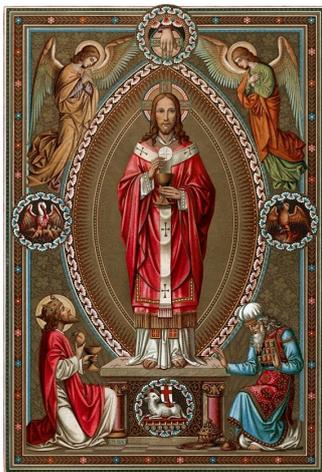


THE PARISH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Fifth Sunday of the Year

Saturday 7 th February	Vigil Mass	Oakham	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm	Lillian Ward (RIP) Christine Doherty (RIP)
		Stamford	Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	
Sunday 8 th February	Fifth Sunday of the Year	Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am	Edie & Neil McLaughlin (RIP) Marie-Thérèse Goldberg (Int) Pro Populo
		Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.30 am	
		Stamford	Holy Mass - 11.00 am	
Monday 9 th February	Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass -10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Winifred Howe (RIP)
		Exton	Requiem Funeral - 2.00 pm	
Tuesday 10 th February	St Scholastica	Stamford	Holy Mass -10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass -10.00 am	Jennifer Williamson (Int)
Thursday	No Holy Mass in the Parish			
Friday 13 th February	Feria	Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Maryellen Mooney (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Exton	Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	
Saturday 14 th February	Vigil Mass	Oakham	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm	Joan & Les Hills (RIP) Mairead Scott (Int)
		Stamford	Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	
Sunday 15 th February	Sixth Sunday of the Year	Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am	Eileen McLaughlin (RIP) Bill Riley (RIP) Pro Populo
		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	
Parish Office	01572 722308		01780 762010	
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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: 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, and Anne Emerson. **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 souls of those who have recently died, especially Winifred Howe, whose funeral will take place in St Thomas of Canterbury Exton on the 9th February at 2.00 pm. Please keep her and her family very much in your prayers.

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: 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

The repose of the soul of Maryellen Mooney (RIP)

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

The repose of the soul of Deacon Kevin Dunne (RIP)

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 as above with the parish. 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 Sick and Housebound of our Parish.**

The Newsletter distribution Email Address: We will be sending the Newsletter out from our new parish newsletter email address JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk over the next few weeks. If you have not received it, please look in your junk folder.

Come and sing for St Joseph: Calling all children and young people, age 7-18 for a choir for a Sung Mass for St Joseph on Thursday 19th March. We are rehearsing on Thursday evenings, 6.25 pm to 7.10 pm at St Joseph's in Oakham, singing Gregorian Chant in Latin. No need for previous experience of Latin or chant, and all music will be provided. For more details, phone Jenny or Cecile on 01572 770 580, Email: stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com or just come to a rehearsal. Everyone welcome.

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.

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).

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

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!

The next SVP meeting in Stamford will be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday 12th February in the Parish Meeting Room.

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £757.06

Standing Orders £1,298.00

Total £2,055.06

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

Stamford Food Bank:

Items needed: spaghetti hoops; tinned potatoes; cold meat; hot meat; beans & sausages; fish, ordinary rice (not microwaveable). 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