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### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23 FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Today we hear the beautiful message of Christianity, Love your enemies. Nobody said this before Jesus and He was the only one who dared to say it, as he was from God. Only God can love anyone without condition. That's the reason why humans are created in the likeness of God and we are asked to love our enemies. Let us practice this key message of Jesus in our lives. Fr. Shyju	Datchet	Sat 22	06.00pm	People of the Parish
	Eton	Sun 23	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Sun 23	11.00am	Maureen RIP
	Datchet	Mon 24	<b>No Mass</b>	
	Datchet	Tue 25	09.30am	John Heffernen RIP
	Eton	Wed 26	06.30pm	Ann Peter Int.
	Datchet	Thu 27	09.30am	Michael P Int.
	Datchet	Fri 28	09.30am	Tina Moore
	<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			

**THIS WEEKEND** we welcome back Fr. Shyju, and say thank you to Fr. Frank for coming back to look after our Parish whilst Fr. Shyju was away.

**TEA / COFFEE** will be available after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday in Datchet in the *Jubilee Room*. Please come along and meet with your fellow Parishioners.

**OFFERTORY:** 15 / 16 February: Cash £213 SOs £230.

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year, the Datchet annual World Day of Prayer service is being held in **St. Augustine's at 2pm on Friday 7 March**. This year the prayers and text have been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands using the theme "I made you wonderful". Those who worship in other Churches in the area will be attending. Please come along and join in this prayerful occasion.

**WE STILL URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS:** For the past few weekends, we have been asking for Parishioners to come forward and volunteer to assist in this small but very important task for our Parish. 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. (The time is agreed by the two people undertaking the task. It could be undertaken immediately after the 11am Mass in Datchet). 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 essential task, so that the load is spread amongst more people. If we can get 16 people on the rota, each would only be volunteering for 15 to 30 minutes every couple of months. Please email [office@staugustines.org.uk](mailto:office@staugustines.org.uk) giving your email and phone number. Thank you in anticipation.

## JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

## SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and CAFOD are collaborating to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The program will run from 22nd to 27th June in London.

Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on 20th April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk).

More details and the application form can be found here: [SVP Work Experience Application](https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2025).  
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**BLUESKY:** The Diocese of Northampton is now on Bluesky Social! Bluesky is a new and growing social media platform that allows us to connect in a fresh way while keeping our Catholic community engaged and informed. Through the Bluesky account, the Diocese will share news, events, reflections, and opportunities to deepen our faith together. Follow now at [@northamptondiocese.bsky.social](https://twitter.com/northamptondiocese.bsky.social)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO BURGUNDY:** Bishop David and Canon John Udris will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to France in October 2025. The group will stay in Paray Le Monial and visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, where Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque once received her divine visions and also Nevers where Saint Bernadette spent the last years of her life and her body rests today. Visit: <https://www.icjourneys.com/fnd-lyons>

**WEXHAM PARK HOSPITAL:** Before covid and lockdown a number of parishioners were trained as Hospital Volunteers and visited patients on behalf of the Church. I think we are now ready to start again! If you have some time on your hands, do you think you might be interested in this Ministry? There would be good training given (by the hospital) and you will receive certification as an official visitor. Over time the role could develop beyond more than visiting patients, as we would like to provide a regular Service of Word and Communion in the hospital and so you might become a leader of such Services on a rota basis.

To find out more please contact: [parish.holyfamily@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.holyfamily@northamptondiocese.org)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who brought along food last Sunday to contribute to the celebration of the 60TH Anniversary of Fr. Frank's Ordination. It was also of course an opportunity to say thank you and au revoir to Fr. Frank, and tell him that we look forward to his next visit.

### **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.