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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 02 FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
We find in the Gospel today, Jesus, presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph. We also find Simeon and Anna in the temple receiving Him. These two people were longing to see the saviour and that was their last intention too. Longing for God! That is a very beautiful moment in life. Do we really long for God? If we long for Him, He will come to us, just as He came to Zachesus, the Good Thief and the Blind Man, Bartimaeus. Let us wait for Him. Fr. Shyju	Datchet	Sat 01	06.00pm	Special Intention
	Eton	Sun 02	09.30am	Robert Paterson RIP & Christopher Yates RIP
	Datchet	Sun 02	11.00am	Tricia Rice
	Datchet	Mon 03	No Mass	
	Datchet	Tue 04	09.30am	Vernon Dabreu RIP
	Datchet	Wed 05	09.30am	Tricia Rice
	Datchet	Thu 06	09.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Fri 07	No Mass	
	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			

WELCOME Fr. FRANK: We thank Fr. Frank McAuliffe, who has returned from Ireland to cover for Fr. Shyju, whilst he is away in India. Fr. Frank will be with us until towards the end of February, when Fr. Shyju returns. During this time, there will not be any weekday Masses in Datchet on Mondays and Fridays.

TEA / COFFEE will be available after the 9.30am Mass in Eton and after the 11.00am Mass in Datchet in *Jubilee Hall*. Please come along and have a chat with your fellow Parishioners.

OFFERTORY: 25 / 26 January: Cash £ 232 SOs £230.

SECOND COLLECTION will be taken next weekend (8 / 9 February) for **St. Patrick's Missionary Society**.

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. Frank.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DATCHET will be holding their February Prayer Service at 7.30pm on Thursday 6 February at The Bridge in Datchet. All are welcome.

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>

'A JOURNEY OF HOPE' LENTEN ACCOMPANIMENT PRAYER: This Jubilee Year, there is the opportunity during Lent of having a retreat in daily life. It will be held on **Mondays from 3 March**. One can begin or deepen prayer life, learn more about the Scriptures, and grow in faith and in love for the Lord. Find out more via the **introductory webinar from 7.30pm until 8.30pm on Monday 3 February:** <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READERS AT ST AUGUSTINE MASSES

Peter Keating, who usually produces a rota for those reading at the 6pm Saturday or 11am Sunday Masses in St. Augustine's is unwell. Maggie Waller and Lorette Carter will be taking on this task, and producing the Mass Readers' Rota for February and March 2025. Please can those who usually read at St. Augustine Masses, and those who would like to read, please **send their email address AND their phone number** to Maggie Waller maggieeducation@aol.com and Lorette Carter lorettec2@btinternet.com Please state if you are available to read at Saturday or Sunday or both Masses.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED: 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 (by prior arrangement). 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 important task, so that the load is spread amongst more people.

Please email office@staugustines.org.uk giving your email and phone number. Thank you in anticipation.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Augustine's & Our Lady of Sorrows,



We would like to thank you for your kind support and recent donation to Slough Foodbank.

We received your donations during January which weighed a total of 215 kg. Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community. To explain how your donation will help, approximately 10kg of essential food items and 1kg of toiletry items provide a single person with three days of emergency supplies.



Your support is needed now more than ever. Slough Foodbank statistics show a shocking increase in the number of people needing help, with 7% more food parcels distributed in 2024 versus 2023. A total of 12,147 food parcels were distributed in 2024.

Our prime function is to supply a three-day emergency food parcel to those who suddenly find themselves in an unexpected crisis. In addition to food, we also supply basic toiletries and household products, as well as nappies, baby wipes and pet food if required.

However, our support does not stop there. Slough Foodbank also provides useful information to our clients about relevant specialist organisations that can help resolve any longer-term problems our clients may have. By providing this package of support, we endeavour to offer a lasting hand-up to help our clients make a positive move into the future.

We hope that you will continue to support Slough Foodbank. We ask if you could kindly only donate the items specified on our shopping list. It is also most helpful to receive small packs rather than in bulk as clients often have to walk home from a distribution centre with heavy bags.

With our gratitude and warm wishes

Laura Cole, Manager Slough Foodbank

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.