



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



22 nd February	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11.00 am	St Joseph	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Vigil Mass		4.30 pm	St Joseph	Vincent Costello RIP
23 rd February	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Reenette Savant's Intentions
24 th February	Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanks for Mackenzie Rose Porter
25 th February	Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (RK)
26 th February	Ash Wednesday	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			7.30 pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
27 th February	Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Deceased Members of the Hatton Family
28 th February	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	John and Sybil Hedley's Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
29 th 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 st March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls in Purgatory
			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 22 nd February	Sunday 23 rd February	
	4.30 pm (St Joseph)	9.00 am (Exton)	11.00 am (St Joseph)
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		J Hickie & F Rhowbotham
Readers	J Alston & A de Kremer	B McDonald	I Kearney-Rose & C Miller
Minister of Holy Communion	E Worrall & R Lott	tbc	M Hatton & M Mildner
Coffee			C Jones & H Davis
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 29 th February	Sunday 1 st 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
Church Cleaning	H Coomber & C Farmer		
Church Flowers	No flowers during Lent		


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	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	James Belderbos	Email: james.belderbos@gmail.com Tel: 07535 940 048
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

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 † Thomas Ford, Clarice Dupont, John Tyler, Denis Cullen, Daniel Brennan-Smith, Angela Hindley-Bromann, Thomas Tutly, John Salthouse, Martin Stimson and Margaret Duffy

Last Week's Collection	
Envelopes	£170.85
Loose Plate	£222.79
Standing Orders	£590.00
Total	£983.64

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 8th March

Confessions next weekend (Saturday 29th February) will be from 3.15 to 3.45 pm only.

No confessions on Saturday morning.

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

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be two Masses that day, which will include the blessing and imposition of ashes.

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?

Bible Study Group The next session of the Bible study group will be on Wednesday 26th February (Ash Wednesday) at 11-15 am in the Meeting Room, when we will look at the Passion according to Mark.

The World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The service will be at St Joseph's on 6th March at 2.00 pm, followed by refreshments.

White Flower Appeal - Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) appeal last weekend raised £272. We also received 38 completed postcards, which will be sent off soon. Many thanks.

Churches Together in Oakham An Evening of Swing Music starring Ron Iveson, The Singing Vicar, Saturday 14th 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 25th February - 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117

Readers' Rotas Unless emailed directly to you already, the new readers' rotas will be available in the Church porch from Wednesday 19th February, together with spare paper copies.

Faith in Families It is once again time for the half yearly collection of boxes. Please leave in the sacristy or give to Mair O'Kane. Please do not leave full boxes in the Church porch. Only returned empty boxes will be put in the porch for your re-collection. If anyone wants gift aid forms or a new box, please contact Mair O'Kane. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Wednesday 11th 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 We are in desperate need of **flip flops**, sizes from **4 years old to 12 years old** and **10 - 12 years old boys shorts**. 15 more back packs are making their way to children in need of food and clothing. Thank you, as always, for your very generous help.

Easter Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine - 8th April Cost: £649.00 per person. Single supplement £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 5 nights' at the Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

World Church Services at Oakham Methodist Church On 1st March, both services at Oakham Methodist Church will be devoted to the world. Rev Howard and Rosie Mellor will lead worship and talk on the church in China (morning service 10.45 am) and in Hong Kong (evening service 6.00 pm). Rev Howard and Rosie Mellor have been Mission Partners in the Methodist Church in Hong Kong and continue to serve there. All welcome.

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

A very warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend