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### SUNDAY 07 APRIL 2024 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast of Mercy! St. Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. As Jesus told St. Faustina, Jesus is telling everyone of us: "I do not want to punish the aching (the suffering) mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart."	Datchet	Sat 06	06.00pm	The Grey Family Int
	Eton	Sun 07	09.30am	James & Antony Loftus
	Datchet	Sun 07	11.00am	Patricia Roantree Int
	Datchet	Mon 08	09.30am	Nagle Bridie
	Datchet	Tue 09	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Wed 10	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Thu 11	09.30am	Private Intention
	Datchet	Fri 12	09.30am	Fitzpatrick Jim
<b>Rosary:</b> Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	<b>Confession:</b> Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment.			
<b>Benediction:</b> Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am.			

**DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** This Sunday, the first after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Prayer will be prayed after the Masses. Copies of the prayer will be available in the Church.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** This collection was taken for the Holy Places. £314.00.

**RITE OF WELCOME:** Today we welcome Lily Ann Kaur Groves with parents Jake & Monique who will be baptised next Sunday in Datchet.

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

**PRAYER FOR ST. AUGUSTINE'S CENTENARY:** A Prayer Card has been produced to enable us all to pray for our Parish as we move towards our Centenary celebrations. Please take one of the Cards and use it to pray and thank God for all his blessings.

**St. Andrew's Shared Church,** (Washington Drive SL1 5RE) will be marking Devine Mercy Sunday at **2pm on 7 April**. The service will be led by Mgr. Sean Healy and will include Holy Mass, Time of Mercy with Merciful Jesus, Benediction with Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome to attend. Call Millie on 07957 594646 if you require further information.

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the Easter Greetings and for your most generous Offerings on Easter Sunday. My Sincere thanks and prayers for you all. Fr. Shyju

**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.

**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.

**GIFT AID (OFFERTORY) ENVELOPES:** Gift Aid Envelopes will not be issued any longer. Those Parishioners who used envelopes are kindly asked, in the future, to place their loose Offertory directly in the collection at weekend Masses. Since we encouraged Parishioners to move from using Gift Aid Envelopes to making their Offertory donations via Standing Order, only a relatively small number of Parishioners remain using Gift Aid Envelopes. There is a high cost associated with ordering the small number of sets of specially numbered and dated envelopes. Also, for some years, we have been claiming back gift aid from HMRC from all the loose cash placed in the Offertory. Parishioners who do not currently make their Offertory donations via Standing Order and wish to do so, please email the Parish Office, or speak to Michael Reynolds or Pamela Bailey. Thank you.

**100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS:** The draw for February and March was made by Hannah and Jessica after Easter Sunday Mass. Congratulations to Loretta Finn and Ed Mercer, who have each won £100. If you would like to join the 100 Club, please speak to Pamela, or email her via [office@staugustines.org.uk](mailto:office@staugustines.org.uk) The subscription is £1 per week, i.e. £52 per year and there is a monthly prize of £100.

**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 opened for both pilgrimages on **Monday 18 March 2024**. Further information on the Church Notice Boards and at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi> and <https://northamptondiocese.org/france>

**DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY:** (save the date!) Saturday 11th May from 11am to 3:30pm for singers and choirs showcasing music for all ages at Thomas Becket School NN36HT. Adults £10 and under 18's free.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL:** The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales wish to draw your attention to two amendments in this bill which will shortly be debated in the House of Commons. Please read more here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

**DATCHET VILLAGE FETE:** The Fete Committee is looking for new members. Unless more people join, the fete is unlikely to go ahead this summer (July). The Datchet Fete raises much needed funds for charities. The Committee is a small friendly group. If you want to know more, please speak to, or text Maggie Waller on 07974 571522.

#### **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 March Shopping List states the items needed 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