



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



2 nd March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Olive Alston RIP
3 rd March	Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Maeve Swann RIP
			11.00 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
4 th March	St Casimir	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Joe and Mairead Scott's Intentions
5 th March	Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
6 th March	Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting and Abstinence	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Chris Hind's Intentions
			7.30 pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
7 th March	Saints Felicity and Perpetua	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Pat and Joe Quinn and Daniel Quinn-Marriott RIP
8 th March	St John of God	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Mike O'Rourke RIP
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	St Philip's Choir, Mansfield
9 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Hugh Burns RIP and Henry Ferguson RIP
10 th March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Pro Populo
			11.00 am	St Joseph	James William Roberts RIP
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross

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 2 nd March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 3 rd March
Welcomers	J O'Shea & C Berrie		P Reilly & F Rhowbotham
Readers	L Perril & J Alston	B Moore	I Kearney-Rose & N O'Rourke
Minister of Holy Communion	E Worrall & A Wilkinson	tbc	K Wigmore & M Donn
Coffee			C Slattery & J Kelly
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 th March	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 10 th March
Welcomers	R Lott & A Robinson		J Hickie & P Donn
Readers	S Taylor & R Streeter	B McDonald	M Port & M Donn
Minister of Holy Communion	R Lott & B Black	tbc	J Burns & A Nguyen
Coffee			E McCombie & S Archer
Church Cleaning	C Wignall & H Davis		

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: 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. Joy Widdows, Meryl Vincent, Pat Dawson, Nicholas Tomlinson, 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 † *Francis Kilkenny, Gertie Colin, James Cregan, Clare Ellis, Frederic Hudson, Emma Gardner, Beatrice Tyler, Michael O'Rourke, Kath Houlden, Elizabeth Hawthorne, Patricia Beckett, Andrew Seale, Hugh Burns, Henry Ferguson, James Rouse, Manuela Cox, Atelia Leandro and Mary Rathbone*

Last Week's Collection
 Envelopes £238.95
 Loose Plate £284.71
 Standing Orders £520.00
 Total £1,043.66

The Holy Season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday 6th March. There will be two Masses on that day in St Joseph's at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

As part of Churches Together in Oakham, we will participate in making the Stations of the Cross on **alternate Fridays at 11.30 am**. This week's devotion of the Stations will take place in All Saints Church.

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



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.

Uppingham School Masses Mass will be celebrated in Uppingham School Chapel at 12.15 pm on:
 • Sunday 17th March

Mary's Meals Magnus asks "Please will you join us all in praying that the Lord continues to bless our work and that each day we may reach many more hungry children with Mary's Meals. Today, 1,425,013 children in 18 countries now receive a nutritious daily school meal and the gift of hope. As a result, we continually see the providence of God in incredible ways. God bless you all."

LENT begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. The message of Lent is made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are given ashes on our forehead, we will hear the priest say, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember man that you are dust and to dust you shall return". These are powerful words. They are in direct opposition to most of what we will see and hear around us every day. It will not be easy to see Lent as a holy and important season this year. We do not live in a society where many people are Catholics. 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 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 whilst in Church and while others might be praying?

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. 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?

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. Please be assured that all donations from your Parish will be used to support our children and families services, these being:

- Post adoption support to adopted children, young people and their families
- Support to birth family and adopted adults in respect of tracing and reunion services
- Children's groups – support groups for adopted children
- Support to families in need in the RC Diocese of Nottingham
- Schools Social Work Service – in partnership with Catholic Schools in the Diocese

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

English Martyrs School News Year 3 had a trip to Oakham Museum to start off their new topic about the Romans. The children learnt all about the Romans in Rutland, completed a Roman treasure hunt, handled artefacts and enjoyed various art activities.

Year 1 and 2 children had a busy week, with a trip to Ashwell hub for the Multiskills festival on Wednesday and then a visit to the Space Centre in Leicester as part of their Space topic – they've had a great week!

Thank you to all the parishioners who baked, helped and bought cakes for our cake sale. The amount raised at Church was £92! We will let you know the total amount raised next week.

Our next FEM event is the ever popular Quiz and Chips Night on Friday 8th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and are available from the school office. If you would like to attend but can't make it to the office, please give us a call so we can reserve you a place.

Mother's Prayers The next Mother's Prayers meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 2.00-3.00 pm at 5 Old Brewery Court, Somerby. All welcome. Further details available from Lorraine Perril on 01664 452117.

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