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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26 JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
This year the Sunday of the Word of God falls on 26 January, this Sunday. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. Pope Francis said, it can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. Let us read and try to experience Jesus through the Word of God.	Datchet	Sat 25	06.00pm	Bridie Nagle RIP
	Eton	Sun 26	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 26	11.00am	Jim Fitzpatrick RIP
	Datchet	Mon 27	No Mass	
	Datchet	Tue 28	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Wed 29	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Thu 30	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Fri 31	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			

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

OFFERTORY: 18 / 19 January: Cash £ 201 SOs £230.

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Peter Keating, 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.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Fr. Shyju will be travelling to India on the evening of Sunday 26 January. He will be away until the end of February. We thank Fr. Frank McAuliffe, our former Parish Priest, who will be returning to cover for Fr. Shyju. Whilst Fr. Frank is with us, there will not be any weekday Masses in Datchet on Mondays and Fridays.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READERS AT ST AUGUSTINE MASSES

Peter Keating, who usually produces a rota for those reading at the 6pm Saturday or 11am Sunday Masses in St. Augustine's is unwell. Maggie Waller and Lorette Carter will be taking on this task, and producing the Mass Readers' Rota for February and March 2025, which given we are almost at the end of January is urgently required. Please can those who usually read at St. Augustine Masses, and those who would like to read, please **send their email address AND their phone number** to Maggie Waller maggieeducation@aol.com and Lorette Carter lorettec2@btinternet.com Please state if you are available to read at Saturday or Sunday or both Masses

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED: Each week two Parishioners count the Offertory which has been given at weekend Masses. This task takes under 30 minutes, (usually 15 minutes) and is undertaken on a Sunday or Monday in Datchet (by prior arrangement). Recently the number available to volunteer for this task has been reduced due to ill health of volunteers. Please can more parishioners come forward to help with this small, but important task, so that the load is spread amongst more people. Please email office@staugustines.org.uk giving your email and phone number. Thank you in anticipation.

CASPAR PARISH DATA SYSTEM: The Diocese is encouraging all parishes in the diocese to use this system. Caspar is a parish tool which the Diocese hope will improve efficiency of communications for the parish team. 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 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

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY: The first session is from **12pm till 2pm on Wednesday 29 January** at Datchet Baptist Church, 62 London Road. The intention is to meet monthly for some warm food, friendship and exploring together ways to promote personal and community wellbeing. No charge (voluntary contributions to material costs are welcome, but not expected).

‘A JOURNEY OF HOPE’ LENTEN ACCOMPANIMENT PRAYER: This Jubilee Year, there is the opportunity during Lent of having a retreat in daily life. It will be held on **Mondays from 3 March**. One can begin or deepen prayer life, learn more about the Scriptures, and grow in faith and in love for the Lord. Find out more via the **introductory webinar from 7.30pm until 8.30pm on Monday 3 February:** <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: This will take place on **Saturday 14 June**. The pilgrimage commences at midday with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine. This is followed by lunch. At 3pm, pilgrims process from the Shrine to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups and individuals are welcome.



175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON:

The Diocese was founded on 29 September 1850 with the papal bull, Universalis Ecclesiae, issued by Pope Pius VI. The diocesan celebration will be on **29 September 2025** at the Cathedral.

Dear St. Augustine’s & Our Lady of Sorrows



We would like to thank you 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.