



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

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Sixth Sunday of Lent - Holy Week

28 th March Saturday Vigil Mass	Oakham	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Adrian & Arthur Glover (RIP) Pro Populo
29 th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	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)
30 th March Monday of Holy Week	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Martin & Barbara Black (Int)
31 st March Tuesday of Holy Week	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	The parents of Ian & Carmen Collis
1 st April Wednesday of Holy Week	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Liturgy of the Word - 10.00 am	
2 nd April Maundy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper	Stamford Oakham	The Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00 pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00 pm	Adam Dudek (Int) Holy Souls in Purgatory
3 rd April The Passion of the Lord – Good Friday	Stamford Stamford Oakham Oakham	Good Friday Passion of Our Lord - 3.00 pm Stations of the Cross – 7.00 pm Good Friday Passion of Our Lord - 3.00 pm Stations of the Cross - 7.00 pm	Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion
4 th April Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Oakham Stamford	Vigil Mass – 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 8.00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory St Mary & St Augustine Choir Members (Int)
5 th April Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord	Stamford Exton Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass – 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Pro Populo Holy Souls in Purgatory Holy Souls in Purgatory Mary Flaherty (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		
	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. We are now on our Easter break and will resume on 19th April
		Stamford Tea & Coffee: 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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The month of **April** is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first three days of the month fall during the season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical colour purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the **Easter** season which is represented by the liturgical colour white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence absolute or restored.

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 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: During this most holy week, help us all to walk evermore closely with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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
This Sunday at 4.30 pm, and Good Friday at 7.00 pm

Stations of the Cross during Lent in St Augustine's
Good Friday at 7.00 pm

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.

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.

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £722.77
Standing Orders £1,298.00
Total £2,020.77

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:
During April and May the meetings will take place at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm at Oakham Methodist Church in Oakham.

Stamford Food Bank:

Items needed: Tins rice pudding: Tins custard: Tinned cold meat: Tins beans with sausages: Tins carrots: Rice (non microwavable)

Easter eggs: Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OAKHAM On Sunday 29th March between 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm. At the Quaker Meeting House. A Time for quiet reflection in a troubled world. Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

A big thank you to all who supported the Churches Together Easter Experience for primary school children, hosted by All Saints Church. Over one hundred children attended from schools across Oakham and learnt all about Jesus and the meaning of Easter.

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.

Encountering Jesus in the Gospels: how to lead groups in reflective prayer. On Tuesday evenings between April and June join the Jesuit Institute online for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with gospel texts. www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/encountering-jesus-in-the-gospels

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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