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## SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
<i>In last week's Newsletter we announced that we have now entered an important year in the history of our Parish, the Centenary Year of St. Augustine's in Datchet. It was established in 1923-1924 as a Chapel by the Canons Regular of Lateran. This weekend, it is the Second Sunday of Advent. Let us be thankful to God for all the blessings we have received and prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, the real Peace. May the real PEACE rule our hearts.</i>	Datchet	Sat 09	06.00pm	Margaret Morgan Ward RIP
	Eton	Sun 10	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 10	11.00am	Lucetta M Leahy Shaw RIP
	Datchet	Mon 11	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Tue 12	09.30am	Domingos & Idalina Int
	Datchet	Wed 13	09.30am	Private Intention
	Datchet	Thu 14	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Fri 15	<b>NO MASS</b>	
	<b>Rosary:</b> Twenty minutes prior to the Holy Mass	<b>Confession:</b> Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment		
<b>Benediction:</b> Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.	<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

This Saturday we welcome, Fr. Ian McDole, who will celebrate the 6pm Mass in Datchet.

**TEA/COFFEE:** This weekend, tea/coffee will be held after the 11.00am Mass in Datchet. All are welcome.

**OFFERTORY:** 02 / 03 December 2023: Cash £236 SOs £190

**SECOND COLLECTION - SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern)** will be taken this weekend.

**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, 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.

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF CIARÁN EOIN ENNIS** who died recently. The funeral will be at St. Augustine's on Friday 22 December at 11.30am.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:** Please will those parents who have not yet booked a place for their child(ren) on this programme do so by the deadline of 31 December 2023. Either speak directly to Fr. Shyju or Anne Cannon or send an email to [Parish.StAugustineDatchet@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:Parish.StAugustineDatchet@northamptondiocese.org)

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** will take place at **12.15pm on Sunday 17 December** in St. Augustine's Hall. Please come along. It's a great way of bringing us all together and entering into the Christmas spirit. If you're attending, **please add your name to the list of the rear of the Church** as we need to know the number attending for catering purposes and also for setting up the Hall.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ART:** Young people from our parish are invited to submit a drawing or painting of their favourite Christmas memory or activity. The pictures will form part of a display over the festive season. Entries close on Friday 22 December. Please hand completed images to Fr Shyju.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** A summary can be seen below and can also be found on the Parish website Mass Times page: <http://www.staugustines.org.uk/mass-times.html>

Tue 19 December	06:00 pm	Penitential Service -Confession	St. Augustine's
Sat 23 December	06.00 pm	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	St. Augustine's
Sun 24 December	09.30 am	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sun 24 December	11.00 am	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	St. Augustine's
<b><u>CHRISTMAS 2023</u></b>			
Sun 24 December	08.30 pm	Carols and Children's Nativity	St. Augustine's
	09:00 pm	Christmas Night Mass	St. Augustine's
Mon 25 December	09:00 am	Carol singing followed by:	Our Lady of Sorrows
	09:30 am	Christmas Morning Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows
	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass	St. Augustine's

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Our communal Penance Service in preparation for Christmas will be on **Tuesday 19 December from 6pm until 7pm** in St. Augustine's. We strongly encourage you to avail yourselves of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Personal Confession on this evening.

**BISHOP DAVID'S ADVENT MESSAGES** covering the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love will be released each week of Advent. A video of this week's message can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/nheh8v26>  
The message can also be read with the Newsletter on the Parish website.

**ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE** is at 6.30pm on Sunday 10 December in St. Mary's Church, Datchet.

**DATCHET LINK MAGAZINE:** This year's Christmas Message has been written by Fr. Shyju. A version can be found online at : <https://simplebooklet.com/linknov2023#page=19>

**CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** In keeping with tradition, the collection in Churches at Christmas is offered by Parishioners as a sincere and personal thank you for the dedication and service of their Parish Priest. This Parish has been greatly blessed by having Fr. Shyju come and serve us as our Priest upon the retirement of Fr. Frank. Those who will not be attending Mass on the *evening* of Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in our Parish, may wish to place their donation in an envelope marked Christmas Offertory for Fr. Shyju in one of the Offertory collections prior to or shortly after Christmas. (Please note that the Masses on the morning of Sunday 24 December are for the Fourth Sunday in Advent and are *not* Christmas Masses. Unless the donation is given in a marked envelope, offertory given at these Masses will be for the Church/Diocese). Donations can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to **ST. AUGUSTINE'S**, (please do not make your cheque payable to Fr. Shyju).

**THANK YOU FROM SLOUGH FOODBANK:** *"We would like to thank you for your kind support and recent donations in November to Slough Foodbank. Your donation last month weighed a total of 43Kg. Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community."* Our donation was 67Kg in October.

**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 December Shopping List states 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