



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Palm Sunday

19 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Gillian Ford RIP
20 th March	Palm Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Denys Hancock's Intentions
21 st March	Monday of Holy Week	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Peter Rowley RIP
22 nd March	Tuesday of Holy Week	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Michael Dyson RIP
23 rd March	Wednesday of Holy Week	Wednesday	8.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (E & R)
			11.00 am	Chrism Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham	

SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS

24 th March	Maundy Thursday	Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Mass	Peter Dean RIP
25 th March	Good Friday Day of Fasting and Abstinence	Friday	3.00 pm	St Joseph	Good Friday Liturgy
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	NO LATIN MASS THIS WEEK
26 th March	Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday	8.00 pm	St Joseph	Pro Populo
27 th March	Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	The Gainsborough Family
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Jim Smith 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 19 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 20 th March
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		T & C Slattery
Readers	T Reilly & R Lott	B McDonald	I Kearney-Rose & J Burns
Minister of Eucharist	M Donn & M Port	A Loring	B Ivory & R Tennant
Coffee			J & B Nash
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 26 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 27 th March
Welcomers	B Francis & J Widdows		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	J Widdows, N O'Rourke, J Williamson, R Streeter, & I Kearney Rose	Lady Maria Pridden	H Davis
Minister of Eucharist	J Burns & R Lott	J Aitkins	M Pryke & L Perril
Coffee			M Kenning & V Wands
Church Cleaning	M & J O'Kane, H Davis & C Wignall		

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
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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, Veronica Wands, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Mike Ellis, Yvonne Trevor, Virginia Barwell, Cindy & Graham Johnston

Anniversaries † Daniel McConnell, Francis Wileman, John Nolan, Thomas Tutty, Cecil Tyler, Harvey Hodgson, Leonard Carr, Veronica Dunster, Peter Rowley, Colin Scott, Maurice Hartwell, Ronald Farnworth, Rose Perry, Marjorie Burke & Audrey Rosevear,

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£258.24
Envelopes	£145.60
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£943.84

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



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

- 15th May
- 12th June

Easter Flowers This weekend (19th/20th March), there will be a retiring collection at Masses at St Joseph's for the Easter flowers. Many thanks in anticipation. Maureen Mildner

Planned Giving Envelopes The new sets of envelopes are now available. Please collect yours from the Meeting Room after Mass.

Feast of the Divine Mercy We will be celebrating the Feast of the Divine Mercy with Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday 3rd April at 2.30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Bridget Francis on 01572 812289. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

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 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, our Bishop Patrick 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 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 takes place until midnight, recalling the Agony of Jesus in the Garden.

Good Friday – Liturgy at 3.00 pm
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 time to the meaning and the solemnity of this day and to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the cross and mystery of our Redemption.

Holy Saturday Holy Saturday is a day of stillness as we recall Christ in the tomb. At our Easter Vigil ceremonies beginning at 8.00 pm on Saturday evening, we recall and re-live, through the beautiful liturgy of the church, the story of creation as we light the Easter Fire, the lighting 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.

Red Mission Box holders Please collect the Spring edition of 'Mission Today' from the back of the church.

A reminder The clocks go forward one hour at 2.00 am on Sunday 27th March.

Repository Stall After a hugely successful period running our Repository Stall, Sarah and Denyse Morrell would like to hand it over to the next willing volunteer/s. Sarah estimates that a few hours set aside each week and obviously some time on a Sunday morning is all the time required and they are both more than happy to help with the handover period. This is a great opportunity to help the Parish and ideal for newer parishioners who are keen to socialise and get to know everyone. Fr Stephen is immensely grateful to Sarah and Denyse for all their hard work in making our Repository Stall so successful. For further information, please contact Sarah Archer on 01572 756622 or saraharcher46@btinternet.com.

Churches Together in Oakham - Palm Sunday - 20th March
Bring and share tea starting at 5.00 pm followed by a service at 6.00 pm in the Congregational Church, High Street, Oakham.

Advance Notice Our Parish Day of Renewal will take place on Thursday 28th April at the Franciscan Convent, Melton Mowbray. Theme of the day is "You are my beloved". Further details nearer the time.

Pre-school Toys We would like to improve our facilities for our pre-school parishioners. If you have any suitable toys (non-noisy!) which you could donate, would you please leave them in the box provided in the kitchen. We are also looking for a small child's table if you have one to donate! Please contact Sarah Archer for further information. Many thanks.

The Church Mouse Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire. We will be looking at your suggestions for *The Church Mouse* for the 3 issues this year and hope we get some great stories and articles to include in our parish booklet. The first issue will be available early May.

English Martyrs School news Last Friday after the weekly Celebration Assembly, families were invited to stay for a Fair Trade breakfast. It was a very informal gathering that was well attended and tea, coffee, pastries and fruit were served. The donations received will go to CAFOD as part of our ongoing fundraising.

We have marked 'Science Week' with a day of activities on Wednesday involving all the children. Health and Safety and Science Governor, Jim O'Kane, came along and enjoyed the quiz and some of the other activities. The children have been tasked with designing a bag for the newly refurbished Deli at the Co-Op and a representative from the Co-Op will chose a winner in assembly this week.

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