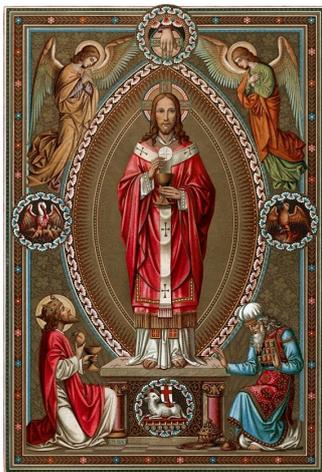


THE PARISH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST BY RUTLAND WATER



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Sixth Sunday of the Year

Saturday 14 th February	Vigil Mass	Oakham	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm	Joan & Les Hills (RIP) Mairiad Scott (Int)
		Stamford	Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	
Sunday 15 th February	Sixth Sunday of the Year	Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am	Eileen McLoughlin (RIP) Bill Riley (RIP) Pro Populo
		Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.30 am	
		Stamford	Holy Mass - 11.00 am	
Monday 16 th February	Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Aimee, Charlie, Keara & Shannon (To nurture their faith)
Tuesday 17 th February	Feria	Stamford	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 6.00 pm	Pro Populo Elizabeth Coleman (Int) Mary Smith (RIP)
Thursday	No Holy Mass in the Parish			
Friday 20 th February	Lenten Feria	Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Private Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Exton	Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	
Saturday 21 st February	Vigil Mass	Oakham	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm	Elizabeth Jones & John Cassidy (RIP) Pro Populo
		Stamford	Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	
Sunday 22 nd February	First Sunday of Lent	Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am	Peter, Jim, Neilly, Joe, Michael & John Shevlin (RIP) Ann Robinson (Int) Veronica Calabrese (Int)
		Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.30 am	
		Stamford	Holy Mass - 11.00 am	
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		
		Oakham Contacts	Stamford Contacts	
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Oakham Tea & Coffee: Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome		Stamford Children's Liturgy is celebrated at the 9.00 am Holy Mass. <u>We are now on half term break and will</u> <u>resume on 22nd February.</u>		Stamford Tea & Coffee: Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am All welcome

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.

The Catholic Church has dedicated each month of the year to a particular devotion. While the feast day of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's, the month of February carries a unique resonance with the sacred bond and hidden life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. February was chosen by the Church for this devotion, for in this month, we celebrate the Feast of the Purification, also known as the Feast of the Presentation. This occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus, when Mary and Joseph, according to Jewish law, presented Jesus in the temple to Saint Simeon. Now is a good time to start praying the Rosary as a family, especially focusing on the Joyful Mysteries. Meditate on the devotion of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their daily prayers together, expressing adoration to God the Father throughout their days in Nazareth.

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, Anne Emerson and Felix Bradshaw. **If you would like to add anyone to the sick list (permission required).** Please contact Maria JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Stamford 7-day Votive Lights: As you may have noticed, at the statue of Our Lady and the statue of St Joseph there is a new wall mounted 7-day Votive Light. 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.

The 7-day candle at the Statue of Our Lady burns in prayer for Special Intention

The 7-day candle at the Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for Private Intention

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 wit. If we do not know, we cannot help.

Calling all our Parishioners! Each week we will have a special prayer intention for all our Parishioners to join in prayer, no matter where you are, at 2.00 pm each day. We will pray an Our Father; Hail Mary and the Glory be. If you forget to do it at 2.00 pm, don't worry, do it when you remember. **This week's intention is for: All the Clergy of our Parish.**

Parish 200 Club: The new year begins for our Parish 200 club once again in March. For those who are already members, unless you pay by regular Standing Order, please make sure payment is made for the months or whole year ahead to keep you in the draw. If any parishioners from St Joseph's would like to join, this is the perfect time. For more information, please pick up an information sheet and application form at the Church.

Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 10:30 am starting on Friday **27th February** and Sundays at 4:30 pm, starting Sunday 22nd February.

First Holy Communion Preparation begins For those children who have been enrolled for this year's programme. Starting Wednesday 25th February at 3.45 pm in the Meeting room.

Lenten Bible Study: Figures of Faith: A six-week Lenten Bible Study will begin on Thursday 19th February, meeting weekly from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm in Stamford Church Hall. Join us as we journey through the Lenten season and explore the lives of key figures from Scripture, each embodying different aspects of faith. Through reflection, prayer, and discussion, we will deepen our understanding of God's call to repentance, trust, and perseverance. All are welcome to join. Refreshments will be provided at 6.15 pm, with the study starting promptly at 6.30 pm. For more information, please contact Carrie Ann (Stamford Office).

Save the Date: CAFOD Big Lent Walk Saturday 7th March 2026 St Mary & St Augustine (Stamford) Youth Club is excited to invite you to join us as we take on CAFOD's Big Lent Walk Challenge, a fundraising event that will help support the important work of CAFOD. All are welcome to participate, whether you're walking with the Youth Club on the day, or just supporting us through prayer and donations!

Shorter Lent Walk 21st February

As part of the Lenten Big Walks there are several shorter walks taking place throughout the diocese. The first one is hosted by St Mary and St Augustine's Stamford. Meet at Pay Station, Wharf Road Car Park, 14 Wharf Road, Stamford, PE9 2YG at 10:30 am on Saturday 21st February. This will be a gentle 6 kms, a good warm up for those wanting to join our longer walk on 7th March. Contact Wendy Mitchell 07880788783 for more information.

Last week's Parish collection:
Loose Plate & Envelopes £718.32
Standing Orders £1,298.00
Total £2,016.32
As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Parish, however you may contribute.

Oakham Churches Together:
In February the meetings will take place at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm at All Saints Church on Church Street in Oakham.

CAFOD Meeting: Monday 16th February at 6.30 pm in St Augustine's meeting room, all parishioners are welcome.

Stamford Food Bank:
Items needed: Milk, Tinned potatoes
Tinned hot and cold meat, Fish,
Spaghetti hoops, Toilet roll,
Shampoo
Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Churches Together in Stamford Lent Lunches: Will take place on the Fridays in Lent (20th February - 27th March) from 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm in St Mary & St Augustine Church Hall, Broad Street, Stamford. Please join us for fellowship and a simple lunch of fantastic home-made soup, bread & cheese. Suggested donation of £5 in support of Christian Aid.

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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