



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

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Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Saturday 25 th April – Vigil Mass	Oakham <i>Stamford</i>	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass – 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Dawn Swann (Int)
Sunday 26 th April Good Shepherd Sunday	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Irena Dudek (RIP) Judy Ramanoop (Int) Pro Populo
Monday 27 th April Easter Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 28 th April Easter Feria	Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Mass Fund
Wednesday 29 th April St Catherine of Siena	Oakham	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00 am – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 30 th April Easter Feria	No Holy Mass in the Parish		
Friday 1 st May St Joseph the Worker	Stamford Exton	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 am - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Owen Wells-Johnson (RIP) Maria Quinn (Int)
Saturday 2 nd May Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6.00 pm	Eileen MacDonald (Int) Pro Populo
Sunday 3 rd May Fifth Sunday of Eastertide	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Miss C Smith (RIP) Beverly Dawson (RIP) Jim, Doreen & Seamus Burke (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 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

*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, Felix Bradshaw and Margaret Herd. **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 Anne Emerson (RIP) whose Requiem Mass will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday 5th May at St Mary & St Augustine's Church, Stamford. This will be followed by private burial at Stamford Cemetery. **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 soul of Florence Clarke (RIP)	The 7-day candle at the Statue of St Joseph burns in prayer for In Thanksgiving for Fr. Graziano de Palma on the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination
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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.

Our 2 pm Parish Prayer intention for this week: We earnestly seek Our Blessed Lady's powerful intercession for all the people and children of our Parish. We ask especially, for Our Lady of Guadalupe's blessings and for growth in holiness as we venerate her Relic this weekend. **Amen.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Visit: Come and visit Our Lady of Guadalupe next weekend and hear the wonderful story around the Relic Image, which arrives this Saturday 25th April with reception at 11.00 am. There will be talks, devotions and veneration throughout the day round the regular Holy Mass times. Confession, as well as a chance to share lunch and to buy repository items. On Sunday there will be a talk at 4.00 pm and on Monday the children from English Martyrs will visit. Please see the poster in the entrance for more details.

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 nine 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 in Stamford Church Hall, with tea and coffee served from 6.15 pm. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning from the 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

Would you like to become a Reader at Holy Mass? St Marys and St Augustine have Reader vacancies. If you would like to become a regular Reader at 11.00 am Holy Mass please contact Carrie Ann at the Stamford office: office.catholicstamford@dioceseofnottingham.uk

SVP: The next SVP meeting in Stamford is on Thursday 30th April at 5.30 pm in the parish meeting room.

Save the Date - Spring Clean: Could you spare a couple of hours on Saturday 2nd May from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm to help thoroughly spring clean every nook and cranny of St Mary & St Augustine Church in Stamford? The more willing volunteers we have, the more we will be able to do. Your help would be much appreciated.

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.

Ecumenical May Procession in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking place on Saturday 23rd May, starting at 2.00 pm. The procession will begin at Our Lady of Lincoln Church, Cabourne Avenue (LN2 2HE) and proceed to Lincoln Cathedral. All are welcome, and clergy and servers are invited to robe.

Last week's Parish collection: Loose Plate & Envelopes £703.85 Standing Orders £1,298.00 Total £2,001.85 As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Parish, however you may contribute.	This week's 2nd Collection is for Clergy Formation Fund
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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.

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.

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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