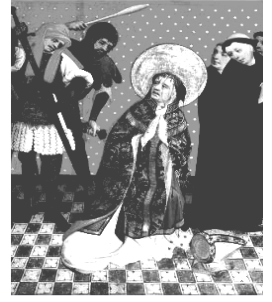




**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND**  
**ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &**  
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

28 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday		St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday		St Joseph	All Parishioners
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Monday		Holy Mass	Mary Hickie RIP
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Mary Martin RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Lenten Feria	Wednesday		Holy Mass	Elize Platt RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	St Francis of Paola	Thursday		Holy Mass	Thomas Clapperton RIP
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Lenten Feria	Friday		Holy Mass	Agnes Hudson RIP
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Vigil Mass	Saturday		St Joseph	Agnes Hudson RIP
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday	Sunday		St Joseph	All Parishioners

**Fr Stephen wishes to let you know that he says Holy Mass daily for the Intention of the Day and also for All Parishioners during this difficult time.**

<b>Parish Website</b>	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org">http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org</a>	
<b>English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher</b>	Willow Crescent, Oakham Alison Chambers	<a href="http://www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a> 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>	James Belderbos	Email: <a href="mailto:james.belderbos@gmail.com">james.belderbos@gmail.com</a> Tel: 07535 940 048
<b>Parish Support Group - HELP</b>	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
<b>Prayer Groups</b>	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
<b>Chair - Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
<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, 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, Krystyna Chritchlow, Sally Blythin, Dennis Trevor, Richard Goodger, Daphne Berarey, Jim Whalley, Margaret Reid, Jeffrey Whawell, Anne Stevenson and Fr John Trenchard and Florence Valentine

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, Margaret Murton, Angela Clipsham, David Healey, George Hyde and Josephine Goddard

**Last Week's Collection**

Envelopes	£
Loose Plate	£
Standing Orders	£590.00
Total	£

**Extract from Cardinal Vincent's letter**

**"We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time."**

**Uppingham School Masses**

Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:  
• tbc

**Due to government advice** for the over 70s, please be aware of your elderly neighbours and parishioners. Do they need any help? Can you do some shopping for them? Also remember all the advice we have been given about washing hands and social distancing. Please stay safe.

**LENT** The message of Lent was made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we were 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 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?

**From an Easter letter by St Athanasius:**

*Such is the wonder of his love: he gathers to this feast those who are far apart, and brings together in unity of faith those who may be physically separated from each other.*

**The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March** This year, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we will be joining with communities all around the country in prayer for The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. If you want to know more about The Rededication, visit: [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com).

**St Joseph's and English Martyrs' 200 club winners** for February are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Emma McCombie - £100 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Chris Thomas - £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Philip Sturley - £10

**Mother's Prayers** There will be no Mother's Prayers meetings until further notice.

**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

**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.