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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 09 FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Obedience to the word of the Lord brings Blessings to Life. We find in today's Gospel Peter and fellow Fishermen obeyed Jesus' words to cast their net deeply and bring blessings to their lives and receive a big catch. Sometimes we just ignore the words that come to us through God or the Bible. Let us listen to Him and obey His word so that we too will be blessed. Fr Shyju	Datchet	Sat 08	06.00pm	People of the Parish
	Eton	Sun 09	09.30am	Douglas Hill RIP
	Datchet	Sun 09	11.00am	David Mendes RIP
	Datchet	Mon 10	No Mass	
	Datchet	Tue 11	09.30am	Ken Garrett
	Datchet	Wed 12	09.30am	Vernon Dabreu RIP
	Datchet	Thu 13	09.30am	Tricia Rice
	Datchet	Fri 14	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 11.00am Mass in Datchet in *Jubilee Hall*. Please come along and have a chat with your fellow Parishioners.

OFFERTORY: 01/ 02 February: Cash £ 225 SOs £230.

SECOND COLLECTION will be taken this weekend (8 / 9 February) for St. Patrick's Missionary Society. For those who wish to Gift Aid their donations please complete one of the forms available at the back of the church and place it in the offertory basket with the donation. Cheques should be made payable to 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.

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.
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

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.

CAFOD BIG Lent walk: In just over 1 month the Big Lent Walk begins! Sign up and raise vital funds for communities around the world. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia and South Sudan. Walk 200km (or any other distance!) wherever you like, and with whomever you like (as a parish, a family or individually). Let's change community lives for good and tell poverty to take a hike! Find out more : <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/about>

World Day For The Sick: The 33rd world day of prayer for the sick takes place Tuesday 11 February. Pope Francis has offered a message for the day.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2025/01/27/0082/00161.html#ingl>

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.