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### TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 09 JUNE 2024

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Jesus teaches that his true family includes those who do God's will, despite accusations from scribes and concerns from his biological family. He emphasizes unity and the power of faith over division. Obedience to God's commands makes one part of Jesus' family. Jesus teaches that true family is based on doing God's will. Spiritual kinship is more important than blood relations.	Datchet	Sat 08	06.00pm	People of the Parish
	Eton	Sun 09	09.30am	Kathleen & Michale RIP
	Datchet	Sun 09	11.00am	James Gyves RIP
	Datchet	Mon 10	<b>08.30am</b>	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Tue 11	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	<b>Eton</b>	Wed 12	<b>06.30pm</b>	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Thu 13	09.30am	<i>Feast – St. Antony, Padua</i>
	Datchet	Fri 14	09.30am	Holy Souls
	<b>Rosary:</b> Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass	<b>Confession:</b> Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment		
<b>Benediction:</b> Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

**TEA & COFFEE** will be served after the 11.00am Sunday Mass at Datchet. Please come along.

**OFFERTORY:** 01/02 June: Cash £185/ SOs £230. Thank you for your generosity.

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Sheila Jones, Terri Nicoll, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds and Roger Stewart. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

**WEDNESDAY MASS AT ETON 6.30PM:** There will be a Mass at Eton every Wednesday in the evening at 6.30pm. There will not be a morning mass at Datchet on Wednesday.

**PASTORAL MESSAGE:** Please find attached to this Newsletter, a pastoral message from Bishop David, about the Feast of the Saint Thomas Becket and Festival over the weekend of the 6-7th July.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** A follow up meeting for the St Vincent de Paul Society will take place on the **13<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm at the Church of the Holy Redeemer Wexham Road, Slough Berkshire SL2 5QR.** The SVP aims to seek and find those in need, providing practical support and fellowship. The SVP in Slough needs more volunteers. The meeting will be a chance to find out more, ask questions and talk with the current SVP group. We hope you will consider joining us.

**FLAME 2025:** Our diocesan youth ministry team, NYMO have acquired tickets to the national youth gathering, Flame. Taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Ovo arena, Wembley. Flame is open to all those aged 14-25 years of age. For more information visit <https://nymo.org/flame-2025/>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Catholic Shrine in Walsingham. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at midday. There is then time for lunch and prayers around the Catholic Shrine including the Slipper Chapel before a procession to the Abbey in the village of Walsingham. Please see the Church Notice Boards.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DATCHET:** Prayer will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at the Bridge at Datchet. You are most welcome to meet new friends from the village.

**DAY FOR LIFE 2024:** The celebration of Day for Life will take place over the weekend of 15/16th June 2024. Further information about the Day can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

**ADOREMUS: THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham on Saturday 14 September 2024. Please speak to Fr. Shyju for more details.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES:** Bishop David is leading a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from 27 March to 3 April 2025. More Details at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi>

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** *Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children* are making an appeal for donations. More details ([www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)) can be found on the Church Notice Board and Donations Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

#### PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024



As we celebrate our Centenary Jubilee, please try to attend the celebrations on Sunday 8 September. We hope everyone will attend the 11.00am Mass in St Augustine's, celebrated by Bishop David.

We wish to make the Mass as beautiful as possible with music and would like volunteers to come forward, who would like to lead the singing in a small group. Contact Ros Nockles on 07814 470 814.

**The Sunday 8 September** Mass will be followed by lunch, provided by outside caterers and will include a welcome drink, and wine and soft drinks on the table. To offset the cost of this, we are going to make a small charge of £10 for a ticket (£5 for children). Sign up to attend can do so as of late June.

**THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE** will be on Saturday **28 September to the Birmingham** Oratory of Cardinal John Henry Newman. Coach trip. Mass, veneration of the Relics of St John Henry Newman, tour of the church and visit to the museum. The Cost to be confirmed. More information to follow.

**JUBILEE RETREAT:** As to prepare for the jubilee we will be having evening Adorations on Thursdays, **20<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August**. We will have mass in the evenings at 6.30pm followed by Adorations and on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August, Retreat Talk by Cannon John Udris, former Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott Seminary and currently parish priest at St Peters in Marlow.

