



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

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## Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	<b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	<del>Exposition &amp; Benediction 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm</del> Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving (AH) Bridget Hand (RIP)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Third Sunday of Lent	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Pro Populo Holy Souls in Purgatory Pam Mackenzie (Int)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	<b>Oakham</b>	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Hugh Burns (RIP)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	<b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Lavinia Power (RIP)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	<b>Oakham</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	No Holy Mass in the Parish			
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Feria	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Exton</b>	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Margaret McLoughlin (RIP) & Her Loving Family Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Vigil Mass	<b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Rosie Warner (Int) Holy Souls in Purgatory Leslie Arthur Starsmore (RIP)
Sacrament of Confession.		<b>St Joseph's Oakham</b> Wednesday: 9.30 am - 10.00 am      Saturday: 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm <b>St Mary &amp; St Augustine's Stamford</b> Saturday: 5.00 pm - 5.40 pm		
		<b>Oakham Contacts</b>	<b>Stamford Contacts</b>	
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Parish Websites	<a href="http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/">www.stjosephs-oakham.org/</a>		<a href="http://www.catholicstamford.com/">www.catholicstamford.com/</a>	
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<b>Oakham Tea &amp; Coffee:</b> Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome <b>Coffee Cancellation on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Stamford Children's Liturgy</b> <b>is celebrated at the 9.00 am Holy Mass.</b> 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.		<b>Stamford Tea &amp; Coffee:</b> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 all our Parish Sick & Housebound**

**The 7-day candle at the Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for all our Parish Big Lent Walkers**

**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 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! Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week: Is for: the Light and Grace of God to pour into our hearts and the hearts of all the world leaders to prevent the spread of evil and plead for peace in our world. Amen**

**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.

**Pilgrim Cross** is a pilgrimage which takes place each Passion week arriving at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Easter Vigil. Starting in Leicester the pilgrims walk with a wooden Cross, staying at various Churches along the way. On 28<sup>th</sup> March they will be staying in the Meeting room at St Joseph's, overnight. Parishioners are being asked to kindly contribute to a 'Shared Table' by providing some food. A list of what will be needed will be placed in the porch for you to sign. Thank you, your help is very appreciated. Please contact Hanna after Holy Mass on Sunday or Maria for more information: JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

**Big Lent Walk** – Pray With Us! Tomorrow our parish walkers will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk around Rutland Water to raise funds for CAFOD. If you're not walking, you can still join us in prayer! Let's pray for the safety and strength of the walkers, the success of the fundraising, and especially remember our sick and housebound parishioners who walk with us in spirit.

**Lenten Bible Study: Figures of Faith:** Join us for **Week 4** of our Lenten Bible Study as we explore Daniel's unwavering faith in the face of danger (Daniel 6). Even under intense pressure, Daniel remained faithful to God, praying openly and trusting in His protection. This session invites us to reflect on how we can stand firm in our faith, persevere in prayer, and trust God in the challenges of daily life. All are welcome! Each session is stand-alone, so it's never too late to join. Refreshments are 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 £ 706.51  
Standing Orders £1,298.00  
Total £2,004.51

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:**

**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.

**Road Closures:** Due to the Stamford Mid-Lent Fair, road closures are in place, and all vehicles are to be removed from the following areas: From 5.00 pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March until 6.00 am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Bath Row, Gooches Court, Castle Dyke, Red Lion Square, Cattlemarket Car Park and Castle Street. From Noon Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March until 11.00 am Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Broad Street, Red Lion Street, Crown Street, Star Lane and Newgates. Please be conscious of the restrictions, particularly as regards Broad Street, in parking your car over the weekends of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Churches Together in Stamford Lent Lunches:** Will take place on the Fridays in Lent (20<sup>th</sup> February - 27<sup>th</sup> 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:** <https://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/index.php/live-stream> **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**