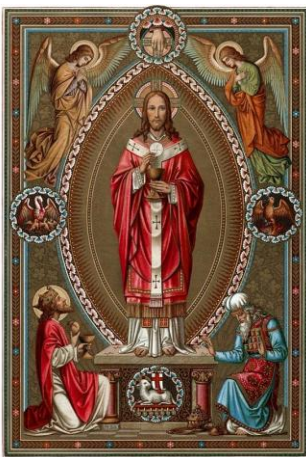


THE PARISH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST BY RUTLAND WATER



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First Week of Eastertide – Easter Week

Saturday 4 th April Easter Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Vigil Mass – 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 8.00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory St Mary & St Augustine Choir Members (Int)
Sunday 5 th April Easter 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)
Monday 6 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Canon Stephen Dye (Int)
Tuesday 7 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Bridie Sweeney
Wednesday 8 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Deceased Members of the Johnson Fund
Thursday 9 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	No Holy Mass in the Parish		
Friday 10 th April - Within the Octave of Easter	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	James Eames Susan Ferguson (Int)
Saturday 11 th April – Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Bernadette Carroll (Int) Jeffrey Grayson (RIP)
Sunday 12 th April – Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	In Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy Special Intention Pro Populo
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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<p>Oakham Tea & Coffee: Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Stamford Tea & Coffee: Please note there is no tea and coffee this Easter Sunday.</p>
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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. (Returns next week).

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.

A little reminder about the Colours: **St Marys & St Augustine** items are **RED**. **St Joseph's** items are **GREEN** and **St Thomas of Canterbury** items are **PURPLE** – When the colours are mixed it relates to those Churches: I hope that helps.

Calling all our Parishioners! Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week: Is to ask the Risen Christ to enter all our hearts and nurture us. To help us to understand and trust in Him completely. Help us to be rid of our worldly pleasures and invest in our Heavenly inheritance. Oh, Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, have Mercy on us. Amen.

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 Easter Offering envelopes available at the back of Church in Stamford or, at St. Joseph's in the porch and on the benches. If you would like to gift aid it and you meet the requirements, please indicate that on the envelope (please note that the Gift Aid recovered goes to the Parish and not to Canon Peter directly). Alternatively, if you would like to use the card reader, please select Easter Offering. If you wish to give by bank transfer, please contact the relevant Church office for the bank details. Canon Peter thanks you very much for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12th APRIL: On Divine Mercy Sunday there will be a Reconciliation Liturgy at 2.00 pm followed by Holy Mass at 3.00 pm at the Franciscan Convent Chapel, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 0BP. If you wish to take part in the Divine Mercy Novena it starts on Good Friday. For more information, visit: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>. The novena focuses on bringing souls to the Mercy of Jesus.

Stamford Youth Club: There will not be a meeting held in April due to the Easter holidays. Carrie Ann, Liz and Wendy

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.

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.

Make Your Gift Go Further: Support our parish by setting up a Standing Order or completing a Gift Aid declaration if you have not done so already. For more information and assistance, please contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.

Envelope Giving Scheme – New envelopes: For those who give via the envelope giving scheme at the back of Church in **St Augustine's** and in the porch in **St Joseph's**, are new sets of envelopes for the financial year ahead. Your box of envelopes has your name on it, so do please help yourself to the one allocated to you.

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £758.43
Standing Orders £1,298.00
Total £2,056.43
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 in the Baptist Church, Melton Road Oakham.

Stamford Food Bank:

Items needed: Tins rice pudding: Tins custard: Tinned cold meat: Tins beans with sausages: Tins carrots: Rice (non-microwavable): Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

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