



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Stamford

Saint Mary and Saint Augustine

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The Parish Office is open Mondays 10:30am – 3:30pm / Fridays 10:30am – 3:30pm

5th / 6th July 2025: Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Reflection

Jesus has a vision in this weekend's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church. Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment, the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "into every town and place He himself was about to go." Our Lord's tone is solemn, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God comes near," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this weekend's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in his Epistle. The Church is a new family of faith (cf. Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (cf. Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In the Psalm, we proclaim God's "wonderous deeds among the children of Adam" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (cf. Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "all the power of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

Tea & Coffee: Takes place after the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses. Do come through to the Parish Hall and take up the opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners.

Children's Liturgy: Is celebrated at the 9:00a.m Mass. We welcome all children to share in this opportunity to participate in their own Liturgy of the Word at Mass at an appropriate level for them.

First Holy Communion: Our congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We pray they may always have that close relationship with Jesus, present for us all in the wondrous gift of the Eucharist.

Stella Maris: Next weekend (12th / 13th July) there will be a retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea to support their work and ministry in providing sacramental and pastoral care to seafarers and their families.

CAFOD meeting: Will take place in the Parish Meeting Room this coming Monday 7th July at 7:00p.m. Anyone interested in supporting the work of CAFOD in the Parish and working with Jacquie Kent, our CAFOD volunteer, is invited to attend this meeting. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wants to get more involved in CAFODs work.

SVP Meeting: The next SVP meeting takes place this coming Thursday 10th July at 6p.m. in the Parish Meeting room.

Enabling our Mission Campaign: Our parish is currently undertaking the Enabling Our Mission Campaign which aims to support our mission of becoming more outward looking, while also striving to ensure that the fewer priests now available for active ministry across the Diocese are best able to serve our communities. We will be hosting an additional small gathering to explain this initiative to parishioners and hope you are able to make the following date: Sunday, 20th July at 10:15a.m (after the 9:00a.m Mass) in the Parish Hall. The meeting will only last half-an-hour.

To rsvp, please email office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call the Parish Office on 01780 762010 by the 19th July. Thank you.

Foodbank: In particular need at present are: tins of sausage with beans; jars of hot dogs; tins of spaghetti hoops; long life fruit juice; biscuits; tins of vegetarian food - e.g. macaroni cheese, plant-based products, etc.; tins of peas, carrots, potatoes and packets of rice. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Padley Pilgrimage: The annual inter-diocesan Padley Pilgrimage in honour of the martyrs Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick is being celebrated this Sunday 6th July. Pilgrims are invited to arrive early and picnic in the grounds; then to meet at Grindleford Station (S32 2JA) at 3:00p.m. before the procession to the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ralph (Hallam) at 3:30p.m., with Bishop Patrick preaching. More details are on the poster in the porch.

Lourdes from Home - Sign Up Now! Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage from wherever you are, between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July. Free registration gives access to live streams and the chance to have your intentions taken to the Grotto. You can also order a Pilgrim Pack for just £10 (including UK postage) including prayer resources, the official pilgrimage book, a Robin Hood hat, and a candle lit in Lourdes for your intention at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdes-from-home or email: communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

The National Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life: Is being celebrated at Walsingham by Bishop John Keenan on Saturday 2nd August. The Pilgrimage can be followed on livestream at www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/ or for more details, visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org or see the poster in the porch.

The Celebrate Festival – Witnesses to Hope: Is being held this summer at Worth School, in the beautiful West Sussex countryside. It is going to be a fun, family and faith-filled event with a Festival Big Top! There will be eight children's and youth groups for all ages from babies in the creche to the Joel's Bar youth (16-22 years). Held between Saturday 16th and Wednesday 20th August, amazing speakers will include Father Roberto Pasolini, the Papal Preacher; Father Columba Jordan CFR; Rachel Turner; and more. For details and booking, visit: www.celebratetrust.org/festival

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025. Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.

Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage: Will be held at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 31st August, starting with Mass at 2:00p.m., together with a family picnic, Marian Procession, and Adoration. For more details email jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org.

Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome for the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis: Fr John Martin will be leading a pilgrimage for this historical event from 5th-8th September as the next British Born Saint is Canonised. This pilgrimage will include a visit to Assisi. To book a place please visit: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/ra1087. Early bird price for booking is £995 (valid until 4th July). Some support to cover the cost is available, please email Fr John Martin at john.martin@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The CSAN Jubilee of Social Justice: Will be celebrated in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, on Saturday 20th September, at 12:00noon, by the Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, followed by a light lunch and Social Action Exhibition in the Pontifical Hall. See the poster in the porch for more details.

Hospice Collection: Whilst praying that assisted suicide doesn't become law, as an expression of practical support parishioners in our diocese last autumn raised over £10,000 through second collections to support the work of the 18 hospices across our diocese. These institutions provide superb care for those coming towards the end of life and help families to accompany their loved ones at such a difficult time. By supporting hospices in this way, as Catholics we are putting into practical action our prayers for a respect and a dignity of life, from conception to natural death.

Vacancies: The Diocese is looking to appoint a Deanery Administration Manager in the Southern Lincolnshire Deanery, based in Boston, to help advance deanery administration services in a dynamic manner, leveraging technology and digital strategies to provide exceptional service to clergy and parishes. For more information, please visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. The deadline for applications is Monday 7th July.

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Service is looking for its third and final Programme Leader to complete their programme team for the next academic year. Visit ndcys.com/job-vacancies or email recruitment@ndcys.com for more information. The closing date is Friday 18th July.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Weekend 5 th July / 6 th July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	5:00p.m. - 5:40p.m. Sacrament of Confession 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass <i>James & Nellie Penny (RIP)</i> 9:00a.m. Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:00a.m. Mass <i>George Flattery (RIP)</i>
Monday 7 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	No Mass in the Parish
Tuesday 8 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	10:00a.m. Mass <i>Charles Wolseley (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 9 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	No Mass in the Parish
Thursday 10 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	No Mass in the Parish
Friday 11 th July (<i>St Benedict</i>)	9:00a.m. Exposition and Benediction 10:00a.m. Mass <i>Trish Moor (Int)</i>
Weekend 12 th July / 13 th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	5:00p.m. - 5:40p.m. Sacrament of Confession 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass <i>Helen Watson (RIP)</i> 9:00a.m. Mass <i>Irena Dudek (RIP)</i> 11:00a.m. Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>

Readings for this Sunday and next Sunday

	<i>This week</i>	<i>Next week</i>
Celebration	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year
Cycle & Psalter	Year C, Week 2	Year C, Week 3
First Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalms	Psalms 66	Psalms 69
Second Reading	Galatians 6:14-18	Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20	Luke 10:25-37
Preface	III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time	VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time
Eucharistic Prayer	II	II

Cycle of Prayer during the Season of Ordinary Time

During the Season of Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for the following intentions in our own private prayer: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

Thank you for your generosity

Standing Orders: £685

Weekly Offertory Collection Basket: £784.08

I am very grateful to all who continue to contribute to the Church by whatever means. Thank you.