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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 01 DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
A new liturgical year begins today. On this First Sunday of Advent, we are asked to be alert to receive the Lord into our lives. We sometimes do a lot to prepare for Christmas and other celebrations in our lives, but how much do we do to prepare ourselves spiritually. Shall we make an effort to read the four Gospels from the Bible before Christmas Day? Yes. Let us prepare ourselves.	Datchet	Sat 30	06.00pm	Marie D'Souza RIP
	Eton	Sun 01	09.30am	Loftus & Williams Family
	Datchet	Sun 01	11.00am	Liam & Magee McCahey
	Datchet	Mon 02	09.30am	Alex Sebastian Vas RIP
	Datchet	Tue 03	09.00am	St. Francis Xavier
	Eton	Wed 04	06.30pm	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Thu 05	09.30am	Diego Fernades RIP
	Datchet	Fri 06	NO MASS	
Rosary: Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	Confession: Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment			
Benediction: Thursdays after 9.30am Mass from 5 Dec	Eucharistic Adoration: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

TEA & COFFEE will be served after the 11am Mass on Sunday in Datchet. Please come along.

OFFERTORY: 23 / 24 November: Cash £ 218 SOs £220.

TUESDAY 03 DECEMBER MASS will be at the earlier time of 9.00am, as Fr. Shyju has to attend a Diocesan Meeting.

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Sheila Jones, Madleen Magic, Terri Nicoll, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds, 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.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) commences this Sunday, 1 December. As of this date, we commence using the new Lectionary. In the Churches we can still continue to use the old mass books to follow the masses, but there will be some changes to the text of readings.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT will be on **Sunday 15 December 2024 at 12.15pm in St. Augustine's Hall.** Please come along. It's a great way to bring us all together and enter into the Christmas spirit. You are welcome to wear colourful festive attire.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: This service in preparation for Christmas will be on **Wednesday 18 December in St. Augustine's.** Mass will be at **6.00pm** and will be followed by the penitential service from **6.30pm** until **7.30pm.** We strongly encourage you to avail yourselves of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Personal Confession on this evening.

ADVENT & YEAR OF JUBILEE PRAYER BOOKS: The Diocese has sent copies of "Walk With Me and The Jubilee Companion Book" to the Parish. Please take a copy of the book, which is free of charge, to support your preparations for Christmastide.

SVP APPEAL



We are very grateful for your generous support for the homeless. Thirty sets of warm apparel and chocolate have been passed on to those most in need. May you be blessed for your kindness.



CHRISTMAS 2024 SERVICES AND MASSES

Penitential Service: Thursday 18 December. 6.30pm St. Augustine's, Datchet. (Mass at 6pm)

The Nativity of the Lord:

Vigil Mass: Tuesday 24 December. St. Augustine's, Datchet

08.30pm Carols & Children's Christmas Play

09.00pm Christmas Mass

Mass during the Day: Wednesday 25 December

9.00am Carols, 9.30am Christmas Morning Mass, **Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton**

11.00am Christmas Day Mass, **St. Augustine's, Datchet**

FLAME 2025, NYMO: 15 March 2025, OVO Arena, Wembley. Ages: 14-25.

The bookings and tickets for Flame 2025 is now open on the NYMO website! nymo.org/flame-2025

Bookings can be made by individuals or by a group. There are 2 options for tickets: entrance only tickets (£29) or entrance + transport tickets (£48). We have a limited number of these early bird tickets available and once they are all sold, prices will increase to £31 for entrance tickets, and £50 for entrance + transport. To secure your places you will need to both submit a booking form, and purchase tickets.

Transport pick-up points will be: Northampton, Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Luton, Slough, and High Wycombe.

Contact NYMO.admin@northamtondiocese.com to find out more.

LUX 2025 - LUX.HOPE: LUX is an annual residential weekend for young people aged 11-18yrs.

5th-7th February, Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. The theme for LUX this year is Hope in-line with the theme for the Jubilee year. We'll be exploring what Hope means for young people today, using the life and travel of St. Paul to guide us. Bookings are now live on the NYMO website: <https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025/>. Included in the cost is accommodation, food, and social activities (e.g. high ropes, inflatable obstacle courses etc). We have a maximum capacity of 60 this year, so make sure you book sooner rather than later to avoid missing out.

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ADVENT ON-LINE RETREAT: Commencing on Monday 25 November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, for four consecutive Mondays, Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent will be leading an on-line retreat called 'Doorways to Grace'. It will explore the 4 Holy Doors of Rome and the saints behind them and how we, like them, are being called into a grace filled encounter with Jesus in the coming Jubilee Year. To watch the trailer and to register for the retreat go to <https://northamtondiocese.org/doorways/>

PHOTO ALBUM OF CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: The photo albums, which some Parishioners have ordered have now been received and will be available to be purchased at Masses this weekend. Please bring £16 in cash with you in order to collect your photo album order.

DATCHET ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE with nine readings and carols will be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 8 December at 6.30pm in St. Mary's the Virgin Church in Datchet.

ST. ANTHONY'S (FARNHAM ROAD) CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held at 6.30pm on Friday 13 December. For ticket purchase details see poster on Church notice boards.

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+