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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 05 JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. After Easter, Epiphany is the oldest season of the Church year. In Asia Minor and Egypt, the Epiphany was observed as early as the second century. The Festival of the Epiphany falls on 6th January. It was observed as a unitive festival; both the birth and baptism of Jesus were celebrated at this time. God the Father reveals His Son to the world. Today we are asked to do the same to others.	Datchet	Sat 04	06.00pm	Tommy Moyinham RIP
	Eton	Sun 05	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 05	11.00am	Patricia Roantree RIP
	Datchet	Mon 06	09.30am	Philip Mathew RIP
	Datchet	Tue 07	<b>NO MASS</b>	
	<b>Eton</b>	<b>Wed 08</b>	<b>06.30pm</b>	Alejandro Mella RIP
	Datchet	Thu 09	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Fri 10	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
<b>ROSARY:</b> Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	<b>CONFESSION:</b> Any Weekday after the Mass / by appointment			
<b>BENEDICTION:</b> Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	<b>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

**TEA / COFFEE** will be available this Sunday after the 9.30am Mass in Eton and after the 11.00am Mass in Datchet, Please come along and have a chat with your fellow Parishioners.

**OFFERTORY:** 21 / 22 December: Cash £ 265 SOs £230.  
28 / 29 December: Cash £ 232 SOs £230.

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Sheila Jones, Terri Nicoll, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds, Tricia Rice, Elaine Shaw, 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.

**THANK YOU:** I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the Christmas cards and greetings I have received, and for your most generous Offering on Christmas Day. The only repayment I can make is a promise to keep you all in my prayer, and that I will do... Fr. Shyju.

#### A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year to all our parishioners! We hope and pray that this new year will be one filled with many blessings for our families and parish community. People often make resolutions as they begin a new year – trying to lose weight, going to the gym, starting a new hobby! We can also do the same in our spiritual life. How about some of these?

- Go to daily Mass at least once a week.
- Read a spiritual book.
- Read the daily readings every day for a whole year.
- Establish a prayer corner in your home and use it every day.
- Say a daily rosary.

Certainly not an exhaustive list, but just one of these or some other spiritual discipline might make a huge difference to our lives in this new year of 2025!

Fr. Shyju

**POST CHRISTMAS MINI RETREAT:** 14 to 16 January 2025 at Wistaston Hall, Crewe.

Speaker: **Bishop David Oakley**. Organised by the Jesus Caritas Fraternity. All priests and deacons are welcome. More information and booking form available at [www.jesuscarrispriests.org.uk](http://www.jesuscarrispriests.org.uk) or [frstevesquires@gmail.com](mailto:frstevesquires@gmail.com)

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025:** The Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity has produced, alongside and together with the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025. The theme for the year is: Do you believe this (John 11:26), and resources specific for England and Wales will soon be circulated. The week will be celebrated between **Saturday 18 and Saturday 25 January 2025**.

**WORD ON FIRE - UK BIBLE CONFERENCE 2025:** From Friday 21 to Saturday 22 February 2025, the Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible conference will be taking place at the Excel Centre, East London. The conference theme is to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

**ACN (UK)** has launched an Open Letter campaign calling on Foreign Secretary David Lammy to make persecuted religious communities priority recipients of UK Overseas Development Aid (ODA). They need your help to reach their goal of 10,000 signatures, which will trigger a response from the Government. Please sign their open letter today: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday-advocacy-letter>

**JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET:** Alive Publishing have produced a booklet to help pilgrims ponder and pray, focussing on the great themes of the Holy Year – hope and forgiveness, the figures of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and the key places of prayer and repentance. The usual price is £1.50, but our parish has received a number of free copies, which can be found at the back of our Churches.

**100 CLUB:** Would you like to join our 100 Club? By paying £1 per week, i.e. £52 per year, you can have the opportunity to win £100 in the monthly draw. Profits go to Church funds. To become a member either complete a form which can be found on the notice board in each Church, speak to Pamela Bailey or email her via [office@staugustines.org.uk](mailto:office@staugustines.org.uk)

**THANK YOU FROM THE FOODBANK:** We have received an email from Moira at the Foodbank thanking us for the very “generous donations” we have made recently to the Foodbank. “It will be appreciated by our warehouse (volunteers) and more importantly, our clients.” Please continue to donate, our donations are needed more than ever.

**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+