



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

26 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Eileen Worrall's Intentions
27 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	All Parishioners
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Yvette Nicolle-Anderiesz RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
28 th March	Lenten Feria	Monday		Holy Mass	No Holy Mass today (Fr Stephen is in Melton)
29 th March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Fr Paul Chipchase's Intentions
30 th March	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Lenten Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	George and Margaret Thompson RIP
31 st March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Andrew Swann RIP
1 st April	Lenten Feria	Friday	10.00 am	St Joseph	Service of Word and Holy Communion
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Mackenzie John Urquhart, Sybil Pamela Urquhart and Mackenzie John Urquhart RIP
2 nd April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	All Parishioners
3 rd April	Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Patrick England RIP
			10.30 am	Holy Mass	Ann-Marie Stevenson RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30 – 10.00 am Saturday: 11.15 – 11.45 am


THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 26 th March	Sunday 27 th March
Welcomers	Jan O'Shea and Ann Robinson	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Fran Rhowbotham
Readers	Ron Streeter and Siobhan Taylor	Brian Moore and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Joy Kelly and Chris Slattery
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 2 nd April	Sunday 3 rd April
Welcomers	Caroline Berrie and Eileen Worrall	Nola McGarrity and Pauline Morton
Readers	Siobhan Taylor and Tom Reilly	Lorraine Perril and Annie de Kremer
Coffee		Sylvie Nguyen
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	

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	10.30 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria Marriott	rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Groups	Martin and Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112 jjok1946@hotmail.co.uk
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: *Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne LloydHughes, Philip Quinn, Teresa Thompson, Sharon Larkworthy, Halina Woolford, Myra Smith, Janet and Barry ChalmersStevens, Fr David Bowler, Annie Welsh, Floss Jepson, Joy Widdows, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Richard Goodger, Jim Whalley,, Fr John Trenchard, Elisabeth Simpson, Florence Valentine, Alison Pepperdine. Neil Mackenzie, David Price, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Moira McCormick, Claire Smith, Fiona Ruddle, Calum Simpson and Angela Munton, John Shortmoor, Joseph Shortmoor and Fr Tom McGovern, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Melanie McDonald, Ita Jones and Michael Dawson - 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 † *Henry Harper, Jim Smith, Maureen Mather, Walentyna Wojtew, Lily Simpson, Henry Sanders, Patrick Roche, Sheila Stimson, Dorothy Maxwell, Margaret Murton, Angela Clipsham and David Healey*

Last week's collection	
Collections	£242.52
Planned Giving and Donations	£701.40
Total	£943.92

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

Good Friday Witness Walk
Churches Together are organising the annual Christian Walk of Witness on Good Friday for the first time since the pandemic as follows:
Friday, 15th April. Good Friday.
10.15. Assemble in the grounds of St John & St Anne
10.30 silent walk of Witness through the town along the High Street to the Market Place.
10.40 Short service and Hymns around the Buttercross. All welcome.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel
Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

As St Michael is the Patron Saint of Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, we will say this prayer during Holy Mass in support of the people of Ukraine and for peace in the whole world.

Stations of the Cross each week in Lent on Fridays at 10.45 am, shared with All Saints.
Friday 1st April – All Saints
Friday 8th April – St Joseph's
On all Sundays in Lent, we will also make the Stations of the Cross at 5.00 pm in St Joseph's.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 11th June 2022 Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady to pray for vocations, peace in our world and evangelisation. Transport to Walsingham will be individually organised or encourage your deanery parishes to organise a coach or minibus together. For further details, contact Deacon Seamus O'Looskan at St Paul's Catholic School, Leicester, LE5 6HN on 0116 2414057, email solooskan@stpauls.leicester.sch.uk or visit the Walsingham Shrine website www.walsingham.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
If you would like a copy of the minutes of the latest PPC meeting, please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Easter Flowers There will be a collection after Holy Mass next weekend (2nd/3rd April) for Easter Flowers for the Church.

English Martyrs School News
We have a vacancy for a Premises Officer at school. Please contact the office for more information.
Some of our children took part in the Primary Spotlight show at Stamford Corn Exchange this week. They worked really hard, learning their dances and performed beautifully in front of a packed theatre. It was a great experience for them.
Our children took part in a sponsored walk to help raise money for Cafod's Walk Against Hunger campaign. We raised an incredible £800 cash plus any donations that were made online!
From Friday 1st April, please put your Tesco blue tokens in the English Martyrs box in the Tesco Foyer. We are hoping to secure the top amount so we can buy some new non-fiction books for the school library for our children to enjoy. Thank you!

Aid for Chad and Lima Peru
Do please take a little peep at the Peruvian items for sale this weekend in the Meeting Room after Holy Mass. There is also a variety of delicious home made jars of jam on sale to tempt you, as well as the little decorated Easter eggs. Every penny feeds the hungry. Thank you.
A big thank you too for the bumper bag of lovely clothes left this week to be sold for Chad.

Recycling Please grab a leaflet from the Church porch with information about all that can be recycled – you will be pleasantly surprised at just what can be recycled!

GodCalls Adventure GodCalls Adventure from the National Office for Vocation, is a free, 40-day self-guided course which aims to help you grow in holiness and root each day in prayer. You will find resources on the website <https://www.godcalls.co.uk/godcalls-adventure> to guide you in how to plan your days, putting God at the centre of your life, engage in prolonged prayer and journey your progress. The downloadable resources focus on cultivating different virtues, ranging from meekness to purity, gratitude to courage. There is also guidance on using the Bible, how to pray and reflect with the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. Join the private Facebook group where you can find support and fellowship (type GodCalls Adventure into the search bar in Facebook to join). GodCalls Adventure is not just for Lent – try the 40 days at any point of the year.

Caritas – Diocese of Nottingham Caritas has received numerous expressions of interest in hosting, welcoming and supporting refugees from the conflict in Ukraine. The pieces are beginning to fall in place nationally, enabling us to develop ways locally to support parishes and individuals in their response. There will be a workshop on Zoom on Monday 28th March under the banner of Parishes of Welcome, to support those who wish to respond to the refugee crisis. To sign up visit bit.ly/ParishesofWelcome or email Paul Bodenham at caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Littleway Healing Ministries Our Healing of Memories Foundation Courses have resumed in 2022. If you are interested and would like more details, please visit our website: www.littlewayhealingministries.com

Planned Giving Envelopes The next year's planned giving envelopes are now available at St Joseph's and St Thomas's. If you don't see one with your name on, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Our Sick List If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you are concerned about not being able to donate weekly, you may wish to contribute via the parish bank account. If so, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Please note: Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.

Facebook Don't forget St Joseph's has a Facebook page on which future events can be advertised, members can be alerted to, for example, changes in service times, and ideas can be put forward. If you would like to join, please email Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk