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SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are made possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.	Datchet	Sat 16	06.00pm	Sheila Elston Green RIP
	Eton	Sun 17	09.30am	Joan Wilson RIP
	Datchet	Sun 17	11.00am	Loggia & Family Int
	Datchet	Mon 18	09.30am	No Mass
	Datchet	Tue 19	09.30am	John Brudenell RIP
	Datchet	Wed 20	09.30am	Roy Niffikeer RIP
	Datchet	Thu 21	09.30am	Joan Wilson RIP
	Datchet	Fri 22	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
			10.00am	<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.				

THIS WEEKEND: We welcome Frs. Ian & Biju to officiate at Masses this weekend, as Fr. Shyju is away in Canada for a Parish Retreat.

LENTEN SOUP: This Sunday after the 11am Mass in Datchet, there will be tea/coffee and Lenten Soup served in St. Augustine's Church Hall. All donations will be given to the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. Please come along and support.

OFFERTORY: 09/10 March: Cash £388 SOs £230.

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.

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 SOUL OF JOAN WILSON RIP. The funeral will take place at Slough Crematorium on 25 March at 12.30pm.

17 & 19 MARCH – Happy St. Patrick's Day on Sunday 17 March. On Tuesday 19 March, the feast of St. Joseph is celebrated. Please come along to Mass in St. Augustine's at 9.30am on Tuesday.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: As in previous years, worshippers from the Datchet Churches will join together in the Walk of Witness procession. It will start from the Datchet Baptist Church at 11.30am on Friday 29 March and process to The Green, Datchet. Please come along and join in the Walk.

CENTENARY JUBILEE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH: Our Chapel was established in 1923 and 2023-2024 is our Parish Centenary. We are planning a Parish celebration with our Bishop on **SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024**. Please save the date.

2024 HOLY WEEK SERVICES at St. Augustine's, Datchet & Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton

Datchet	Sat 23 March	06.00pm	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
Eton	Sun 24 March	09.30am	Palm Sunday Mass
Datchet	Sun 24 March	11.00am	Palm Sunday Mass
Datchet	Mon 25 March	06.30pm	Holy Mass
		07.00pm	Penitential Service & Confession
Eton	Thurs 28 March	06.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Datchet	Fri 29 March	09.30am	Stations of the Cross
Datchet	Fri 29 March	03.00pm	Good Friday Service
Datchet	Sat 30 March	08.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Eton	Sun 31 March	09.30am	Easter Sunday Mass
Datchet	Sun 31 March	11.00am	Easter Sunday Mass

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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: We will be arranging a day pilgrimage for those parishioners who wish to participate. This will be part of our Parish Centennial celebrations. Further information will be provided after Easter.

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in Northampton Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, Thursday 28 March at 11am. All are very welcome to attend.

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/>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: In preparation for the Jubilee Year within this year of prayer, Bishop David and Canon John Udris will be leading a pilgrimage to **Northern France** from **15 to 22 October 2024**. Additionally, Bishop David will lead a pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi** from **27 March to 3 April 2025**. Bookings open for both pilgrimages on **Monday 18 March 2024**.

Further information can be found at:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi> and <https://northamptondiocese.org/france>

Information can also be found on the Notice Board in the Church.

SLOUGH FOODBANK: Our donations to the Foodbank weighed a total of **142Kg** in January and **90Kg** in February. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Foodbank.

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