



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

25 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Fr Fred Bliss RIP
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Kennedy RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (SD)
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday	<b>9.15 am</b>	Holy Mass	<b>At English Martyrs School</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (to St Blaise)
			<b>7.00 pm</b>	St Joseph	<b>Deanery Penitential Service</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mike Binney and Family
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Samantha Dale (Good Estate)
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	For inner peace (DC)
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	In Thanksgiving (Mikey Gillick)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Derek Dawson RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**Confession Times:** Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	D Cassidy & E Worrall		J Nash & P Reilly
Readers	R Streeter & R Lott	J Aitkins	M Mildner & N O'Rourke
Minister of Eucharist	J Burns & A Wilkinson	S Allan	M Port & L Perril
Coffee			H Davis & L Ramshaw
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Welcomers	R Lott & J O'Shea		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	S Taylor & M Vincent	C Knowland	M Port & R Miller
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & J Widdows	F Wignall	M Pryke & M Mildner
Coffee			J Kelly & C Slattery
Church Cleaning	R Duncan & M Port		

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>Primary School – English Martyrs</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>
<b>Head Teacher</b>	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
<b>Children's Liturgy Group</b>	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Irene Kearney Rose	Tel: 01572 823883
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Sarah Archer	Tel: 01572 756622
<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, Bernadette Wilkinson, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura and 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, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Virginia Barwell, Cindy Johnston, Mary Lambert, John Owens (Snr), Michael Gardiner, Helen Wilson, Baby Luke Somerville, Graham Andrews, John Widdows, May Carrie, Margaret West-Sadler, Lewis Paul and Yvonne Trevor

**Anniversaries †** Rose Perry, Marjorie Burke, Audrey Rosevear, Henry Harper, Jim Smith, Maureen Mather, Walentyna Wojtew, Lily Simpson, Henry Sanders, Patrick Roche, Sheila Stimson, Margaret Murton and Angela Clipsham

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	
Loose Plate	£214.58
Envelopes	£225.90
Standing Orders	£540.00
Total	£980.48

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



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

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Please note - Our Deanery Penitential Service** is at 7.00 pm this Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's. Please take this opportunity to make your Easter Confession. There will be several priests from the Deanery available to hear your confession.

**Lent** The message of Lent was made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are given ashes on our foreheads, we heard 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 a 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 to refrain from meat. 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?

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction** We will make the Stations after the morning Mass on Fridays and on the Sundays of Lent (5.00 pm). This beautiful Lenten Devotion helps us to appreciate Our Lord's great love for us and the great sacrifice he made for us, as we walk with Him on his final journey along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness** This year the Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness is the responsibility of St Joseph's. We need to provide 8 marshals to assist the progress of the procession, especially at crossing points and junctions. Yellow high visibility jackets will be provided. Please volunteer today, as we cannot leave this crucial job to the last minute. Please see Fr Stephen or Deacon Raymond if you can help.

**Mother's Prayers** will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. For further information, please contact Lorraine on 01664 452117.

Next weekend at all Masses (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April) there will be a talk and appeal for the Missionary Organisation **Aid to the Church in Need** given by Dr Heather Ward.

**Student Cross – Help needed - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April** It's that time of year again! Every year, students set out on a 120 mile pilgrimage from Leicester to Walsingham carrying a large cross. On their way, they stop off at parishes and spend the night on church floors. In Oakham, we try to help them on their journey by offering them a meal and a chance to freshen up. The students always mention how much they enjoy their time in Oakham. If you could spare just a couple of hours on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> April, offering a meal to a couple of friendly students before returning them to church for the night, please let me know. It's a great opportunity to help during Lent and very enjoyable too! Please fill in the form in the church porch or call 01572 759406. Thank you. Helen Jones.

**Parish Renewal Day** Please note that this year's Parish Renewal Day will take place during the Advent season.

**Oakham Parish Sewing Group** In the Meeting Room - Saturday, 1.30p.m. - 3.30 p.m. All welcome.

**Tuesday's Mass** this week will be celebrated at English Martyrs School on Willow Crescent at 9.15 am. All parishioners welcome!

**CAFOD** Many thanks for your generosity so far in giving not only to the Lent Fast Day, but also to the East Africa Crisis appeal. On top of our normal fund-raising for Fast Days, so far we have raised over £800 for the East Africa Crisis appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, then please either put your donation in the CAFOD Fast Day envelopes, or in a separate envelope, marked CAFOD East Africa Crisis appeal, by no later than Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Church flowers for Easter** There will be a collection towards the cost of the flowers for Easter this weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March. If you are already signed up for gift aid, we can now claim back on your donation. Please put your donation in one of the pink envelopes, marked for visitors, which can be found in the Church porch and then put it into the flower collection basket. Thank you.

**Book of Remembrance** As many of you will have noticed, our Book is on display in the Church in the wooden cabinet. This is an ongoing project and as more names are handed in they will be added in due course. As a reminder, there are slips in the Church porch giving details of how to have names of loved ones inscribed in the Book.

**English Martyrs School News** We have found out this week that we have come second in the Tesco appeal and won £2,000 for the school which is great news!

Year 6 pupils have been experiencing lots of different sports through external coaches and this week they have tried boxing without knocking each other out! Our KS2 teams are competing in tag rugby competitions and girl's football this week. Our children keep amazing us in their maths challenges and this week a team are travelling to Peterborough to compete against other regional teams. All our children are working really hard to collect as many items as possible for the rucksacks for Marys' meals and we are looking forward to Mrs Keogh coming into assembly to talk to us about this project on Friday. We would like to invite all the parish to come and join us for Mass on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March in school at 9.15 am.

**Church Repository** A great big thank you for your support for the Church Repository. Many new items have been added this week, such as Mother's Day cards and gifts - all at pocket money prices. Do come and have a look!

**CAFOD** Last chance next weekend to get a book from our book stall in the meeting room. Lots of new books have arrived this week. After 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the stall will be closed until after Easter. All money donated goes to CAFOD. Many thanks.

**Our Sick List** If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please make Fr Stephen aware or email Maria at: [rchurchoakham@live.co.uk](mailto:rchurchoakham@live.co.uk)

**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**