



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

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Second Sunday of Eastertide – Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 11 th April Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Vigil Mass – 4.30 pm Vigil Mass – 6.00 pm	Bernadette Carroll (Int) Jeffrey Grayson (RIP)
Sunday 12 th April Divine Mercy Sunday	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass – 9.00 am Holy Mass – 10.30 am Holy Mass – 11.00 am	In Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy Special Intention (AK) Pro Populo
Monday 13 th April Easter Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass -10.00 am	Wellbeing of the Hutton Family
Tuesday 14 th April Easter Feria	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 15 th April - Easter Feria	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Adrian and Arthur Glover (RIP)
Thursday 16 th April Easter Feria	No Holy Mass in the Parish		
Friday 17 th April Easter Feria	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Jeremiah and Honoria Hegarty & Family (RIP) Canon Peter Vellacott (Int)
Saturday 18 th April – Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Dominic Walter (RIP) James Davis (RIP)
Sunday 19 th April Third Sunday of Easter	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass – 9.00 am Holy Mass – 10.30 am Holy Mass – 11.00 am	Pro Populo Paul and Samantha Carroll (Int) Suzy Kopluku (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		

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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 are now on our Easter break and will resume on 19th April
		Stamford Tea & Coffee: Please do join us for tea & coffee after Holy Mass on Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am

*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 **April** is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The first three days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical colour purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the Easter season which is represented by the liturgical colour white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence absolute or restored.

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

Prayers for those who have recently died: In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffrey Grayson (RIP) whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 15th April at 12 noon at St Mary & St Augustine, Stamford, followed by burial at Ketton Natural Burial Ground. Also, in your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Emerson (RIP), whose funeral arrangements will follow.
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 Repose of the souls of Pat & Joe Quinn and Daniel (RIP)	The 7-day candle at the Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for Aimee, Charlie, Keara and Shannon to return to their faith
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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.

A little reminder about the Colours: St Marys & St Augustine items are **RED**. St Joseph's items are **GREEN** and St Thomas of Canterbury items are **PURPLE** – When the colours are mixed it relates to those Churches: I hope that helps.

Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week: Let us ask Our blessed Lady to help us grow in faith, hope, and love during this most holy time of Eastertide. That one day we will rejoice with Her, forever, in the Glory of God's eternal Kingdom Amen.

My sincere thanks to all who helped prepare both of our Churches for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies - our flower arrangers, church cleaners, those who helped to veil the statues for Passiontide. Thank you also to all who have helped with the Liturgy - our altar servers, vergers/welcomers, readers, music and choir. Finally, thank you for your Easter cards, gifts, and offerings: as always, I am most grateful. May the blessing, joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you all and with your families. Canon Peter Vellacott

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12th APRIL: On Divine Mercy Sunday there will be a Reconciliation Liturgy at 2.00 pm followed by Holy Mass at 3.00 pm at the Franciscan Convent Chapel, Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 0BP. If you wish to take part in the Divine Mercy Novena it starts on Good Friday. [The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets](#) | [The Divine Mercy](#) Please {ctrl & click} to follow the link. The novena focuses on bringing souls to the Mercy of Jesus.

Date for your Diary: 25th – 27th April 2026. The Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting St Joseph's Church. One of 220 images commissioned by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1979. Touched to the original in Mexico and by decree of the Church bears the same Graces.

A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass – New Bible Study Series: Following the wonderful response to our Lenten *Figures of Faith* series, we're delighted to announce a new Bible Study starting during Eastertide: A Biblical Walkthrough the Mass. The study will run for 9 weeks, starting Thursday, 30th April and will meet every Thursday thereafter, except for the week commencing 25th May. Sessions begin promptly at 6.30 pm, with tea and coffee served from 6.15 pm. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning from the Lenten series, this will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy in a fresh and insightful way. All are welcome. For more information, contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford Office.

Come and try Gregorian Chant! St Michael's Chant Choir is having a special open rehearsal for all children and young people age 7-18 on Thursday 23rd April, 6.25 pm - 7.10 pm at St Joseph's Church in Oakham. At St Michael's Chant Choir, we have lots of fun learning to sing Gregorian Chant, beautiful music from our Catholic heritage which we sing at Holy Mass three times a year. Our members learn chant, how to read it, and to pronounce the Latin we use for singing as well as musical games and general musical development, all under the direction of our inspirational Musical Director, Susie Hill, a professional musician. RSVP to Jenny or Cecile at stmichaelschantchoir@gmail.com All welcome!

Parish Quiz Night 9th May Please join us for a fun Parish quiz night in aid of the Wajir Mission at Stamford Church Hall on Saturday 9th May at 7 pm. Tickets are £12 and include a meal and the quiz entry. Under 12's are £6. Drinks, sweets, and raffle tickets will be on sale on the night also. Teams between 4 and 6 people or we can add you to a team. Please speak to Wendy Mitchell or Catherine Callow for tickets.

Churches Together in Oakham: During April and May the meetings will take place at 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm in the Baptist Church, Melton Road Oakham.	Stamford Food Bank: Items needed: Tins rice pudding: Tins custard: Tinned cold meat: Tins beans with sausages: Tins carrots: Rice (non microwavable): Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.
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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**

The Postcode for St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton Hall is LE15 8AN