



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND
ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Mary Hickie RIP
31 st March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Judaline Ramanoop's Intentions
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
1 st April	Lenten Feria	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
2 nd April	St Francis of Paolo	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Greta Dunleavy RIP
3 rd April	Lenten Feria	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Donovan and Dylan Ferguson
4 th April	St Isidore	Thursday	9.30 am	St Joseph	Service of Word & Holy Communion
5 th April	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Meryl Vincent (Good Estate)
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
6 th April	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Katie Cairns RIP
7 th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Rosemary Gunn RIP
			4.00 pm	St Joseph	Deanery Penitential Service

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 30 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 31 st March
Welcomers	B Francis & A Robinson		P Reilly & J Hickie
Readers	R Streeter & R Lott	C Knowland	N O'Rourke & L Perral
Minister of Holy Communion	A Wilkinson & J Aitkens	tbc	A Nguyen & M Mildner
Coffee			J Fey & P Morton
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 6 th April	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 7 th April
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		J Hickie & F Rhowbotham
Readers	A de Kremer & M Vincent	P Gatheral	J Burns & M Port
Minister of Holy Communion	J Aitkens & M Donn	tbc	K Wigmore & M Pryke
Coffee			C Jones & H Davis
Church Cleaning	P Boak & F Quatabina		

Parish Website	http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
English Martyrs Primary School	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Head Teacher	Alison Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	11.00 am Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Irene Kearney-Rose	Email: irene@kearney-rose.co.uk Tel: 07743 030 460
Parish Support Group - HELP	Hilary Davis	Tel: 01572 724256
Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chairman - Parish Pastoral Council	Jim O'Kane	Tel: 01572 755112
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

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, Sylvia Minckley, Annie Welsh, Daniel Dopson and Floss Jepson, , Casey O'Hanrahan and Bridget Francis

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 † *Walentyzna Wojtew, Lily Simpson, Henry Sanders, Patrick Roche, Sheila Stimson, Margaret Murton, Angela Clipsham, David Healey, George Hyde, Ray Tyler and Joan Noble*

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	£198.30
Loose Plate	£224.84
Standing Orders	£520.00
Total	£943.14

Please note the following **Deanery Penitential Services:**

Sunday 7 th April	4.00 pm	St Joseph's, Oakham
Tuesday 9 th April	7.00 pm	St Mary Immaculate, Grantham
Wednesday 10 th April	7.00 pm	St Francis Convent Chapel, Melton Mowbray
Thursday 11 th April	7.00 pm	Sacred Heart and St Gilbert, Bourne
Friday 12 th April	7.00 pm	St Augustine's, Stamford

The priests of the Deanery will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on these dates. Please prepare well for Easter by making a good Confession!

Lincoln Deanery Station Mass at Lincoln Cathedral on Thursday 11th April at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

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

- 5th May
- 9th June

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



As part of Churches Together in Oakham, we will participate in making the Stations of the Cross on **alternate Fridays at 11.30 am** in St Joseph's and All Saints Church.

Pope Francis and Bishop Patrick are urging us to experience a closer encounter with God. During Lent there will be **Adoration each Saturday morning from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon**, beginning on Saturday 16th March. Please make an effort to pop in - even for just 10 minutes or so. The Sacrament cannot be left unattended so it is important that as many as possible try to come. A good resolution for Lent!

Exposition – 24 hours for the Lord – Melton Mowbray – Friday 5th April/Saturday 6th April We are having a 24+ hour Exposition again as part of our Lenten devotions. Everyone welcome if you wish to join us at any time: 3.00 pm Friday 5th April to 10.00 am on Saturday 6th April at St Francis Convent Chapel, Dalby Road; 10.00 am to 5.00 pm Saturday 6th April at St John's Church, Thorpe End; 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm back at the Convent Chapel. For further information, please contact Jean Garrett – 01664 565341 or 07960 975483.

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. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Churches Together in Oakham Lent Lunches (soup, roll, cheese and fruit) will be held in All Saints Church Hall every Friday from 8th March – 5th April from 12.00 - 1.30 pm. Cost: £3.50. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Fair Trade stall available. Come and share with friends. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the children's liturgy group as catechists. Thankfully we have an excellent and loyal team of helpers, but from next term there will only be two catechists left doing this worthwhile job. The role of the catechist is to help children to understand the Sunday Gospel and thus to learn about God and Jesus. We do this by reading and discussing the Gospel and through prayers and activities. It is interesting for both the children and the catechists. We know that new recruits settle in quickly and enjoy their task. Unfortunately, as there are only two of us, after Easter we will have to limit the sessions to two per month. This is not an ideal situation – just having two more catechists would help significantly to keep continuity, although the more the better. Please think about joining us, so that we can keep the children's liturgy going. Anyone who is interested is welcome – you don't have to be a parent. Lots of help will be given. Please see or contact me (0778 8503243) or see Fr Stephen. Thank you very much. Hanna Coomber

On the **Feast of the Divine Mercy** on Sunday 28th April, starting at 2.30 pm (finishing around 5.00 pm), there will be Mass, blessing of images of the Divine Mercy and any other religious articles, Holy Hour, Rosary and Confessions during Adoration. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Meeting Room.

Day of Renewal - Saturday 11th May to be held at the Convent, Melton Mowbray - 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. 'WHY DID GOD MAKE US'. Cost: £12 inc lunch etc. Mass celebrated by Fr Stephen. Come and enjoy! Please put the date in your diary. List in the Church porch in April.

Mother's Prayers The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th April at 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

Donations of £145.76 to **Aid to the Church in Need** and £155.87 to **APF Mill Hill Missionaries** have been sent from money raised from Wednesday and Sunday coffee mornings.

English Martyrs School News We have received £80.98 in Giving Machine donations this month. Thank you to everyone who has subscribed to this. If you need any more information on how to sign up to give free donations to school when you shop online, please get in touch with the school office, Mrs Archer or Mrs McGrory.

We had the Rutland Osprey team in to visit us in assembly last week during Osprey week. They gave us lots of information about the Ospreys who are returning to Rutland for the Spring and Summer and the journey they have to make to and from Africa to find warmer climates during the year. We have 5 Osprey ambassadors in school who will be invited to events with other Osprey ambassadors in schools in Rutland finding out lots of information to bring back into schools.

Last Saturday, eight members of the Bridge Club travelled to Loughborough Grammar School to take part in the National Schools Mini Bridge Competition. There were 40 children involved in the competition from a range of schools all over the country. The children were all absolutely superb and worked incredibly hard to concentrate and focus. All of our pairings did really well, however Harvey and Ruby went on to win the competition and be crowned National Schools Mini Bridge Champions – a huge achievement.

Well done to the boccia team who represented Rutland at the School Games at Loughborough University on Friday. The children were amazing and played with skill and determination in an incredibly tough competition. They ended up 6th overall. They also had the chance to meet Team GB Paralympians Holly Arnold and Hannah Cockcroft - they were an incredible inspiration and the children also got to wear their gold medals!

Mary's Meals Many thanks indeed for the toothpaste and spoons donated this week -just what was needed!

Church Repository We now have a range of Easter cards for sale – please come and have a look.

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anyone living or deceased, please use the envelopes provided in the Church porch.

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

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