



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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

Saturday 21 st March	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Maggie & Family (Int) Pro Populo
Sunday 22 nd March	Passion Sunday	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Wendy Mitchell (Int) Paul Coomber (RIP) Sheila Flattery (RIP)
Monday 23 rd March	Lenten Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Rosie's (Int)
Tuesday 24 th March	Lenten Feria	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Pamela Wolseyley (RIP)
Wednesday 25 th March	The Annunciation of the Lord	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Liturgy of the Word - 10.00 am	
Thursday	No Holy Mass in the Parish			
Friday 27 th March	Lenten Feria	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass – 7.00 pm	Joanna Moor (RIP) No Holy Mass
Saturday 28 th March	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Adrian & Arthur Glover (RIP) Pro Populo
Sunday 29 th March	Palm Sunday	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Alfred & Florence Buxton and their children (RIP) Nina Belu (Int) Pam Mackenzie (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		
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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. 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.		Stamford Tea & Coffee: join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Sunday 9.00 am. Tea & coffee after the 11.00 am Holy Mass is cancelled 14/15 & 21/22 (due to the road closures).

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. **March** is dedicated to **Saint Joseph**, the earthly father of Jesus Christ. This dedication offers a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration of this great saint. By dedicating the month of March to Saint Joseph, the Church encourages believers to reflect on his virtues, seek his intercession, and deepen their understanding of his significance in salvation history. **St Joseph, foster father of Jesus, please pray for us. Amen**

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

Prayers for those who have recently died: In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Emerson whose Requiem Funeral will take place on 25th March at 11.30 am in St Mary and St Augustine Church, Stamford. In your charity, please also pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffrey Grayson (RIP). **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. 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.

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.

Calling all our Parishioners! Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week: Is for: Help us all Lord, to be instruments of Your Love, showing faith, kindness and understanding to all whom we meet. Amen.

Sung Mass for the Feast of St Joseph. Thank you to Canon Peter Vellacott, St Michael's Chant Choir, director of music, Susie Hill and Organist, Toby Ward for the beautiful Holy Mass celebrated on the Feast of St Joseph.

Reconciliation Liturgy Monday 23rd March Part of our journey through Lent is to make a good Confession in preparation to receive Our Risen Lord at Easter. There will be a Reconciliation Liturgy at St Mary & St Augustine's with local priests available to hear Confessions on Monday 23rd March at 7.00 pm.

Date for your Diary: 25th – 27th April 2026. **The Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be visiting St Joseph's Church. One of 220 images commissioned by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1979. Touched to the original in Mexico and by decree of the Church bears the same Graces.

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Joseph's
on Friday at 10.30 am Sunday at 4.30 pm,

Stations of the Cross during Lent in St Augustine's.
Friday after the 10.00 am Holy Mass.

Pilgrim Cross is a pilgrimage. On 28th March the pilgrims will be staying in the Meeting room at St Joseph's, overnight. Parishioners are being asked to kindly contribute to a 'Shared Table' by providing some food. **A list has been placed in the porch for you to sign if you can help.** Thank you, your help is very appreciated. Please contact Hanna after Holy Mass on Sunday or Maria for more information. JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Easter Offering The only income Canon Peter receives from the Parish is simply from the Easter and Christmas offerings: he is not paid a monthly salary. With this in mind, if you do not use the weekly envelopes and would like to give an offering, please use the white Easter Offering envelopes. They will be available in the porch and on the benches as usual. If you would like to gift aid it and you meet the requirements, please indicate that on the envelope. Alternatively, if you would like to use the Card Reader in the porch, please select Easter Offering. Canon Peter thanks you very much for your generosity.

Road Closures: Due to the Stamford Mid-Lent Fair, road closures are in place and all vehicles are to be removed from the following areas: From 5.00 pm on Saturday 14th March until 6.00 am Sunday 22nd March: Bath Row, Gooches Court, Castle Dyke, Red Lion Square, Cattlemarket Car Park and Castle Street. From Noon Sunday 15th March until 11.00 am Sunday 22nd March: Broad Street, Red Lion Street, Crown Street, Star Lane, and Newgates. Please be conscious of the restrictions, particularly as regards Broad Street, in parking your car over the weekends of 14th / 15th March and 21st / 22nd March.

