



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

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Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Saturday 16 th May Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	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 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Pro Populo Nina Belu (Good Estate) Anne Emerson (RIP)
Monday 18 th May Easter Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 19 th May Easter Feria	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Daniel Ralph (RIP)
Wednesday 20 th May Easter Feria	Oakham	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Doris Adams (RIP)
Thursday 21 st May Easter Feria	No Holy Mass in the Parish		
Friday 22 nd May Easter Feria	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Students taking exams (Int) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 23 rd May Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Patrick and Elizabeth Fisher (RIP) Jeffrey Grayson (RIP)
Sunday 24 th May Pentecost Sunday	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Catherine & Francis Shevlin (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory Filip Gilka (Int)

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

<p><u>Oakham Tea & Coffee:</u> Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome.</p>	<p><u>Stamford Children's Liturgy</u> is celebrated at the 9.00 am Holy Mass. 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.</p>	<p><u>Stamford Tea & Coffee:</u> Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am</p>
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Prayers for our Parish

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, and Felix Bradshaw. **If you would like to add anyone to the sick list (permission required).**

Please contact Maria JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week: In readiness for the for the great Feast of Pentecost, let us prepare our hearts and renew them to accept the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in order for them to produce the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in us and in our parish. Amen.

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. **For more information contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.**

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

Students taking exams

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

Health and well-being of Father Michael Eastwood

Don't Forget the Pentecost Novena which starts today 15th May.

Parish News

Making Contact: 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 rcchurchoakham@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.

Save the Date: Thursday 28th May is our Parish Feast Day!

Bishop Patrick will be visiting our Parish and will be celebrating Holy Mass at St Mary and St Augustine's at 7.00 pm on Thursday 28th May. Bishop Patrick will also bless the beautiful image of St Augustine of Canterbury, produce by one of our very talented parishioners Serafina Kopluku.

All our parishioners Oakham based and Stamford based are very welcome, please do make every effort to attend as this is our very first Parish feast day and we are sharing it with Bishop Patrick.

Wajir Quiz Night 9th May 'THANK YOU'

A massive thank you to all those who supported our quiz night, it's a great chance for parishioners to get together and support a good cause. We couldn't have done it without the help of Jola, Christopher, Maria and Charlotte thanks so much! We raised £970 for the Wajir Mission which helps girls in education, as well as a mother and baby clinic in one of the poorest parts of Kenya.

All funds go straight to the nuns who run the mission which Pat Gallagher has been supporting for 50 years! We look forward to seeing you all there next year.

Catherine and Wendy

A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass: Our latest Bible Study has started and will run for nine weeks, starting Thursday, 30th April and will meet every Thursday thereafter, except for the week commencing 25th May. Join us at the next session where we will begin to look at the Liturgy of the Word and delve deeply into the Word of God we hear at every Holy Mass. Sessions begin promptly at 6.30 pm in Stamford Church Hall, with tea and coffee served from 6.15 pm. All are welcome. For more information, **contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.** office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.

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.

Oakham Food Bank: Linked to English Martyrs School.

We have a collection box in the porch - please place your items in there and a representative from the school will collect them – again, many thanks for your continued generosity.

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £719.23

Standing Orders £1,298.00

Total £2,017.23

As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Parish, however you may contribute.

2nd Collection this weekend 16th /17th for Catholic Communications

Philippines Schools Project: Cotton Items: This is a little charity who are collecting children's summer clothes once again this year. If you have any cotton items to gift, please pop them in a bag and leave them on the chair in Canon Stephen's porch. Thank you. www.philippines-schools-project.org

Churches Together in Oakham: During May the meetings will take place on Thursday at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm at Oakham Baptist Church in Oakham.

Churches Together in Stamford - Christian Aid Week: Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world. This year's appeal focusses on raising funds and awareness to combat poverty, with a special emphasis on urban families in Nairobi, Kenya. Envelopes for giving are available this weekend (16th / 17th May) at the back of St Mary & St Augustine Church or for digital giving, please visit caweek.org.

Please Note: For both school's Newsletters please click the link in their contact details:

News from the Diocese

This Sunday, **17th May**, is World Communication Day:

Faith Communities Building Resilience,

Monday 18th May from 5.30 pm at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, West Bridgford. Join Caritas and local agencies to explore how parishes in Nottinghamshire can help their neighbourhoods respond to, and prepare for, emergencies. More details are on the poster at the back of church.

The annual Day for Life will be held on Sunday 21st June.

In preparation for this a **Novena** will run from Saturday 23rd May until Sunday 31st May. This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena.

The Novena can be accessed at <https://prayforlife.ie/>

Ecumenical May Procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking place on Saturday 23rd May, starting at 2.00 pm. The procession will begin at Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Cabourne Avenue (LN2 2HE) and proceed to Lincoln Cathedral. All are welcome, and clergy and servers are invited to robe.

Parish Contacts

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Do you know.... the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

- 1. Wisdom** - A person with the Gift of Wisdom is able to take this truth and use it to glorify God by choosing Godly solutions to problems.
- 2. Understanding** - While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith
- 3. Counsel** - Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.
- 4. Fortitude** - The Gift of Fortitude is also known as the Gift of Courage. Through this Gift a person is no longer afraid to stand up for God and His truths. A person who has the Gift of Fortitude will stand up for good against evil and is convicted to take a stand when the occasion arises.
- 5. Knowledge** - The Gift of Knowledge allows a person to understand the meaning and purpose God has for him and to live up to this meaning. It differs from wisdom in that it is an action, not just a desire to live up to the ways of God. It differs from Understanding in that it is not just ability, it is a knowing.
- 6. Piety** – Piety is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honour our parents and do what they wish.
- 7. Fear of the Lord** - A person with this Gift understands the greatness and awesomeness of the Lord. They want to serve Him because of who He is. They know who God is. In other words, everything they are is due to the wonder, love, grace, and perfection of God. They are totally dependent on the Lord as a child is to a parent. The Gift of Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Once a person understands who God is and desires to please Him, they can begin to understand things from God's point of view or have Wisdom.

Isaiah 11:1-3:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.