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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (C) – 09 MARCH 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Yes, we are in Lent 2025. How quickly the days go by! Only a few months ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus and now here we are in Lent when we reflect on His passion, death and resurrection. The Liturgical year helps us to be a new creation in the Spirit. Let us pray that this Lenten season, already started with Ash Wednesday, will help us to realise this. The gospel today invites us to keep away from temptation and listen to God. Fr. Shyju	Datchet	Sat 08	06.00pm	Chris O'Connor RIP
	Eton	Sun 09	09.30am	Colleen Norma Le Fleur RIP
	Datchet	Sun 09	11.00am	Kath & Cara Hudaott RIP
	Datchet	Mon 10	09.30am	Sona Francis Int
	Datchet	Tue 11	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Eton	Wed 12	06.30pm	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Thu 13	No Mass	
	Datchet	Fri 14	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
	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			

LENTEN SOUP will be served in St. Augustine's Jubilee Room after the 11am Mass. Donations will be requested to support CAFOD. Please come along and meet with your fellow Parishioners.

TEA / COFFEE will also be available on Sunday after the 11.00am Mass in Datchet in the Jubilee Room.

OFFERTORY: 01/02 March: Cash £212 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.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF Colleen Norma Le Fleur RIP who was a resident at Eton House for a long time. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 26 March at 10.30am in St Augustine's. Kindly remember her husband and family in your prayers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed this Friday at 9.30am Mass at St. Augustines's.

MASSSES: This Saturday Fr Jude from St Ethelbert's will be celebrating mass. On Thursday 13 March Fr Shyju is leaving for a weekend parish mission in USA and will return on Wednesday 19 March. There will not be any weekday masses during this time. Please check the Mass times at the top of the newsletter.

WALK WITH ME: A daily reflection booklet for Lent is available to collect from the back of church. This is a kind gift from Bishop David Oakley to help us on our journey through this Lenten season.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: This weekend Lorette Carter will give a short talk on CAFOD after holy communion at all Masses. Family Fast Day is Friday 14 March and CAFOD envelopes will be available at all Masses for your donations. There will be a second collection on 15/16 March to support CAFOD.

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a Parish Council meeting this 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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: In preparation for Holy Week, a penitential service will be held on Tuesday 15 April at 7pm in St. Augustine's. There will be an opportunity for individual confession and priests will be available to assist with this. Please note the date in advance.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year the Datchet annual World Day of Prayer service was held in St. Augustine's on Friday 7 March. Thank you to all who attended and made it possible.

THANK YOU LETTERS: Fr Shyju has received two letters of thanks. One from Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) for our donation to the Sea Sunday Appeal 2024 and a second from St. Patrick's Missionary Society for the donation made to them following Fr Frank's recent visit. Both letters are on the notice board in St. Augustine's.

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](https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2025).

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.