



Welcome to the Catholic Parish of Stamford

Saint Mary and Saint Augustine

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12th / 13th July 2025: Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Reflection

We are to love God and our neighbour with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "so that you can do it," Moses says in the First Reading. Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live." The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question, "And who is my neighbour?"

In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God, Who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this weekend's Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross" — by bearing His neighbours' sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead — He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church. We are to love as proclaimed in the Psalm — like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives have been saved, who have known the time of His favour, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands of the scholar and of each of us: "Go, and do likewise."

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.

Dona - Electronic Giving: For your convenience, digital payment by card is now available using the Dona machine at the back of Church. You are able to donate via card to make a general donation, for your Sunday offering, for Second Collections (listed by name, so for this weekend, 'Stella Maris') and for lighting a candle. Simply follow the on-screen instructions. You can also gift-aid the donation if applicable by selecting the option and entering the details requested.

Stella Maris: This 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.

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 19th July. Thank you.

200 Club: The draw for July took place last Sunday and the first prize of £200 went to Alexandra Shacklady; the second prize of £100 to Mairead Scott and the final prize of £50 went to Valentino Calabrese. Congratulations to our winners.

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.

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.

Discernment meeting: If any young man would like to learn more about the priesthood and reflect on a possible vocation, please email vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the zoom link for the next discernment meeting on Wednesday 23rd July at 7:00p.m.

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.

Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome for the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis: Join the diocese for a special Young Adults' Pilgrimage to Rome between Friday 5th and Monday 8th September for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The Pilgrimage is open to anyone aged 18-35, costing £475 per person based on sharing a room, with financial help available. For more information and to book a place email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

UK March for Life 2025: On Saturday 6th September the annual UK March for Life 2025 will take place in London. Join with thousands of others from all over the UK who believe that all life is sacred, as we march through the streets of London to the Houses of Parliament. The Walk is peaceful, legal and always spiritually uplifting. There will be a coach from Nottingham, picking up from Good Shepherd, Arnold and Cathedral, Derby Road, costing adults £30, unwaged including students £15, under 16s £10. To book on the coach or for more information contact Marie (marielangford@live.co.uk, 07948 151264).

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.

40 Days For Life: Takes place between Wednesday 24th September - Sunday 2nd November. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation to Pray and Fast for an end to abortion, by taking part in 40 Days for life in our community, taking place at Aylestone Road Gardens, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PW, between 8:00a.m. and 8:00p.m. daily. For more details contact Maureen: leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com

Vacancies: 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 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>
Monday 14 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	No Mass in the Parish
Tuesday 15 th July (<i>St Bonaventure</i>)	10:00a.m. Mass <i>John Shepherd (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 16 th July (<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>)	No Mass in the Parish
Thursday 17 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	No Mass in the Parish
Friday 18 th July (<i>Feria</i>)	9:00a.m. Exposition and Benediction 10:00a.m. Mass <i>Eddie Sciliano (RIP)</i>
Weekend 19 th July / 20 th July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	5:00p.m. - 5:40p.m. Sacrament of Confession 6:00p.m. Vigil Mass <i>In Thanksgiving</i> 9:00a.m. Mass <i>Tim Jolley (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	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year
Cycle & Psalter	Year C, Week 3	Year C, Week 4
First Reading	Deuteronomy 30:10-14	Genesis 18:1-10
Psalms	Psalms 69	Psalms 15
Second Reading	Colossians 1:15-20	Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42
Preface	VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time	VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time
Eucharistic Prayer	II	III

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: £602.37

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