



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

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Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 28 th February	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Jim & Carmel Penny (Int)
Sunday 1 st March	Second Sunday of Lent	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Peter Jacobs (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo
Monday 2 nd March	Lenten Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 3 rd March	Lenten Feria	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Phil Wade (RIP)
Wednesday 4 th March	Lenten Feria	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am - 10.00am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy souls in Purgatory
Thursday	No Holy Mass in the Parish			
Friday 6 th March	Lenten Feria	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Deacon Charles West-Sadler (Int) Aimee, Charlie, Keara & Shannon (Int)
Saturday 7 th March	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving (AH) Bridget Hand (RIP)
Sunday 8 th March	Third Sunday of Lent	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Pro Populo Holy Souls in Purgatory Pam Mackenzie (Int)
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	
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Oakham Tea & Coffee: Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome Coffee Cancellation on Sunday 8th March		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. **March** is dedicated to **Saint Joseph**, the earthly father of Jesus Christ. This dedication offers a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration of this great saint. By dedicating the month of March to Saint Joseph, the Church encourages believers to reflect on his virtues, seek his intercession, and deepen their understanding of his significance in salvation history. **St Joseph, foster father of Jesus, please pray for us. Amen**

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 on JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Prayers for those who have recently died: In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Emerson whose Requiem Funeral will take place on 25th March at 11.30 am in St Mary and St Augustine Church, Stamford.

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.

**The 7-day candle at the
Statue of Our Lady burns in prayer for
the repose of the soul of Margaret Scott (RIP)**

**The 7-day candle at the
Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for
grateful thanksgiving for Deacon Charles & Deacon Raymond**

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.

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: help to deepen our love and reverence for Jesus, and His true presence.**

Stations of the Cross during Lent in St Joseph's.
Fridays at 10:30 am and Sundays at 4:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross during Lent in St Augustine's.
Friday after the 10.00 am Holy Mass.

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!

Credo Study Group: We meet on a Wednesday in the meeting room at St Joseph's, at 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm start and 7.00 pm finish. As we journey through *Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith* - it will help us to absorb the riches of the Church's teaching to fruitfully contemplate, pray, and live as Christ taught. All welcome.

Lenten Bible Study: Figures of Faith: Join us for **Week 3** of our Lenten Bible Study as we explore Elijah's encounter with God in the stillness and silence of the wilderness (1 Kings 19:1-13). In a world full of noise, we'll reflect on how God often speaks in quiet moments, especially when we feel weary and overwhelmed. Elijah's story teaches us how to listen for God's voice in the midst of our everyday lives. All are welcome! Don't worry if you missed previous sessions, as each study stands alone. Refreshments will be served at 6.15 pm, with the study beginning promptly at 6.30 pm in Stamford Church Hall. For more information, contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Last week's Parish collection:

Loose Plate & Envelopes £ 746.32
Standing Orders £ 1,298.00
Total £2,044.32

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

Stamford Food Bank:

Items needed: Milk -Tinned Potatoes-Spaghetti Hoops-Tinned hot meat-Tinned cold meat -Deodorant-Shampoo - Tinned rice pudding
Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Please see Posters and notices in the Church and the Porch for more information and contacts:

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at All Saints Church in Oakham on Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm
Churches Together in Oakham:
In March the meetings will take place at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm at All Saints Church on Church Street in Oakham.

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 March 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.

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**

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