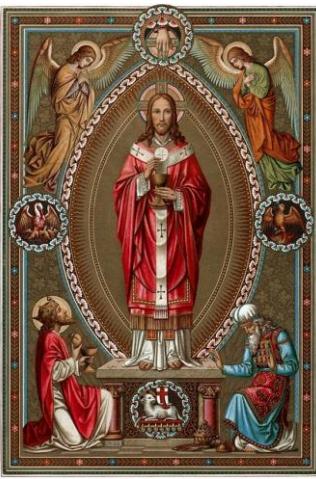


THE PARISH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST BY RUTLAND WATER



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The Baptism of our Lord

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| Saturday 10 th January | Vigil Mass | Oakham Stamford | Exposition & Benediction 3.30 – 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6 pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory Nora Rippon (RIP) |
| Sunday 11 th January | The Baptism of our Lord | Stamford Oakham Stamford | Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am | Nancy Mulvihill (Int) Holy Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo |
| Monday 12 th January | St Aelred | Oakham | Holy Mass - 10.00 am | Jo & Juliana (Int) |
| Tuesday 13 th January | St Hilary | Stamford | Holy Mass – 10.00 am | George & Colleen Nunn (RIP) |
| Wednesday 14 th January | Feria | Oakham | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am | The health and wellbeing of Patricia Hutton. |
| Thursday | | | No Holy Mass in the Parish | |
| Friday 16 th January | Feria | Stamford Oakham Exton | Exposition 9.00 – 10.00 am. Followed by Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Requiem Funeral - 1.00 pm Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm | Elizabeth Jones (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday 17 th January | Vigil Mass | Oakham Stamford | Exposition & Benediction 3.30 – 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6 pm | Joan & Les Hills (RIP) Pro Populo |
| Sunday 18 th January | Second Sunday of the Year | Stamford Oakham Stamford | Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am | Marcel Moréchand (RIP) Jutta Menzies (RIP) Alice Reid (RIP) |
| Sacrament of Confession. | | St Joseph's Oakham Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am St Mary & St Augustine's Stamford | | Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm Saturday: 5.00-5.40 pm |
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| Oakham Tea & Coffee Please do to 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 |

As you see from the heading of our new joint newsletter for Oakham and Stamford, the Bishop has formally amalgamated what were the parishes of St Joseph, Oakham with St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton and St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford into one parish - the **Parish of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, by Rutland Water**. While the Churches continue to retain their dedication, from now onwards all we do will be under the umbrella of our new parish name, hence our new joint newsletter and, in time, a new joint website. As we move forward as one parish there will be changes to get used to, as seen initially in respect of the newsletter where information for what was two separate parishes is now having to be combined as one in the same amount of space. To help with this, anything specific to Oakham will be highlighted in **Green**, anything specific to Stamford will be highlighted in **Red** and anything specific to Exton will be in **Purple**: everything else common to all will be in normal typeface. Our union as one Parish is important going forward and I hope that, even through the changes this brings, we can grow closer together to each other in charity and to Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest. Canon Peter

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

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.

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 Elizabeth Jones (RIP) whose Requiem Mass will take place on the 16th January at 1 pm in St Joseph's Oakham. Please keep 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

"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 January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvellous implications, for it means "saviour."

The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

Canon Peter: Is taking a short post-Christmas break from 14th January to 21st January. I am very grateful to Mgr. John Hadley who will be supplying for me at Stamford next weekend.

Stamford 200 Club: The draw for December took place last Sunday and the first prize of £200 went to Noel Kent; the second prize of £100 to Non Allan and the final prize of £50 went to Victoria Bullimore. Congratulations to our winners.

Stamford Christian Unity Ecumenical Service: Takes place at St Martin's Church, High Street St Martin's, Stamford on Sunday 18th January at 5.30 pm. All welcome.

Stamford Coffee Morning: Get the New Year off to a friendly start and catch up at our coffee morning on Thursday 15th January from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in St Mary & St Augustine's Church Hall. Enjoy hot drinks, refreshments and chat. All are welcome from across our parish. Stay for the duration or just drop in. We look forward to seeing you then.

Last week's Parish collection

Loose Plate & Envelopes £773.94

Standing Orders £1,298.00

Total £2071.94

Next Collection Sick and retired Priests (11th January). As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Parish, however you may contribute.

Stamford Food Bank

The following items are needed: packets of rice (not microwaveable); long-life milk; tins of meat (hot and cold); fish (tuna, sardines, salmon); spaghetti hoops; beans with sausages; packets of noodles. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

Oakham Churches Together meetings have now resumed. The meetings will be held each Thursday 1-1.30 pm at St Joseph's.

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

Calling all health care professionals and support workers the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Health Team needs you. Join us between Monday 13th and Friday 17th July for a unique opportunity to deliver care in a different context and provide advice and support to pilgrims during travel and whilst in Lourdes. We deliver community-based care in a hotel setting to a group of 200 pilgrims, with a small proportion needing regular care interventions and support to attend services and events. For more details join our Teams information evening on Thursday 15th January from 7.30 pm: email for the link: David Knight: david@sthughslincoln.org.uk or Dee Ellidge: dellidge@lincoln.ac.uk

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