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SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2023 – THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

| SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST | WEEKEND & WEEKDAY HOLY MASS TIMES | | | |
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| In this month of November let us pray for our deceased, imploring the Lord's mercy upon their souls. Let us unite in prayer with those who have gone before us to be with the Lord. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven, those souls in Purgatory. Let us remember and pray for them, and light a candle. <i>May they Rest in Peace. Amen</i> | Datchet | Sat 04 | 06.00pm | Margaret Cleary RIP |
| | Eton | Sun 05 | 09.30am | People of the Parish |
| | Datchet | Sun 05 | 11.00am | John Casey RIP & David Mendes RIP |
| | Datchet | Mon 06 | 09.30am | Holy Souls |
| | Datchet | Tue 07 | 09.30am | Rosie D'Mello RIP |
| | Datchet | Wed 08 | No Mass | |
| | Datchet | Thu 09 | 09.30am | Private Intention |
| | Datchet | Fri 10 | 09.30am | Caroline Ansell RIP |
| | ROSARY: Twenty minutes prior to the Holy Mass | CONFESSION: Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment | | |
| BENEDICTION: Every Friday after 9.30am Mass. | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am | | | |

TEA/COFFEE: This weekend, tea/coffee will be held after the 9.30am Mass in Eton. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY: 28 / 29 October 2023: Cash £204 SOs £190

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund. Next weekend the Second Collection will be for the sick and retired priests of the diocese.

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

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF MARGARET CLEARY RIP (89) who died last Sunday. The funeral will take place at Datchet on Thursday 23 November at 11am with Requiem Mass. Please also remember Anne Cannon her daughter, and all family members in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT MASS 6.00pm WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER: The Bereavement Mass for deceased members from our families and Parish will be celebrated at 6pm on Wednesday 22 November in Datchet. At this Mass you can place a lighted candle on the altar in remembrance of your beloved family and friends.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER is dedicated to the departed souls. If you wish to request a mass to be said for a loved one during the month of November, please complete and return one of the brown Mass Intention envelopes, with the list of names to be mentioned. The envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.

ROSARY: We have started reciting the rosary 20 minutes before all weekend Masses in Eton and Datchet. Please come early with your family and join in this prayer.

VIANNEY MISSION FOR PRIESTS: This Sunday, we welcome the AFCM Vianney Mission Team who will be in St. Augustine's Church after the 11am Mass to pray for priests. Please come and join them.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: On the conclusion of the first session of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, Pope Francis said in his homily during Mass at St. Peter's Basilica on 29 October:

"We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the church, but let's remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform."

The synod on synodality marked the first-time laypeople and women religious, could take part as voting members. Of the total 364 members, close to 25% were "non-bishop members" and 54 were women.

The letter to the people of God can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/4c8tyuvk>

The synthesis can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4nz2r3>

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: On Tuesday 21 November at 11.30 am in Northampton Cathedral, Bishop David will celebrate Mass for the deceased clergy of our Diocese. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments following Mass in the St Thomas Centre.

"INSPIRING WOMEN" is a webinar hosted by the National Board of Catholic Women. It will be held from 11am – 12.45pm on 25 November. Professor Tina Beattie will explore how we can express our creativity and share our gifts as women; encourage and support women's many different abilities and callings; celebrate our achievements and learn from our frustrations and failings. Email: nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DATCHET: The last date this year for the Prayer Meeting to be held at The Bridge, (near St. Mary's Church, Datchet), is **7.30pm on Thursday 7 December**. Attending these meetings is a great way to meet with others in our local community. Meetings in 2024 will resume at 7.30pm on Thursday 1 February, and will thereafter be held at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month.

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE will this year be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 10 December at St Mary's Church, Datchet.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of World Youth Day (previously celebrated annually on Palm Sunday). He asked the global Catholic community to celebrate Youth Sunday locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King, which, this year is on Sunday 26 November. On this day we will pray especially for our young people and recognise the gifts they bring to our Church.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT 2023: "An Advent Journey with John the Baptist" will be delivered on You Tube by Fr. John Udris and Avril Baigent on four sequential Monday evenings starting on Monday 27 November at 7.30pm until 8.30 pm. Last year's series is still available on You Tube: <https://tinyurl.com/mwssmpp6>

CAFOD – COLLECTION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST: You will be aware of the terrible conflict in Israel and Gaza. It is easy to feel helpless from such a distance. CAFOD can help you. Please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yckmknme>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK

The need for donations of food and toiletries for the Slough Foodbank remains great. Please try and donate items to the Foodbank on a regular basis. Boxes for donations can be found in each Church.

The Foodbank's November Shopping List says the items needed are:

Food Urgent: tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, long life fruit juice, tinned carrots, long-life sponge puddings, long-life rice puddings / custard, cooking sauces, tea

Always required: long-life milk, instant mash

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, toothbrushes, size 5 nappies

Always required: toilet rolls, strong carrier bags