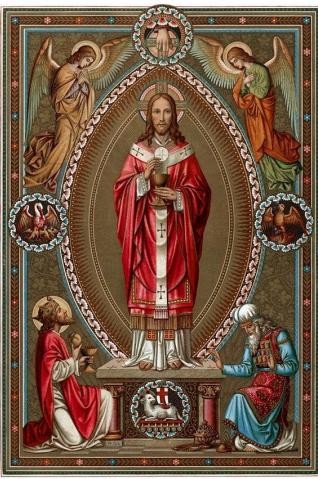


THE PARISH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST BY RUTLAND WATER



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Fourth Sunday of the Year

Saturday 31 st January	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Phil Cairns (RIP) Pro Populo
Sunday 1 st February	Fourth Sunday of the Year	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Joan West-Sadler (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory Patsy & Rose Lynch (Int)
Monday 2 nd February	Candlemas	Oakham	Holy Mass – 10.00 am	Private Intention (Rita Azzi)
Tuesday 3 rd February	St Blaise	Stamford	Holy Mass – 10.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 4 th February	St Gilbert	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass – 10.00 am	Bruce Wigmore & Catherine MacMurray (RIP)
0 Thursday			No Holy Mass in the Parish	
Friday 6 th February	St Paul Miki	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Private Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 7 th February	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Lillian Ward (RIP) Christine Doherty (RIP)
Sunday 8 th February	Fifth Sunday of the Year	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Edie & Neil McLaughlin (RIP) Marie-Thérèse Goldberg (Int) Pro Populo
Sacrament of Confession.		St Joseph's Oakham Wednesday: 9.30 am - 10.00 am St Mary & St Augustine's Stamford Saturday: 5.00 pm - 5.40 pm		Saturday: 3.30 pm - 4.00 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 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.

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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, and Marie Thérèse Goldberg. **If you would like to add anyone to the sick list (permission required).** Please contact Maria rcchurchoakham@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**
Someone undergoing a massive operation for cancer.

**The 7-day candle at the
Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for**
Our parish young people and their leaders.

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 rcchurchoakham@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.

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 Save the Date: 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. Refreshments provided. All are welcome. Further details will be shared soon. For more information, please contact Carrie Ann (Stamford Office).

Stamford Youth Club: Any young people in secondary school or college are welcome to come along to Stamford Youth Club held on the first Tuesday of every month in Stamford Church Hall. The next one will be on Tuesday 3rd February from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible! Pizzas provided as usual. Carrie Ann, Liz and Wendy.

Many thanks to the helpers and those who attended the recent coffee morning on 15th January at St Augustine's. There was a lovely, warm, atmosphere in the hall as parishioners chatted. It was a great opportunity to unite parishioners as those who perhaps attend different Mass times or hadn't seen each other for a while had the chance to catch up. We hope to have a similar social venture in the future so watch this space!

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £638.88
Standing Orders £1,298.00
Total £1,936.88

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.

If you would like to have a Holy Mass offered for an intention, please use the envelopes provided in the porch. Once you have filled it out, please pop it into the parish office or hand it to Maria. If you require a specific date, please highlight that on your envelope.

Warmer Welcome workshop, Monday 9th February at 7.00 pm: The next online gathering for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins, lunch clubs or cafés features guest speaker Jo Holland from the UK-wide network 'Places of Welcome'. If you are thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit bit.ly/warmerwelcome to book your place.

Leicester 40 Days for Life: Launch Evening is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on Monday 2nd February at 7.30 pm. Refreshments are included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil from 18th February - 29th March. For more information contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

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: rcchurchoakham@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