



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

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## Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 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	Patrick and Elizabeth Fisher (RIP) Jeffrey Grayson (RIP)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Sunday	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass – 9.00 am Holy Mass – 10.30 am Holy Mass – 11.00 am	Catherine & Francis Shevlin (RIP) Pro Populo Filip Gilka (Int)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Oakham</b>	Holy Mass – 10.00 am	Marie-Thérèse Goldberg (Int)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May St Philip Neri	<b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass – 10.00 am	Josie Dickson (Int)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May St Augustine of Canterbury	<b>Oakham</b>	Adoration – 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass – 10.00 am	David Rolfe (RIP)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	<b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass – 7.00 pm	Pro Populo/Carrie Ann Gates (Int)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Exton</b>	*No Exposition & Benediction Today* Holy Mass – 12.00 Noon Traditional Latin Mass – 7.00 pm	Nuptial Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 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 Anne & Stewart Galbraith (RIP)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May The Most Holy Trinity	<b>Stamford</b> <b>Oakham</b> <b>Stamford</b>	Holy Mass – 9.00 am Holy Mass – 10.30 am Holy Mass – 11.00 am	Mary & John Aspill (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo

Sacrament of Confession.	<b>St Joseph's Oakham: Wednesday: 9.30 am - 10.00 am - Saturday: 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm</b>
	<b>St Mary &amp; St Augustine's Stamford: Saturday: 5.00 pm - 5.40 pm</b>

<p><b><u>Oakham Tea &amp; Coffee:</u></b> Please do join us for tea &amp; coffee after Holy Mass on Wednesday and Sunday. All welcome.</p>	<p><b><u>Stamford Children's Liturgy</u></b> <b>is celebrated at the 9.00 am</b> <b>Holy Mass.</b> Children's Liturgy is on half term break and will resume on <b>7<sup>th</sup> June 2026.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Stamford Tea &amp; Coffee:</u></b> Please do join us for tea &amp; coffee after Holy Mass on Sunday 9.00 am &amp; 11.00 am</p>
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## Prayers for our Parish

*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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In Catholic tradition, **May** is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. May presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song. Due to Mary's vocation as the Mother of God, she has been given a special place of honour in Heaven and, as many saints have attested, Her requests are never refused. Catholics are encouraged to deepen their relationship with Mary through prayer, particularly the Rosary, which meditates on the life of Christ with Mary as our guide.

### **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, and Felix Bradshaw. **If you would like to add anyone to the sick list (permission required).**

Please contact Maria [JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:JCHPnewsletter@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Prayers for those who have recently died:** In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Gilda Burke (RIP) who died recently. Funeral arrangements will follow. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen**

**Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week:** Holy Spirit, please awaken us. Help us to remember to call on You to use Your gifts and Fruits for the glory of God. 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. **For more information contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.**

**The 7-day candle at the Statue of Our Lady burns in prayer for**  
Students taking exams

**The 7-day candle at the Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for**  
Carrie Ann & Mark Gates

## Parish News

**Making Contact: 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](mailto:office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk) [rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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 or ask a family member to contact us as above. If we do not know, we cannot help.

### **Save the Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** is our Parish Feast Day!

Bishop Patrick will be visiting our Parish and will be celebrating Holy Mass at St Mary and St Augustine's at 7.00 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Bishop Patrick will also bless the beautiful image of St Augustine of Canterbury, produce by one of our very talented parishioners Serafina Kopluku.

All our parishioners Oakham based and Stamford based are very welcome, please do make every effort to attend as this is our very first Parish feast day and we are sharing it with Bishop Patrick.

**Chair of Finance:** Our Chair of Finance, Joe Scott and Carrie Ann Gates will be giving an update this weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> May. They will explain how we will go forward with the merging of the two bank accounts and how that will affect the parishioners in each location.

**Our new website:** We now have our new website up and running and our sincere 'thanks' goes to Greg, a parishioner from St Mary and St Augustine, who has created a wonderful, combined website for all three of our Parish communities. Our weekly Newsletter is available here. Do take a look. **Ctrl + Click to follow the link.**

[www.catholic-oakham-stamford.org.uk](http://www.catholic-oakham-stamford.org.uk)

**Churches Together in Stamford - Christian Aid Week:** Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world. This year's appeal focusses on raising funds and awareness to combat poverty, with a special emphasis on urban families in Nairobi, Kenya. Please don't forget to return your giving envelope to St Mary & St Augustine Church, placing it in the big red bucket at the back of the Church, or for digital giving, please visit [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) Thank you for your support.