**WANTED OLD PARISH EVENT PHOTOS:** We are seeking to make Sunday 8 September, a memorable day. If you have any photos related to our Parish of Datchet and Eton, since its establishment 1924 to 1970, please loan them to Fr. Shyju. Please place them in an envelope marked with your name and address. The photo(s) will be scanned and then given back to you. You can also Email them to Parish Office email address.

**WANTED ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS:** If you have any unwanted artificial flowers in a small/ medium size and which are white or yellow in colour and / or any lengths of light or dark green ribbon, please donate them to Maureen Byerley who will be making table decorations for our Centenary Lunch. Please place your flower and ribbon donations in the box by St. Joseph's statue in St. Augustine's Church.

#### PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK

The need for donations of food and toiletries for the Slough Foodbank remains great. Boxes for donations can be found in each Church. The items on their May 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



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8 June 2024

### **To my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,**

Thomas Becket laid down his life with courage and faith in defence of our Church and the Pope. When the four knights entered Canterbury Cathedral on the evening of the 29th December 1170, Thomas did not attempt to hide from them, assured in his knowledge that upholding his faith would lead him to the Kingdom of God.

Thomas Becket's connection to Northampton town is notably marked by a significant episode in his tumultuous relationship with King Henry II. In October 1164, Becket was summoned to Northampton Castle to answer charges of contempt of royal authority and malfeasance in his role as Archbishop of Canterbury. The trial, which took place over several days, was a critical moment in the escalating conflict between Becket and the king. Becket's refusal to submit to the king's authority and his dramatic exit from the trial, during which he sought sanctuary, highlighted his steadfast commitment to the autonomy of the Church. This event in Northampton was pivotal, leading to Becket's subsequent flight into exile in France, where he remained for six years before returning to England, ultimately leading to his martyrdom in 1170. The trial at Northampton thus stands as a significant episode in the broader narrative of Becket's struggle for ecclesiastical independence.

Saint Thomas Becket's Feast Day is celebrated on 29th December each year. This date is not the best time, sitting between Christmas and New Year, for people wishing travel to our Cathedral to celebrate. However, I know that an important figure and co-patron of our diocese deserves a time when we come together as a diocese to celebrate and venerate the relics of the martyr.

Soon after Becket was martyred in Canterbury Cathedral people from England, France and further afield began to come to the Cathedral on a pilgrimage to the place where Becket lay. The first miracle attributed to Saint Thomas was recorded on the night of his murder. As the miracles multiplied, the hesitant monks charged with overseeing the crypt of the Cathedral, reluctantly opened the crypt to the pilgrims. Over the next decade over 700 miracles were attributed to Becket and by 1200 the cult and ampoules of the martyr's blood had spread all over Europe.

As the cult grew plans were drawn up to move the shrine of Becket to a bigger and more accessible place in the Cathedral. By happy coincidence, a fire meant that a reconstruction of the entire east end of the Cathedral created a spectacular new shrine. Eventually, on 7 July 1220, Thomas Becket's remains were translated from the crypt.

We celebrate, then, the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Thomas Becket on 7 July. The Becket Festival begins with a solemn Mass of the Feast at 11 am on Saturday 6 July in our Cathedral in the presence of the relics of Saint Thomas. The relic is a piece of the cranium given to the Cathedral by a secretary of Pope Pius IX in 1852. Throughout the weekend there will be an opportunity for veneration of the relic and to participate in many times of prayers and other activities.

The Becket lecture will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 7 July. This year the lecture will be given by Fr Gerard Skinner. Fr Gerard is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster and an author of many books including an excellent biography of the Venerable Ignatius Spencer. Fr Ignatius is another holy man with links to Northampton. A relative of Princess Diana and Winston Churchill, he was bought up at Althorp House on the edge of Northampton. The lecture will conclude with Solemn Vespers of St Thomas and Benediction at 4 pm.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Cathedral for the Festival of St Thomas Becket over the weekend of the 6-7th July.

Sincerely,

**Bishop David Oakley**

Bishop of Northampton