

**ST AUGUSTINE’S, DATCHET**

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**SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)**

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
We are in the season of Lent. It’s a time to give the right fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In the Ash Wednesday Gospel reading, we are asked to be genuine to God and our fellow beings. When the ashes were marked on the forehead, the Priest prayed, Repent and Believe in the Gospel. Yes, that is the message of Lent and that is what we hear in the Gospel this weekend. Repent!	Datchet	Sat 17	06.00pm	Nora O’Connell RIP
	Eton	Sun 18	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 18	11.00am	Esther Simon & Family INT
	Datchet	Mon 19	09.30am	Kathleen Wall RIP
	Datchet	Tue 20	09.30am	Loftus & Williams Family
	Datchet	Wed 21		<b>NO MASS</b>
	Datchet	Thu 22		<b>NO MASS</b>
	<b>Datchet</b>	Fri 23	<b>06.00pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
		<b>06.30pm</b>	Mass - Caroline Ansell RIP	
<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			
<b>Stations of the Cross:</b> Every Friday during Lent after the 9.30am Mass, unless stated otherwise in table above.				

**TEA/COFFEE:** This Sunday after the 11am Mass in Datchet, there will be tea/coffee and Lenten Soup served in St. Augustine’s Church Hall.

**OFFERTORY:** 10 / 11 February 2024: Cash £181 SOs £230.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (24 / 25 February)** for CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

**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.

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF Fred Oufi RIP.** The funeral service will be held in St. Augustine’s at 11am on Wednesday 28 February.

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 9.30am Mass, unless stated otherwise in the table above. During Lent the Benediction will be every Thursday after the 9.30am Mass.

**LENTEN SOUP** will be served in St. Augustine’s Hall, after the 11am Mass on Sundays 18 February and 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.

**CHURCH HALL AND GARAGE:** The ceiling of St. Augustine's Hall was successfully renewed last weekend. We are also 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.

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** Resources, speeches, and photos from the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops are now available on the [Synod website](#). The letter to the people of God can be found: <https://tinyurl.com/4c8tyuvk> The synthesis can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4nz2r3>

**MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES:** The next Mass will be this Sunday 18 February at 3pm at Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9 AY. (About 15 mins. from Junction 10 of the M1). All are welcome to attend. Access to the Church is step-free, and there is ample parking.

**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/>

**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](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses) or call 01604 434362

**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/>

**100 CLUB:** If you wish to join the 100 Club, please email Pamela [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.

**CAFOD School Volunteers needed:** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390.

**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