



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

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

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### Third Sunday of Lent

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Holy Souls
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Third Sunday of Lent	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners
4 <sup>th</sup> March	St Casimir	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Margaret Hargaden RIP
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	Tuesday			
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Lenten Feria		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Angela Munton RIP
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Saints Perpetua and Felicity	Thursday			
8 <sup>th</sup> March	St John of God	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass <b>St Thomas</b>	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE15 8AN Maria Marriott's intentions
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Hugh Burns RIP & Henry Ferguson RIP
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	All Parishioners

**CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm**

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Meryl Vincent and Tom Reilly	Brian Moore and Lorraine Perril
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Joan Burns	Maureen Mildner and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Pauline Morton and James Fay
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Chris Jones and Phil Boak	

NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Welcomers	Phil and Mich Sturley	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Jennifer Williamson and Siobhan Taylor	Ed Anderson and Marjorie Port
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rachel Lott and Andrew Wilkinson	Ed Anderson and Anthony Nguyen
Coffee		Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	

**Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.**

<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="mailto:achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk">achambers@englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk</a>	<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	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
<b>Safeguarding Representative</b>	Maria Marriott <a href="mailto:Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk">Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>	Tel: 07513 725552
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<b>Parish Newsletter</b>	Eileen Worrall	<a href="mailto:eileenworrall@hotmail.com">eileenworrall@hotmail.com</a>

**Please pray for the following who are ill:** Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, David Price, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Nicholas Tomlinson and Elisabeth Simpson

Unfortunately we now need written signed permission from all who wish to have their names in this sick list. **If your loved one has been removed, please contact Maria asap and they will, of course, be reinstated with their written permission.** This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. Many thanks.

If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list **with their written permission**, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) **OR please ask them to complete the form below and return to Maria in the Parish Office.** Many thanks.

#### **Permission form for Sick list**

I give my permission for my name to be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on their (St Joseph's) website in the Newsletter tab.

Print Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

**Anniversaries †** Margaret Edelston, Stanley Humphreys, Francis Kilkenny, Gertie Colin, James Cregan, Clare Ellis, Frederic Hudson, Angela Munton, 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, Mary Rathbone and Lily Millar

#### **Last week's collection**

Collections	£119.42
Planned Giving and Donations	£681.50
Total	£800.92

**If you know any parishioners** who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we don't know we cannot help.

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



**If you would like to offer Holy Mass** for friends/family/relatives, please obtain **their written permission** for **their names** to go into the public domain, ie Newsletter and the Newsletter online. This is the guidance for **GDPR** data protection, from our Nottingham Diocese. **If you would like a specific date, please give plenty of notice.** Many thanks.

**Parish Office Telephone** Please note that Canon Stephen is not contactable via the Parish office telephone number. For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email.

**Important Information – Mass Intentions** Please use the brown envelopes in the Church porch for Holy Mass intentions, including any offering you wish to make (ensure you have a signature for those who are living). We have removed the Mass offering from the card machine and the website.

**Holy Mass** Canon Peter will be offering Holy Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at St Joseph's at the end of each month. He looks forward to getting to know you all.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place on Sunday at 4.00 pm in St Joseph's during Lent.

We will alternate on Fridays between St Joseph's and All Saints Church at 11.00 am.

Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> March - **St Joseph's**; 15<sup>th</sup> March - **All Saints** and 22<sup>nd</sup> March **St Joseph's**

**Over the next three Wednesdays** at 2.00 pm in the Meeting Room, we will be making a Holy Journey through Scriptural meditations on Holy Week, led by Deacon Raymond. These have been prepared by Rev Shakeel Nurmani from All Saints Church on behalf of Churches Together and will be followed by all the Christian churches in Oakham. The first session will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**St Joseph's Parish Council** There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. If you wish to ask a question or suggest an item for the agenda, please submit by **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** to Andreas Menzies or via email at [ppchair@stjosephs-oakham.org](mailto:ppchair@stjosephs-oakham.org)

**Abortion Decriminalisation Proposal** An amendment has been put forward to the Criminal Justice Bill by pro-abortion MPs which, if successful, would decriminalise abortion. This means that it would be possible for women to induce their own abortion, using pills sent through the post, at any time and for any reason. In other words, it would be legal to abort an unborn child **UP TO BIRTH**, if induced by the woman herself. Such a change is not supported by public opinion. Polls suggest that 70% of women would like to see a **REDUCTION** in the present time limit for abortions (24 weeks) rather than removing all time limits. If passed into law, this radical amendment would increase the number of babies who are aborted. It would also increase the risks to women's health, since these late term abortions would not be carried out under medical supervision but in women's homes. This proposal will be debated in the House of Commons in early March.

Please write now to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at [www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments](http://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments) Please also pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

**LACY "Big Lent Walk" for CAFOD:** Sunday 17th March 2024 commencing from St. Mary's, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, LE18 4PG at 2.00 p.m. Calling all young people families and friends to be with us! Aid for all the conflicts taking place in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel. Walk as much as you can, trail to follow, craft time and light refreshments! Celebration of Youth Mass with Fr. Simon Gillespie at 4.00 p.m., praying for all those in the areas of conflict in the world. For more details of the afternoon e mail: Jo Shearer, [joshearer@hotmail.com](mailto:joshearer@hotmail.com). Details of the LACY Just Giving Account are: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/lacy-sharing-cafods-big-lent-walk> You might like to **WALK!** **SPONSOR SOMEONE!** or **DONATE!** to the amazing work of CAFOD. We would love to hear from you or see you on the day. **LET'S PUT OUR FAITH INTO ACTION THIS LENT!**

#### **English Martyrs School News**

Our **coffee mornings** for parents, preschool children, members of the parish and visitors, with activities for the children, will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.15-11.00 am. Everyone is welcome! Do pop in and see us. We would love to welcome you to our school.

Join the **Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass** (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March), with a rehearsal on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 am-1.00 pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, NG1 5AE. The Diocesan Choir is a friendly and supportive bunch of musicians and singers from across the diocese that gather to sing for special diocesan occasions and liturgies. All are welcome and no prior musical training is required. To sign up please email: [cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

The latest edition of the **Diocesan E-Magazine** was published on Ash Wednesday, featuring reflections, articles, and news from across the diocese, including NDCYS, CAFOD and Caritas. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news)

**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@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

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

**Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders** If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Many thanks for your ongoing support.