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SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024 – EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
One of the beautiful verses in the Bible that always keeps me deepening my faith is Matthew 28:6. "He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said". This is what our faith is and this is what we profess everyday in our lives. Though our lives have ups and downs, we, as Christians always look high at the Risen, Living Jesus. May the joy, peace and grace of Jesus be with you. Have a Blessed Easter	Datchet	Sat 30	08.00pm	Paola Bernardi RIP
	Eton	Sun 31	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Sun 31	11.00am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Mon 01	09.30pm	Patrick Corcoran RIP
	Datchet	Tue 02	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Wed 03		NO MASS
	Datchet	Thu 04	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Fri 05		NO MASS
	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.			

OFFERTORY: 23/24 March: Cash £234 SOs £230.

On **Good Friday**, a collection will be taken for Holy Places.

THIS WEEKEND, the Offertory Collections at the Easter Masses will be our personal offering to Fr. Shyju, to thank him for all he does for us. If you are away next weekend, please put your Offertory in an envelope and mark it **Easter Offertory** and place it in the Offertory collection this weekend or when you return. Cheques should be made payable to St. Augustine's.

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 PAOLA BERNARDI RIP. Desiree Loggia's Mother, Paola Bernardi, passed away in Italy this week. May her soul rest in peace. Please pray also for Desiree and her family and friends at this time.

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The first Sunday after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Prayer will be prayed after the 9.30am and 11am Masses (on Sunday 7 April). Copies of the prayer will be available in both Churches next Sunday.

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.

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.

THANK YOU: With a sincere heart, I thank everyone for making this Lent and Holy Week very prayerful. My thanks go to the Altar Servers, Choir, Readers and other Ministers in the Church who with wonderful teamwork came together to make the days of Lent, Holy Week and Easter so prayerful for us all. **Fr. Shyju.**

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.

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.

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>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: St. Andrew's Shared Church, (Washington Drive SL1 5RE) will be marking Divine 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.

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