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SUNDAY 03 MARCH 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
The temple in Jerusalem was a foreshadowing of the true temple, which is the body of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, and that every time we participate in Mass, we are entering into the presence of God. The Gospel reading reminds us of the significance of the Eucharist and the importance of approaching it with reverence and awe. This also ties in with the first reading which reminds us to keep the Sabbath holy.	Datchet	Sat 02	06.00pm	Tina & Russel Int
	Eton	Sun 03	09.30am	Pauline Fitzgerald RIP
	Datchet	Sun 03	11.00am	June Cline
	Datchet	Mon 04	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Tue 05	09.30am	Farid Oufi RIP
	Datchet	Wed 06		NO MASS
	Datchet	Thu 07	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Fri 08	09.30am 10.00am	Holy Souls <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.				

TEA/COFFEE: This Sunday after the 11.00am Mass, there will be tea/coffee served in St. Augustine's Hall.

OFFERTORY: 24 / 25 February 2024: Cash £213 SOs £230.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY SECOND COLLECTION: £791.

DAY OF PEACE: The Bishops' Conference has asked that we all pray for peace in the Holy Land. On Thursday 07 March, after the 09.30am Mass in St. Augustine's, there will be an hour long, Blessed Sacrament Adoration with hymns and prayers. Please come along and participate and join in our prayers for peace in the World.

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 John Anthony Brudenell RIP. The funeral service will be held at Slough Crematorium at 1pm on Monday 11 March.

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.

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.

LENTEN SOUP will be served in St. Augustine's Hall, after the 11am Mass on Sunday 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.

STATION MASS – 7.30pm TUESDAY 5 MARCH

The Roman Missal strongly encourages the preservation and development of the traditional form of gathering in the local Church after the fashion of the Roman “stations”. This is why Bishop David is celebrating 5 Stations Masses in the Diocese during this Lenten season.

There will be a Station Mass for all Parishioners from Parishes in the Pastoral Area of Slough at **7.30pm on Tuesday 5 March in Holy Family Church**, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley SL3 7UD.

It will be a wonderful occasion to meet and pray with others from across our Pastoral Area, please try to attend.

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.

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/>

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/>

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: We will be arranging a day pilgrimage for those parishioners who wish to participate. Further information will be provided after Easter.

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**. Further information can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/france> Bookings open on Monday 18 March. Additionally, Bishop David will lead a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from **27 March to 3 April 2025**. Further information can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi> Bookings open on Monday 18 March 2024.

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

100 CLUB: 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.

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