



# THE PARISH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST BY RUTLAND WATER

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## Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May Vigil Mass	<b>Oakham</b>	Vigil Mass – 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Norah & Danny Cassidy (RIP) Pro Populo
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Eastertide	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	For all those who safeguard children and the vulnerable Carla Hartwell (RIP) Nicolo Pelech (RIP)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Easter Feria	<b>Oakham</b>	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May Easter Feria	<b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Michael Ryan KHS (RIP)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May Our Lady of Fatima	<b>Oakham</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of our Lord	<b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b> <b>Stamford</b> <b>Exton</b>	Holy Mass - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 6.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass - 6.30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Elizabeth Ryan (RIP) Pro Populo Maria Quinn (Int)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May Easter Feria	<b>Stamford</b>  <b>Exton</b>	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Grezziu & Dolores Scicluna (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May Vigil Mass	<b>Oakham</b>  <b>Stamford</b>	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Meryl Vincent (Int) Thomas Hand (RIP)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Pro Populo Nina Belu (Good Estate) Anne Emerson (RIP)

Sacrament of Confession. **St Joseph's Oakham** Wednesday: 9.30 am - 10.00 am **Saturday: 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm**  
**St Mary & St Augustine's Stamford** Saturday: 5.00 pm - 5.40 pm

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	<b>Oakham Tea &amp; Coffee:</b> Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome.	<b>Stamford Children's Liturgy</b> <b>is celebrated at the 9.00 am Holy Mass.</b> We welcome all children to share in this opportunity to participate in their own Liturgy of the Word at Holy Mass at an appropriate level for them.
		<b>Stamford Tea &amp; Coffee:</b> Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am

***It is the Lord's House, which Jesus taught was a house of prayer" (Mt 21:13) and thus should be used according to its purpose. The House of God, where dwells the Real Presence of God, must be treated with ongoing reverence.***

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In Catholic tradition, **May** is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. May presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song. Due to Mary's vocation as the Mother of God, she has been given a special place of honour in Heaven and, as many saints have attested, Her requests are never refused. Catholics are encouraged to deepen their relationship with Mary through prayer, particularly the Rosary, which meditates on the life of Christ with Mary as our guide.

**Please pray for the following who are ill in our Parish:** Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke, Elisabeth Simpson, Judy Nash, John Rhodes, Amanda Messer, Marie Thérèse Goldberg, Felix Bradshaw and Margaret Herd. **If you would like to add anyone to the sick list (permission required).** Please contact Maria JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**Stamford 7-day Votive Lights:** If you would like either of these lit for the week in memory of a loved one or an intention, please let the Stamford Office know with dates and intention. A donation of £10 is suggested as an offering.

<b>The 7-day candle at the Statue of Our Lady burns in prayer for</b> Grace & Family	<b>The 7-day candle at the Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for</b> Nicola Martin & Family
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**If you yourself are not well,** or you know of any parishioners who are not well, in hospital, or require a visit from the Priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please let either Carrie Ann or Maria know using either email address: office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk It is not possible for the Priest to know who is or who is not at Mass on any given weekends given the numbers attending and across two communities: he himself is praying the Mass and not taking a register or checking who is there or not. Please do not assume the Priest will simply 'miss me' at Mass and be in touch. If you yourself are not well or know of someone who is not well, please make contact or ask a family member to contact us as above. If we do not know, we cannot help.

**Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week:** We pray that our parish can be a place of peace and unity. Where every member, young and old, is valued, nurtured, and appreciated. Help us to build a strong faith filled Parish. With humility and patience, we seek Your grace Lord, to work together. Amen.

**Practical Catholicism** As combined communities in one Parish now, I would like us all to think about how we individually could contribute more actively to support the life of our Parish. This is something that is even more important in the Church today where priests are stretched over greater areas, as myself, serving more than one community and often with other Diocesan and chaplaincy work: it is necessary for the laity to become more involved to underpin, assist with, and further Parish life. Service is not secondary in the Church. It is essential. My thanks to all those who already volunteer generously with your time and talents in the Church - **if you already do so in a particular role then you do not need to complete the form in respect of this.** The form in the booklet is for those who may wish to volunteer in new roles, or for the first time perhaps in a particular way to help our Parish and church communities. Thank you. Canon Peter.

**Canon John Kyne - Vicar General.** We welcome Canon John Kyne, who will be visiting us this weekend. He will be celebrating the 4.30 pm Vigil Mass in St Joseph's and the 9.00 am and 11.00 am Holy Masses in St Mary and St Augustine's. Please make him welcome.

**Holy Mass for our Housebound: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at St Mary and St Augustine's:** We wish to welcome those parishioners who have difficulty attending services due to mobility issues. The Holy Mass will start at 11.00 am and have a dedicated drop off/pick up point. After Holy Mass light refreshments will be served providing the opportunity for a chat & catch up. By arrangement, before Holy Mass Canon Peter will be available to hear Confession. Housebound parishioners will need to be able to enter/exit a car or use a taxi with minimum assistance and may bring their own equipment for getting between car/church/hall. Anyone willing to help with transport, to be a greeter or know of someone who would like to attend please speak with Liz Shearer at 9.00 am Holy Mass or on 01780 764842 (may leave a message). This is open to everyone across our Parish. Previous years have been greatly supported and a proven success.

**Safe Guarding Sunday:** This Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, is the Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. This year's theme is *Action Speaks Louder!* There is a letter available from Bishop Patrick - Please do take a copy. We also have The National Day of Prayer for Survivors 2026 printed and available. For more information, please see <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safeguarding>

**New Format for the Newsletter:** The weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> we will be launching a new stand-alone Newsletter. Hopefully this will resolve a lot of the issues around the present one. We will be having a four-page layout which will enable us to enlarge the font and include much more. We will also be having a new Holy Mass sheet which includes all the Readings for the week.

**Last week's Parish collection:**

Loose Plate & Envelopes £ 1,417.67  
Standing Orders £ 1,298.00  
Total £ 2,715.67

As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Parish, however you may contribute. **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May: Catholic Communications**

**Churches Together in Oakham:**

During May the meetings will take place on a Thursday at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm in the Baptist Church, Melton Road Oakham.

**A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass**

– Our latest Bible Study has started and will run for nine weeks, starting Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April and will meet every Thursday thereafter, except for the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May. As there will be Holy Mass this coming Thursday at 6.00 pm due to the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Bible Study will start on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm in Stamford Church Hall, finishing about 8.00 pm, and we will continue our journey looking at The Confiteor (I confess) and praising God in the Gloria. Whether you're joining us for the first time or retuning from the series, this will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the extraordinary Biblical roots of the liturgy in a fresh and insightful way. All are welcome for more information, contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford office.

**Stamford Food Bank:** Items needed: Tins rice pudding: Tins custard: Tinned cold meat: Tins beans with sausages: Tins carrots: Rice (non microwavable): Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

**Parish 200 Club:** The draw for May took place last Sunday and the first prize of £200 went to Gerald Burke; the second prize of £100 to Carrie Ann Gates and the final prize of £50 went to Charles West-Sadler. Congratulations to our winners.

**Holy Mass Streaming Service: St Joseph's Oakham is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.** If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Oakham Parish Office via Email: rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01572 722308

**Please note:** Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St Joseph's Oakham RCP OR St Mary & Aug Stamford RCP**

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