you for all the items left in the Church porch – we really appreciate your amazing support. So far 145 backpacks have been sent and we are very keen to send more. We are looking for donations of rulers, coloured pens/pencils, tennis balls, pencil cases, soap, flip flops or second hand shoes. Any donations can be left in the box in the Church porch. Many thanks.

There will be a showing of the third, newly released, Mary's Meals DVD in the Meeting Room on Wednesday 18th May at 7.00 pm. For more information, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289.

English Martyrs School News We will be celebrating English Martyrs day next Friday 6th May with a liturgy at 9.00 am to which parents and friends of English Martyrs are warmly invited. The liturgy will be followed by a drop-in session hosted by Mrs Chambers, with refreshments. We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If anyone has any, please leave them in the box in the Church porch. We are having a textile fundraising collection. There are bags available from school or simply use bin bags. Any old textiles, clothing, curtains, towels, bedding would be appreciated – bags need to be at school by the afternoon of 4th May.

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