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £865.42
Standing Orders £1,298.00
Total £2,163.42
As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Parish, however you may contribute.

Please see Posters and Notices in the Church and the Porch for more information and contacts:

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

Stamford Food Bank:

Items needed: Rice pudding
Rice (not microwavable) Tins carrots
Tins custard Tins cold meat
Noodles Sanitary towels Toilet rolls.
Easter eggs would be welcome but are not a necessity. 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.

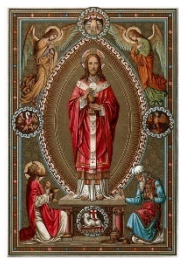
Holy Mass Streaming Service: St Joseph's Oakham is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass. If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Oakham Parish Office via Email: rchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk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

The Postcode for St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton Hall is LE15 8AN



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Newsletter Addition

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

Times and Dates for Holy Week

1 st April	Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Oakham 10.00 am	Liturgy of the Word
2 nd April	Maundy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper	Stamford – 7.00 pm Oakham - 7.00 pm	
3 rd April	The Passion of the Lord – Good Friday	Stamford – 3.00 pm Oakham – 3.00 pm Stamford – 7.00 pm Oakham – 7.00 pm	Good Friday Passion of Our Lord Good Friday Passion of Our Lord Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
4 th April	Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil	Oakham – 8.00 pm Stamford – 8.00 pm	
5 th April	Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord	Stamford – 9.00 am Exton – 9.00 am Oakham - 10.30 am Stamford – 11.00 am	

Stamford Youth Club: Any young people in secondary school or college are welcome to come along to Stamford Youth Club with another session to be held on Tuesday, 31st March from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm in Stamford Church Hall. There will not be a meeting held in April due to the Easter holidays. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible! Pizzas provided as usual. Carrie Ann, Liz and Wendy.

Credo Study Group: We meet on a Wednesday in the meeting room at St Joseph's, at 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm start and 7.00 pm finish. As we journey through *Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith* - it will help us to absorb the riches of the Church's teaching to fruitfully contemplate, pray, and live as Christ taught. All welcome.

New Adult Gregorian Chant Choir: Starting soon, directed by Toby Ward, Praefectus Cantorum of the Knights of Malta. Provisional rehearsal time 7.30-8.30 pm, at St Joseph's, term time only. All welcome, from complete beginners to experienced singers of chant. For more details, email: stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com or telephone 01572 770 580.

Lenten Bible Study: Figures of Faith: Join us this Thursday for the **final session of our six-week** Lenten Bible Study, exploring hope, trust, and perseverance in the face of suffering. We'll reflect on passages from Isaiah 53 and Mark 14, looking at how God meets us in difficult times and invites us to place our hope in Him. All are welcome! Refreshments are served at 6.15 pm, with the study beginning promptly at 6.30 pm in Stamford Church Hall. For more information, contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Coming Soon: A New Bible Study – A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass

Following the great response to our Lenten 'Figures of Faith' series, we're delighted to announce a new Bible Study starting during Eastertide: A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass. More details, including dates and times, will be shared soon — so keep an eye out! All are welcome, whether you're joining us for the first time or are returning from the Lenten series, this will be an opportunity to explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy in a fresh, insightful way. For more information contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.

The Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline (ARCH) is starting a Post Abortion Women's Support Group from April in central Nottingham, for women affected by abortion. Run by a qualified therapist, the group offers a safe space to meet with other women in a supportive and helpful way, with confidentiality, no judgement, and free of charge. If it has been at least six months since your experience and you would like more information email clare@archtrust.org.uk including a mobile number (ARCH and abortion will not be mentioned in any texts).