

ST AUGUSTINE'S, DATCHET**OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ETON**

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SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass	Datchet	Sat 23	6.00 pm	Holy Souls
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass	Eton	Sun 24	9.30am	People of the Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass	Datchet	Sun 24	11.00am	Patricia Roanbee

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2023 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Nativity of the Lord - Carols & Children's Nativity	Datchet	Sun 24	08.30pm	
The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Vigil Mass	Datchet	Sun 24	09.00pm	Margaret Sabat RIP
The Nativity of the Lord - Carols	Eton	Mon 25	09.00am	
The Nativity of the Lord - Mass During the Day	Eton	Mon 25	09.30am	Billy MacDonald RIP
The Nativity of the Lord - Mass During the Day	Datchet	Mon 25	11.00am	A MacDonald RIP
	Datchet	Tue 26 to Fri 29		No Mass
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Datchet	Sat 30	6.00pm	Caroline Ansell RIP
Holy Family	Eton	Sun 31	09.00am	Ciarán Eoin Ennis RIP
Holy Family	Datchet	Sun 31	11.00am	Patricia Roanbee
New Year Mass	Datchet	Mon 01	09.30am	Sam Pyett RIP

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday we read of the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. The story of the Annunciation calls our attention to God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son, so that all humanity would know of God's salvation. Like Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who will recognise God's saving plan for us and are able to respond with obedience. Let us wait for His time. Prepare for a Blessed Christmas.

TEA/COFFEE: There will not be tea/coffee after Mass in Eton or Datchet on Sunday 24 or Sunday 31.

OFFERTORY: 16 / 17 December 2023: Cash £326 SOs £190

WEEKDAY MASSES: Fr. Shyju will be travelling back to India on the evening of Monday 25. He will be away until the end of January. We thank Fr. Frank McAuliffe, our former Parish Priest, who will be returning as of Saturday 30 to cover for Fr. Shyju. Please note, there will not be any weekday Masses in Datchet from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 (inclusive).

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.

VOCATIONS CALENDAR: We have received a few copies of the Diocesan Vocation Calendar. They cost £5 each. All proceeds from their sale will be used for the promotion of priestly vocations across the Diocese.

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).



OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT took place last Sunday at Datchet Parish Hall. It was a great event. Around sixty people attended. A big thank to Phil Mason, Dominic Price, Rosalind Nockles, Chris Grey & Monica Tylor and all Choir Members who arranged this wonderful event for us, which was filled with much Christmas spirit.

100 CLUB DRAW was held at the Christmas Carol Concert last Sunday. The winners of the Draw for the months of October, November and December 2023, will receive a cheque for £100. Congratulations to Michael Torpey, Helen Niffikeer and Kathy & Noel O'Donovan. 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.

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 <http://tinyurl.com/2p98n8md> The message can also be read with the Newsletter on the Parish website.

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

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.

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