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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 12 JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
This weekend the church celebrates the baptism of our Lord. Do we really understand the real meaning of baptism? John the Baptist gave the baptism of repentance whereas Jesus gives us the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Yes, through baptism, we become one in the body of Jesus Christ. We make the mystical body of Jesus Christ, the Church. We pray for all those will be baptised this year in both churches.	Datchet	Sat 11	06.00pm	People of the Parish
	Eton	Sun 12	09.30am	Amando Weller RIP
	Datchet	Sun 12	11.00am	Tricia Rice & James
	Datchet	Mon 13	<b>No Mass</b>	
	Datchet	Tue 14	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	<b>Eton</b>	Wed 15	<b>06.30pm</b>	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Thu 16	09.30am	John Nolan RIP
	Datchet	Fri 17	09.30am	Kathleen Wall 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>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

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

**OFFERTORY:** 04 / 05 January: Cash £ 185 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.

**CASPAR PARISH DATA SYSTEM:** 'Caspar' is a digital solution program which begins as a parish database. Many parishes across our diocese are already using Caspar successfully and reaping the many benefits from it. The Diocese is encouraging all the parishes in the diocese to use it. They say that the Caspar is a parish tool which they hope will improve efficiency of communications for the parish team and enable parishioners to feel valued, digitally. They state, that it is not a diocesan tool used centrally to communicate with parishioners. All individuals must give permission through Caspar for any diocesan communications outside of those already in place. The Diocese hopes that this clarifies the purpose of Caspar for parishioners. Further, it hopes that use of the system will enable parishes to keep in contact with their parishioners in a more effective and efficient way and invites parishioners to sign up online. [www.caspar.church/me?ID=55999](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=55999)

**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**. Resources available at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-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>

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** This year the Sunday of the Word of God falls on 26 January. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. Bishop David will lead a liturgical celebration in our Cathedral at 3pm on this day. All those who proclaim and/or teach the scriptures are invited to pray together and be commissioned for their ministry and are welcome to attend either in person or virtually.

**WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL:** We Believe is a festival set to take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, from the 25-28 July. Families and individuals, clergy and laity are welcome to attend.

More information can be found here <https://www.webelievewithfestival.com>

**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)



**Dear St. Augustine's & Our Lady of Sorrows**

We would like to thank for your kind support and recent donation to Slough Foodbank. We received your donations during December which weighed a total of 129kg. Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community. To explain how your donation will help, approximately 10kg of essential food items and 1kg of toiletry items provide a single person with three days of emergency supplies.

Our prime function is to supply a three-day emergency food parcel to those who suddenly find themselves in an unexpected crisis. In addition to food, we also supply basic toiletries and household products, as well as nappies, baby wipes and pet food if required. However, our support does not stop there. Slough Foodbank also provides useful information to our clients about relevant specialist organisations that can help resolve any longer-term problems our clients may have. By providing this package of support, we endeavour to offer a lasting hand-up to help our clients make a positive move into the future. We hope that you will continue to support Slough Foodbank.

**With our gratitude and warm wishes, Laura Cole, Manager Slough Foodbank**

**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+