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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) – 15 DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday. Lighting the three candle this weekend, signifies we are to be filled with Joy and to anticipate the Christmas celebration. But we know, that during Christmas time, there are thousands of people across the world who cannot celebrate, as we do sometimes, due to war and violence. Let us remember them.	Datchet	Sat 14	06.00pm	Sean Mullooly RIP
	Eton	Sun 15	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Sun 15	11.00am	Joan Wilson RIP
	Datchet	Mon 16	NO MASS	
	Datchet	Tue 17	09.30am	Rose Cleary RIP
	Datchet	Wed 18	06.00pm 06.30pm	Jesse Grey RIP Penitential Service
	Datchet	Thu 19	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Fri 20	NO MASS	
ROSARY: Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	CONFESSION: Any Weekday after the Mass / by appointment			
BENEDICTION: Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT will be this **Sunday, 15 December 2024** at **12.15pm** in **St. Augustine's Hall**. Please come along. It's a great way to bring us all together and enter into the Christmas spirit. You are welcome to wear colourful festive attire. It will be wonderful if you can bring contributions for the Slough Foodbank, so we can make an extra-large donation to the Foodbank just before Christmas.

OFFERTORY: 07 / 08 December: Cash £ 203 SOs £220.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for SHOC. (Slough Homeless Our Concern). Our annual collection will be taken for SHOC at Masses this weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Sheila Jones, Madleen Magic, Terri Nicoll, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds, Roger Stewart and Linda Webb. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

GREENERY TO DECORATE ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Please bring Holly, Ivy, Mistletoe and/or conifer branches from your gardens, which can be used to decorate St Augustine's for Christmas. Donations of greenery, can be left in the container outside the side door of the Church. The container will be checked daily after Mass.

The Church will be decorated on Monday 23rd December.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This service in preparation for Christmas will be on **Wednesday 18 December** in **St. Augustine's**. Mass will be at **6.00pm** and will be followed by the penitential service from **6.30pm** until **7.30pm**. We strongly encourage you to avail yourselves of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Personal Confession on this evening.

CHRISTMAS 2024 SERVICES AND MASSES

Penitential Service: Thursday 18 December. 6.30pm St. Augustine's, Datchet. (Mass at 6pm)

The Nativity of the Lord:

Vigil Mass: Tuesday 24 December. St. Augustine's, Datchet

08.30pm Carols & Children's Christmas Play

09.00pm Christmas Mass

Mass during the Day: Wednesday 25 December

9.00am Carols, 9.30am Christmas Morning Mass, **Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton**

11.00am Christmas Day Mass, **St. Augustine's, Datchet**

ADVENT & YEAR OF JUBILEE PRAYER BOOKS: The Diocese has sent copies of "Walk With Me" and "The Jubilee Companion Book" to the Parish, which are available free of charge. Please take a copy of the book, to support your preparations for Christmas.

ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT: The last of the four on-line retreats will be held on Monday 16 December from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading this session called 'Doorways to Grace'. To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat go to <https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways/>

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: In keeping with tradition, the collection in Churches at Christmas is offered by Parishioners as a sincere and personal thank you for the dedication and service of their Parish Priest. This Parish has been greatly blessed by having Fr. Shyju come and serve us as our Priest upon the retirement of Fr. Frank. Those who will not be attending Mass on the *evening* of Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in our Parish, may wish to place their donation in an envelope marked Christmas Offertory for Fr. Shyju in one of the Offertory collections prior to or shortly after Christmas. (Please note that the Masses on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 December are for the Fourth Sunday in Advent and are *not* Christmas Masses. Unless the donation is given in a marked envelope, offertory given at these Masses will be for the Church/Diocese). Donations can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to ST. AUGUSTINE'S, (please do not make your cheque payable to Fr. Shyju).

JUBILEE HOUSING PROJECT. Recently we supported the jubilee housing project of Palghat diocese, Kerala. Bishop Peter has written and thanked everyone for their generous support. A copy of his letter can be found on Church noticeboards.

SVP APPEAL: We are very grateful for your generous support for the homeless. Thirty sets of warm apparel and chocolate have been passed on to those most in need. May you be blessed for your kindness.

PHOTO ALBUM OF CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: Those who ordered an Album are requested to collect it this weekend at Mass. Please bring £16 in cash with you and see Chris Grey to collect your album.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK

Boxes for donations can be found in each Church. The items on their Shopping List are:

Food Urgent: long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, tinned vegetables, long life custard, cooking sauces, coffee, tinned spaghetti, long-life milk, instant mash, soup, long-life rice pudding

Always required: tea, long life sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat

Please note they have a 12 month supply of PASTA. It is NOT NEEDED

Toiletries & Basic Items Urgent: washing up liquid, shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam/gel, toothpaste, child toothbrushes, nappies size 6+, 7 & 8

Always required: soap, toilet rolls, strong carrier bags+