**Appeal in St Joseph's: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is a Catholic charity providing spiritual and practical support for Christians, especially those who are persecuted for their faith. Working through local Church partners, ACN supports priests, Sisters, and catechists; helps build churches; provides transport and training for seminarians; and supplies religious literature and emergency aid to those in need. ACN also advocates on behalf of oppressed Christians worldwide. Through prayer, information, and action, ACN helps to keep the Faith alive in a troubled world. ACN will be visiting St Joseph's Oakham on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May.

**A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass:** Our latest Bible Study has started and will run for nine weeks, starting Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April and will meet every Thursday thereafter, **except on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May.** Join us at the next session on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Sessions begin promptly at 6.30 pm in Stamford Church Hall, with tea and coffee served from 6.15 pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.

**Would you like to Offer a Holy Mass for an intention?** Please use the envelopes provided in each Church. They can be found at the back of the Church in St Mary and St Augustine and in St Joseph's they can be found in the porch. Please hand them into either Carrie Ann in Stamford or Maria in Oakham.

**First Holy Communion:** On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, six children will be making their first Holy Communion in St Joseph's Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers and ask that they continue to receive Jesus, in Holy Communion, throughout their whole lives.

### **Stamford Food Bank:**

Items needed: Packets of Noodles; Tins of Meatballs/ Spaghetti Bolognese/ Beans & sausages/ Custard/ Carrots/ Peas; Bottles of Juice; Treats; Shampoo; Sanitary towels; Jars of Coffee; Packets of Rice (both types). Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

**Oakham Food Bank:** Long-life milk; (blue & green) Tins of meats and of vegetables; Pot noodles, noodles & instant meals; packets of Rice; (microwaveable sachets preferred) Snacks and cereal bars; Squash & cordials; Washing pods; Toiletries - Linked to English Martyrs School. We have a collection box in the porch - please place your items in there and a representative from the school will collect them – again, many thanks for your continued generosity.

#### **Last week's Parish collection:**

Loose Plate & Envelopes £770.50  
Standing Orders £1,298.00  
Total £2,068.50

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

**Next 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - 21<sup>st</sup> June - Day For Life**

#### **Banking Details:**

Our Lord By Rutland Water RCP  
Sort Code: 30 – 98 – 02  
Account No 00209526

Please make Cheques payable to:  
Our Lord By Rutland Water RCP

**Churches Together in Oakham:** During May the meetings will take place on Thursday at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm at Oakham Baptist Church in Oakham.

**No Credo in St Joseph's** next week 27<sup>th</sup> May as it is half term.

**Please Note: For both schools' newsletters - Ctrl + Click to follow the link- in their contact details.**

# News from the Diocese

**Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass praying for the Beatification and Canonisation** of Venerable Mary Potter, on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00 pm** at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. This special celebration is an opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring the life and enduring legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. All are very welcome.

**The annual Day for Life will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

In preparation for this a **Novena** will run from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena.

The Novena can be accessed at <https://prayforlife.ie/>

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Do you know **The Fruits of the Holy Spirit:**

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are supernatural works that manifest the presence of the Holy Spirit. The one who performs them recognizes God’s presence by the happiness he or she experiences; others recognize God’s presence by witnessing these good works. We could call them identifiable effects of the Holy Spirit – signs that the Holy Spirit is at work in us. They are:

- Charity - (God-like love)
- Generosity - (giving beyond what justice demands)
- Joy - (deep and stable, withstanding trial and disappointment)
- Gentleness - (humble before others, considerate of others)
- Peace - (the sense that all in place; a tranquillity of spirit)
- Faithfulness - (trust in God, trustworthy in the sight of others)
- Patience - (long-tempered, ability to withstand trial and disappointment)
- Modesty - (reverence for body)
- Kindness - (avoids harshness)
- Self-Control (moderation of desires)
- Goodness - (seeking what is right and best for others)
- Chastity - (proper sexual expression for one’s state in life)