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SUNDAY 09 July 2023 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

| MESSAGE | WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES | | | |
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| In the first part of the Gospel, Jesus is condemning intellectual pride. He knows that ordinary people with large, sensitive hearts can accept the "Good News" he preaches, while proud intellectuals cannot. Even the learned rabbis of Jesus' time recognized that the simplest people were often nearer to God than the most learned. Jesus says that such people will inherit Heaven, rather than the learned and the "wise" who pride themselves on their intellectual achievements but do not love. Let us try to be childlike before Jesus so that we can understand Him better. <i>Fr. Shyju</i> | Datchet | Sat 08 | 6.00pm | People of the Parish |
| | Eton | Sun 09 | 9.30am | Mary Kelly Int |
| | Datchet | Sun 09 | 11.00am | Giahan Cavatti RIP & Adriano Ferrari RIP |
| | Datchet | Mon 10 | 9.30am | Tintu Seenu & Family Int |
| | Datchet | Tue 11 | 9.30am | Margaret Mercer RIP |
| | Datchet | Wed 12 | 9.30am | Caroline Ansell RIP |
| | Datchet | Thu 13 | 9.30am | Holy Souls |
| | Datchet | Fri 14 | 9:30am | Michael Sweeney RIP |
| Rosary: 9.10am Weekdays prior to the Holy Mass | Confession: Weekdays after Mass/by appointment | | | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday after 9.30am Mass / Silent Adoration prior to Holy Mass 8.30am | | | | |

We welcome and thank Fr. Ian McDole who will officiate at the Saturday 6pm Mass at St. Augustine's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, George, Nora and Alexander are making their first holy communion in St. Augustine's during the 11am Mass. Kindly remember them in your prayers. After the 11am Mass, all are invited to join them in St Augustine's Hall for cake and tea or coffee. Let us celebrate with them.

OFFERTORY: 01 /02 July 2023: Cash £293, S/Os £120. Second Collection: Peter's Pence £322.

DIOCESAN MISSION APPEAL: If you have not yet been able to contribute to the Diocesan Mission Appeal, and wish to do so, please use one of the special envelopes available at the back of the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Sea Sunday – **Stella Maris**, Apostleship of the Sea. Today is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Please donate in church this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Alternatively, visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5.

SICK OF THE PARISH

Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds and Roger Stewart. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them and / or take communion to sick people at home, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju, or send an email to him.

PARISH BBQ: It was wonderful that around 90 people attended the Parish BBQ held in Parish Garden in Datchet, last Sunday. Everyone enjoyed their time, chatting with others whilst sharing food from the BBQ. A huge thank you goes to those who planned and prepared for the day by ordering the meat for the BBQ, making salads and other dishes, and setting-up for the event. We also send our grateful thanks to the “Chefs” who BBQ’d the meat and those who spent their time serving food and drink to others. We thank all those who through their skill and service to others made this such a memorable day for all attending. The tremendous community spirit from parishioners of Eton and Datchet has been inspiring. **Fr. Shyju**

BBQ PHOTOGRAPHS: A huge thank you goes to Maureen McLean, who took a series of wonderful photographs at the BBQ. Pamela Bailey will be distributing copies of these to those who appear in the photograph(s).

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Prior to the BBQ, we held the Parish AGM in St. Augustine’s Hall. Approximately 35 Parishioners attended. Most members of the Parish Council, which is Chaired by Ros Nockles will continue to serve. Bob Forsyth and Monica Taylor after decades of service to the Parish, have decided to step down from the Parish Council, but will be available to provide advice to the Council if required. Maureen Byerley, who is the Parish Health and Safety representative, will also be stepping down from the Parish Council once there has been a managed handover to another who will take on this role. We express our gratitude to Bob, Monica, and Maureen for their dedicated service to our Parish. If you are interested in serving the Parish by becoming a member of the Parish Council, particularly in the role of Health and Safety representative, please contact Fr. Shyju or Ros Nockles.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: Our forthcoming Diocesan Assembly will take place on Saturday 15 July at Thornton College in Milton Keynes. It will be an opportunity to look again at the main themes emerging from the Synod Listening of last year, which has led to the development of concrete actions as we determine the future of the Diocese together. Our Parish representatives are Kathleen Shaw, Maggie Waller and Rosalind Nockles. Let’s keep them in our prayers and pray for the success of the Assembly. Prayer cards are available in both Churches.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY WEBINARS

A series of webinars have been held on Monday evenings, to explore the themes arising from the Synod discussions of last year. The last webinar in the series is on Monday 10 July at 7.30pm. It is entitled Lay Engagement in Decision Making. The Diocese is encouraging attendance in order that they can receive feedback from as many people as possible. Register via https://assembly_webinars.eventbrite.co.uk

CAFOD

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

HOUSE BLESSING

I continue to work through the list of those who have requested their house to be blessed. If you wish to add your name to the list, please speak to me. Fr. Shyju.

100 CLUB: Congratulations to Akira Kirton who has won £100 in the June 100 Club Draw.

FOODBANK

We have received a thank you letter for our donations in June. We donated a total of 20Kg of food and toiletry items, which provided 2 people with three days of emergency supplies of food and toiletries.

The Foodbank’s July Shopping List says the items urgently needed are:

Food (Urgent): tinned fruit, tinned tuna, long life fruit juice, tinned carrots, sponge puddings, cooking sauces and tea. Please note they have a 12 month supply of PASTA. It is NOT NEEDED

Toiletries & Basic Items (Urgent): washing up liquid, deodorant, shampoo, shaving foam/gel, toothpaste and size 5 nappies.