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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 02 MARCH 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
The most hated sin of humanity by God is hypocrisy; acting as one person and being like another. Most of Jesus' teaching during his lifetime was against hypocrisy, especially to the Pharisees and Sadducees. Jesus said "For every tree can be told by its own fruit". Let us ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to give us the right fruits as He inspires the Kingdom of God. We enter Lent on Wednesday. Let us try to love be a child of God in our words and deeds.	Datchet	Sat 01	06.00pm	Pat & Matt Moore RIP
	Eton	Sun 02	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 02	11.00am	James & Teresa Int RIP
	Datchet	Mon 03	09.30am	Margaret Jacob Int
	Datchet	Tue 04	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Wed 05	09.30am	Ash Wednesday
	Eton	Wed 05	10.30am	Ash Wednesday
	Datchet	Thu 06	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Fri 07	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	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			

PASTORAL LETTER: There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop David, entitled "Letter Concerning The Terminally Ill (End of Life) Bill" which will be read at all masses in the Diocese this weekend.

TEA / COFFEE will be available on Sunday after the 09.30 am Mass in Eton and after the 11.00am Mass in Datchet in the *Jubilee Room*. Please come along and meet with your fellow Parishioners.

OFFERTORY: 22 / 23 February: Cash £183 SOs £210.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses on Wednesday 5 March, the 9.30am Mass in Datchet and the 10.30am Mass in Eton. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are observed as days of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means we reduce the amount of food we eat, and abstinence means we give up meat or some other food or alcoholic drink or some form of amusement. Unless someone has special dietary requirements, those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until their sixtieth year, and those over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 9.30am Mass. During Lent Benediction will be every Thursday after the 9.30am Mass.

LENTEN SOUP will be served in St. Augustine's Jubilee Hall after the 11am Mass all Sundays in Lent, starting 9 March. Donations will be requested to support CAFOD. More details to follow.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: will be observed on Friday 14 March and there will be a second collection on 15/16 March to support CAFOD.

100 CLUB: The 100 Club draw for January and February was made last Sunday. Congratulations to the winners who were Michael Torpey (January) and Eileen Hurley (February); both won £100.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year, the Datchet annual World Day of Prayer service is being held in St. Augustine's at 2pm this 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.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12 March. To follow the encouragement from the Synod and the diocese to listen to the voice of the laity, if anyone in the parish has any points or issues they would like discussed at the meeting, please send them in writing to office@staugustines.org.uk and we will hope to add them to the agenda.

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.

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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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 giving your email and phone number. Thank you in anticipation.

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.