



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON

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First Sunday of Lent

5 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Susan Ferguson's Intentions
6 th March	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	All Parishioners
			10.30 am	Holy Mass	The Kulas Family
			5.00 pm	St Joseph	Stations of the Cross
7 th March	Saints Perpetua and Felicity	Monday		Holy Mass	No Holy Mass today
8 th March	St John of God	Tuesday		Holy Mass	Richard Illingworth RIP
9 th March	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.00 am	St Joseph	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	St Frances of Rome		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Hugh Burns and Henry Ferguson RIP
10 th March	Lenten Feria	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	William Breslin's Intentions
11 th March	Lenten Feria	Friday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Benny and Mary Toth and Family Intentions
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Thomas Fegan (Snr) RIP
12 th March	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	Holy Mass	Elsie Fay RIP
13 th March	Second Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	Lesley and Chris Knowland's Intentions
			10.30 am	Holy Mass	Mary King RIP
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	All Parishioners
			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 5 th March	Sunday 6 th March
Welcomers	Tom and Belinda Reilly	Pauline Morton and Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	Ron Streeter and Tom Reilly	Maureen Mildner and Nuala O'Rourke
Coffee		Phil Boak
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Phil Boak, Rachel Jones and Chris Jones	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 12 th March	Sunday 13 th March
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Fran Rhowbotham and Maureen Mildner
Readers	Joan Burns and Meryl Vincent	Marjorie Port and Brian Moore
Coffee		Veronica Wands
Flowers	No Flowers during Lent	
Church Cleaning	Phil Boak, Rachel Jones and Chris Jones	

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 Ruddell, Calum Simpson and Angela Munton, John Shortmoor, Joseph Shortmoor and Fr Tom McGovern - 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 † 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, Mary Rathbone, Richard McCarthy, Paul Keany, Peter Rafferty, Vera Williamson, John Wyatt, Leslie Gauntlett, Patricia Maiden, Thomas Ruane and George Stephens

Last week's collection

Envelopes	£50.00
Loose Plate	£145.05
Standing Orders	£630.00
Total	£825.05

LENT The message of Lent is made clear in the liturgy for Ash Wednesday. As we are given ashes on our foreheads, we will hear 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.

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

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation classes take place on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room. First Holy Communion is at 4.00-5.00 pm; Confirmation at 5.30 pm.

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.

Stations of the Cross each week in Lent on Fridays at 10.45 am. We will share this Lenten Devotion on alternate Fridays with the parishioners of All Saints, beginning at All Saints on Friday 4th March. On Friday 11th March, we will be in St Joseph's and alternate Fridays. On all Sundays in Lent, we will also make the Stations of the Cross at 5.00 pm in St Joseph's.

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?

A warm welcome to Alexander Jack Patrick Charrington, Christopher Jackson Mathews and Alfred Louis Mathews who join God's family, the Church, through the Rite of Baptism on Sunday 6th March at St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton. May God guide and protect them throughout their lives.

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

The winners of the **St Joseph's and English Martyrs 200 Club** for January are as follows:

1 st prize	£100	Gavin Slattery
2 nd prize	£20	Christine Slattery
3 rd prize	£10	Pauline Pitts

LACY Outside Stations of the Cross – 3rd April 2022 – at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ. Calling all young people, families and friends – come and share some time with us taking a "Journey with Jesus" as we make the Stations of the Cross outside in the grounds of the Rosmini Centre, commencing at 1.30 pm. This will be followed by a Celebration of Mass and light refreshments. With LACY support and help, we are hoping that young people will lead the Stations and feel they can be involved in the Celebration of Mass through music and readings. Let us know if you can be with us and would like to be involved. Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com

Help If any of our parishioners who are drivers would be willing to transport other parishioners to hospital appointments, doctors appointments etc., please contact Rosemarie Duncan on 01572 723873 or email martinduncan352@gmail.com

Lateral flow tests If anyone would like any lateral flow tests, please get in touch with Maria at rcchurchoakham@live.co.uk

Littleway Healing Ministries – "Freedom Through Jesus" We continue to run twice monthly evenings of Praise, Prayer and Healing using Zoom. Our next event dates are 15th March-5th April; 21st April-3rd May and 19th May – all from 7.00-9.00 pm. Zoom meeting link – <https://zoom.us/j/98503370245>; Meeting ID 9850 337 2045; Password 643344. Should you need any further information, please contact our administrator Richard: administrator@littlewayhealingministries.com

Received from Caritas Diocese of Nottingham

There are few words for the tragedy and barbarism unfolding in Ukraine. There seem to be few actions we can take that match the onslaught faced by its people. Caritas Diocese of Nottingham invite you to join Pope Francis in starting this season of Lent in prayer and fasting for their suffering and for the long labour of peace.

We would also like to offer you two ways to show practical solidarity with the Ukrainian community; here in the Diocese of Nottingham and in their homeland. I invite you to extend your prayer and fasting into an act of practical solidarity.

HelpUkraine

Organisations in Derby serving the Ukrainian community have come together to launch the #HelpUkraine appeal. The national launch was hosted by the Ukrainian Parish Church of St Michael the Archangel, near the Arboretum. It is introduced in the video below by Fr David Senyk, parish priest of communities the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in the area of our diocese.

You are invited to donate to this appeal, which is managed by the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain with the Church's support. It represents the efforts of Ukrainians here in Nottingham Diocese and across the UK, and is the perfect way to show solidarity with our own neighbours, and their efforts for their compatriots, in this crisis.

Donate direct at: Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain Limited Barclays Bank Acc no: 80038237 Sort code: 20-65-89 with reference HelpUkraine

Caritas in Ukraine

Caritas Ukraine and Caritas-Spes are working on the ground to help about 13,000 people in different parts of the country, and especially in critical areas such as Mariupol, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kyiv and Odessa. Caritas Internationalis have launched a campaign to support their work, especially for the most vulnerable people, such as the elderly and children in the conflict zones.

Donate on their website: <https://www.caritas.org/what-we-do/conflicts-and-disasters/crisis-in-ukraine/>

Paul for Caritas Diocese of Nottingham

CAFOD Recycling - "Live simply so that others may simply live" Thank you for all the unwanted items donated so far – it is very much appreciated. If you have any of the following unwanted items, do please put them in the box in the porch to support the wonderful work of Cafod - any coins, old jewellery, stamps, old cameras, watches. These will be sent to Cafod once we have 5kg. Cafod will then receive the money once they are recycled. Do please take a leaflet on the shelf near the box in the Church porch listing other items you may donate. Lets fill the box and help the poor!

Used ink cartridges - Please pop these in the little box labelled cartridges. They too are a great source of income for Cafod. Over £70,000 has been raised so far!! Just amazing!

English Martyrs School News

We were pleased to be able to welcome Fr Stephen back into school for Ash Wednesday Mass. It was wonderful for the whole school to celebrate Mass altogether again and the Little Lights read beautifully.

The children came to school in their pyjamas for World Book Day with a decorated item linked to their favourite book. They took part in lots of activities and we were able to welcome families back into school to read with their children.

Thank you for the donations of food and clothes for Ukraine. We were inundated with items and thank everyone for their generosity. We will let the Parish know if we are able to collect more items.

Thanks to FEM's fundraising, we have 12 new ipads in school, plus an extra 5 from the DfE. Thank you to everyone who supports FEM - their work and your kind donations are vital in getting resources for children.

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

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

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

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