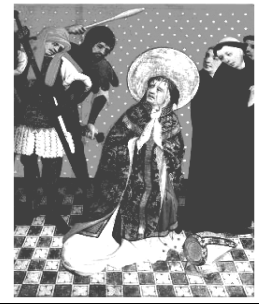




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM & ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Joey Shelley & Jim Flood RIP
7 th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	In Supplication to St Anthony
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
			12.15 pm	Uppingham School Chapel	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8 th February	St Jerome Emiliani	Monday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
9 th February	Feria	Tuesday	9.30 am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
10 th February	Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting and Abstinence	Wednesday	9.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			10.00 am	Holy Mass	Sister Margaret Redmond's Intentions
			1.30 pm	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Christopher Rhodes
11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
12 th February	Lenten Feria	Friday	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Joseph Perez Tirado
			7.00 pm	Latin Mass	Elena Krcmarova RIP
13 th February	Vigil Mass	Saturday	6.30 pm	St Joseph	Joe Quinn RIP
14 th February	First Sunday of Lent	Sunday	9.00 am	St Thomas	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony
			10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

Confession Times: Wednesday: 9.15 am – 9.45 am; Saturday: 11.30 am – 12.00 noon & 5.15 pm – 5.45 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 6 th February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 7 th February
Welcomers	S & N Taylor		M Mildner & Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Readers	R Tennant & J Widdows	S Allen	J Burns & I Kearney-Rose
Minister of Eucharist	B Black & R Lott	F Wignall	D & S Morrell
Coffee			V Wands & M Kenning
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 13 th February	9.00 am (Exton)	Sunday 14 th February
Welcomers	B Francis & J Widdows		P Donn & J Hickie
Readers	R Lott & R Streeter	M/P England	P Reilly & H Davis
Minister of Eucharist	R & G Tennant	A Loring	M Port & L Perril
Coffee			Y Nicolle-Anderiesz
Church Cleaning	M Marriott & A Munton		

Parish Website	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	
Primary School – English Martyrs	Willow Crescent, Oakham	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk
Acting Head Teacher	Mrs A Chambers	Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Mass in term time
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Prayer Groups	Martin & Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE ILL: Colleen Lully, Mary Hurst, Bernadette Wilkinson, Pearl Duffy, Mary Crump, Sarah Ennis, Marie-Jeanne Lloyd-Hughes, Eileen Cox, Enid Wootton, Susan Healey, Helen Reilly, Stephen Walters, Christopher Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Maura & Mike Goulding, Philip Quinn, Simon Duncan, Fiona Ruddle, Theresa Thompson, Patricia Slater, Monique Pryke, Tim Maskell, John O'Brien, Elisabeth Simpson, Claire Smith, Peter Tookey, Bill Hiscocks, Sharon Larkworthy, Mark Smith, Tim White, Helena Woolford, Megan Owens, Veronica Wands, Robert Johnstone, Monica Holt, Tricia Brophy, Michael Rimmer, John Rhodes, Elizabeth Fay, Myra Smith, Mike Ellis, Yvonne Trevor, Virginia Barwell, Cindy & Graham Johnston

Anniversaries † Walter Flood, John Joseph Reilly, Marion Griffiths, Barbara O'Hanrahan, Tim Whelan, Victoria Barnett, Gwen Gaunlett, Handel Walters, Margaret Hyde, Elizabeth Hawes, Joseph Foster, Agnes Needham, Francis Turricki, Charles Robertson, Joseph McDonough, Peter Cox, Mary Holmes & Norah Mulvaney

Last Week's Collection

Loose Plate	£213.14
Envelopes	£158.81
S/O	£540.00
Totals	£911.95

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



Sunday Masses at Uppingham in the
School Chapel at 12.15 pm:

- 7th February
- 6th March
- 15th May
- 12th June

SPUC The White Flower
collection last weekend raised
£289.23.

Lent Lent is important for our spiritual lives. It is a Holy season – a gift from God. It's an opportunity for us to get closer to him. "I don't need to go to confession – I never commit serious sins." How unfortunate such remarks sound to family and friends! We are all sinners and those close to us know our faults only too well. They suffer the results – unkindness, laziness, thoughtlessness . . . Lent is a time when we can go to confession and obtain God's forgiveness. This Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's glorious gift to us through the Church. It is God's own Fatherly forgiveness that we receive through the priest. The words of absolution are beautiful and clear. They bring pardon and peace to our souls. Today people in Britain are often looking for substitutes for penance and confession. Drastic dieting, punishing regimes of exercise, use of counsellors and therapists. Sometimes these things can be expensive substitutes for what the Church offers, free of charge, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In confession we can have an absolute assurance of forgiveness and also prudent advice, encouragement and help. No money changes hands. There is absolute assurance of privacy and confidentiality. Even at a human level, this is a source of healing and hope which is good for us. This lent is a time of grace when we can restore our relationship with God through this beautiful Sacrament.

The Lenten booklet "**Walk with Me**" is available in the Church porch.

The Requiem Mass for Christopher Rhodes will be celebrated on Wednesday 10th February at 1.30 pm. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Confirmation 2016 Please let Fr Stephen or Elizabeth Keogh know of any candidates wishing to be confirmed this year. We hope to organise classes soon.

Mary's Meals We would like to invite parishioners to a viewing of 2 DVDs – one on 17th February and one on 24th February, which shows how the Mary's Meals feeding programme works and how the backpacks we have generated are used by the children. This will take place in the Meeting Room at 7.15 pm on both evenings – DVDs are 30 mins - refreshments will be available. (Organised by Bridget Francis)

Church Mouse We are looking for someone enthusiastic to co-ordinate our little magazine, which is an important means of communication for our community and visitors. Publication is only 3 times a year - could you help? If so, email: siobhantaylor@rutlandgardener.co.uk or hilaryj@uwclub.net. If you think you can, or you have any questions, let us know.

Help required Would any parishioners be willing to go on a rota to bring a young mother with two small children to Mass in Oakham from the army base at North Luffenham on Sunday morning. There are three of us doing it at the moment but a few more would be good. Contact Hilary on hilaryj@uwclub.net or 01572 724256.

Finance Audit We are looking for a volunteer with suitable experience who would audit the Parish accounts. This is an annual event around April. If you can help, would you please contact Terry Slattery on 01572 757408.

Parish Council The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th February. If you have any queries or questions you would like to put to the PPC, please send in writing via the Church office by Sunday 21st February.

Refugees During Lent, the book sale will continue in the meeting room every day. All donations raised will be sent to the Cafod Appeal for the Refugees. Please just pop your donation in the box. Many thanks.

English Martyrs School News Last Friday saw the first 'Healthy Living Day' whole school event. The children had the opportunity to participate in Yoga, Circuits, Brain Training and Mindfulness. They also enjoyed a science based lesson around the topic, as well as a healthy meal cooking lesson which they all tasted in class and then took home to share with their families. The event was supported by local business and we were delighted to have Mr O'Kane involved as our Health and Safety Governor. Also, the staff and children will be joining the Parish for Mass and receiving Ashes on Ash Wednesday and Fr Stephen will be hearing confessions in school on Monday 8th February for the children.

A pair of glasses were found in Church last weekend and are available for collection in the Church porch.

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