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SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
The readings this Second Sunday in Lent are interconnected, offering a message of hope, renewal, and deepened faith. Believers journey through Lent, reflecting on God's salvific plan and the transformative power of faith and obedience. The divine voice during the Transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him", invite us to heed to Jesus' teachings, deeply and reflectively during Lent.	Datchet	Sat 24	06.00pm	Farid Oufi RIP
	Eton	Sun 25	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 25	11.00am	Michael Fitzgerald RIP
	Datchet	Mon 26	09.30am	NO MASS
	Datchet	Tue 27	09.30am	Special Intention – Sylvia
	Datchet	Wed 28	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Fred Oufi
	Datchet	Thu 29	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Fri 01	09.30am 10.00am	Kathleen Wall RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Rosary: Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	Confession: Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment.			
Benediction: Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass.	Eucharistic Adoration: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am.			
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent after the 9.30am Mass.				

TEA/COFFEE: This Sunday after the 9.30am Mass in Eton, there will be tea/coffee served in Baldwin's Hall.

OFFERTORY: 17 / 18 February 2024: Cash £323 SOs £230.

SECOND COLLECTION for CAFOD LENT FAST DAY will be taken at all Masses this Weekend.

H.M. THE KING: Please remember in your prayers, King Charles, who is currently having treatment for cancer. May his treatment progress well and he make a good recovery.

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, Nino Puma and Roger Stewart. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Fred Oufi RIP (funeral service will be held in St. Augustine's at 11am on Wednesday 28 February and *John Anthony Brudenell RIP* (funeral service will be held at Slough Crematorium at 1pm on Friday 1 March).

PASTORAL LETTER: Bishop David has written a series of Lenten Gospel reflections for each week of Lent. We will listen to them at weekend Masses throughout Lent.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be held on **Monday 25 March at St. Augustine's**. There will be a Mass at 6.30pm followed at 7pm by a Penitential Service with individual Confession.

LENTEN SOUP will be served in St. Augustine's Hall, after the 11am Mass on Sunday 17 March. All donations will be given to the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. Please come along and support.

CENTENARY JUBILEE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH: Our Chapel was established in 1923 and 2023-2024 is our Parish Centenary Jubilee Year. We are planning a Parish celebration with our Bishop on **SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024**. More details will follow, but in the meantime please save the date.

INVITATION FROM CANON KEVIN O'DRISCOLL

In Rome there was a tradition on fast days to process to different churches where Mass and Vespers would be celebrated especially to honour the martyrs remembered there.

This developed into a Lenten practice where the Pope would visit the church to celebrate Mass with the people of his diocese.

The Roman Missal strongly encourages the preservation and development of the traditional form of gathering in the local Church after the fashion of the Roman "stations". This is why Bishop David is celebrating 5 Stations Masses in the Diocese during this Lenten season.

There will be a Station Mass for all Parishioners from Parishes in the Pastoral Area of Slough at **7.30pm on Tuesday 5 March in Holy Family Church**, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley SL3 7UD.

It will be a wonderful occasion to meet and pray with others from across our Pastoral Area, please try to attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: An ecumenical service will be held at 2pm on Friday 1 March at the Baptist Church, London Road, Datchet to mark this special day, which was formerly known as Women's Day of Prayer.

LIGHT UP LENT (29 February to 7 March) is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

MISSION NORTHAMPTON: The Secrets of St Paul is a 10-week online course which began on Wednesday 10 January. It finishes on Wednesday 20 March. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on the life of St. Paul as a model missionary disciple. For more information about joining the course, visit: www.northamptondiocese.org/courses or call 01604 434362

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: Our diocese is organising a series of Life In The Spirit seminars, commencing on Tuesday 16 April. The seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Participants are welcome to join live at Northampton Cathedral or from one of the 'Hub' locations around the diocese. For more information visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28 February in the Presbytery.

CHURCH HALL AND GARAGE: The ceiling of St. Augustine's Hall has been successfully renewed. We are planning to convert the room at the back of bungalow's garage into a small meeting room for our use. We will keep you up to date with progress on this work.

100 CLUB: If you wish to join the 100 Club, please email Pamela office@staugustines.org.uk The subscription is £1 per week, i.e. £52 per year and there is a monthly prize of £100.

THANK YOU FROM SLOUGH FOODBANK: *"We would like to thank you for your kind support and recent donations in December to Slough Foodbank, which weighed a total of **113Kg** in December, and **1,109Kg** for all of last year. Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community."*

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 February Shopping List states the items needed are:

Food Urgent: long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, tinned carrots, soup, cooking sauces, coffee, tinned spaghetti, long-life milk, instant mash, long-life custard, long-life sponge puddings

Always required: tea, long-life rice pudding, 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