



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

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Second Sunday after Christmas

Saturday 3 rd January	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 – 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6 pm	Gwendolen Margery Knight (Int) Ros Falconer (Int)
Sunday 4 th January	Second Sunday after Christmas	Stamford Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 9.00 am Holy Mass - 10.30 am Holy Mass - 11.00 am	Helen Allen (RIP) Holy Souls in Purgatory Pro Populo
Monday 5 th January	Christmas Feria	Oakham	Holy Mass - 10.00 am	Sr Mary Morgan (Int)
Tuesday 6 th January	Epiphany of the Lord	Oakham Stamford	Holy Mass - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Holy Mass - 6 pm	V Appleby (Int) Kevin & Susan Vinter (Int) Mary & John McGrath (RIP)
Wednesday 7 th January	St Raymond of Penafort	Oakham	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 9 th January	Friday after Epiphany	Stamford Exton LE158AN	Exposition & Benediction 9.00 – 10.00 am Holy Mass - 10.00 am Traditional Latin Mass - 7.00 pm	Louisa & Charles Harris (RIP) To lift restrictions from the Extraordinary form of Holy Mass
Saturday 10 th January	Vigil Mass	Oakham Stamford	Exposition & Benediction 3.30 – 4.00 pm Vigil Mass - 4.30 pm Vigil Mass - 6pm	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
Sacrament of Confession TIMES		St Joseph's Oakham Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am St Marys & St Augustine's Stamford		Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm Saturday: 5.00 pm -5.40 pm

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St Joseph's Oakham is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.

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 know any parishioners 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.



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.

Musically minded parishioners may be interested in the Meet the Director of Music event at the Cathedral on Friday 9th January where, in a presentation of both words and organ music, Peter Siepmann will share some of his own musical history, as well as some thoughts about Music at the Cathedral; admission is free, but those attending are asked to register online at <http://stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events/meet-the-director-of-music@cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk>

The Diocesan Choir will reconvene under the baton of the newly appointed Director of Music at Nottingham Cathedral, Peter Siepmann. An initial singing morning is scheduled for Saturday 31st January, 11 am – 1 pm in Cathedral Hall. Singers should register their intention to attend via email to cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk There will be a second session, devoted to preparing for the annual Chrism Mass, on Saturday 28th March.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY A special blessing for your home. The Church has a custom of blessing homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6th) and the weeks following. Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys, and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Solemnity of the Epiphany and write above the home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 26. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the Cross, and 2026 is the year. (Leaflet available in the porch).

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, i.e. a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you do not have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

Last week's Parish collection	
Loose Plate Collections	£895.99
Standing Orders	£1,298.00
	Total £2,193.99

Oakham Christmas card raised £66.78 for SHELTER

Next Collection Sick and retired Priests (11th January)

As always, many thanks for all your contributions to our Church, how ever you may contribute.

Holy Mass Streaming Service 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** Thank you.