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### SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Bishop David Oakley says "Without Priests, we do not have a Church. What makes the Church is the Eucharist and Priests are those who celebrate the Mass with us and for us". It's a day for us to thank God for Priests who serve us and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May the Good Shepherd guide us.	Datchet	Sat 20	06.00pm	Holy Souls
	Eton	Sun 21	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 21	11.00am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Mon 22	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Tue 23		<b>NO MASS</b>
	Datchet	Wed 24		<b>NO MASS</b>
	Datchet	Thu 25	09.30am	Packie Sweeney RIP
	Datchet	Fri 26	09.30am	Holy Souls
<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			

**TEA & COFFEE** will be served after the 9.30am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. Please come along.

**OFFERTORY:** 13/14 April: Cash £154 / SOs £230

**Diocesan Priests Training Fund**, Second Collection last weekend: £352

**MISSION APPEAL:** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, and we welcome Fr. Jude Kurumeh CSSp, from *The Spiritans* (The Holy Ghost Fathers), who will make the Mission Appeal in our Parish at all Masses this weekend. The Spiritans stand alongside the powerless in society to work with them for a better world through education, health, development and tolerance. The Poster on the Notice Board gives more detail about their work. There will be a second collection for this appeal this weekend. Please be generous.

**VOCATION SUNDAY PRAYER CARDS** are available to collect from our Churches. Please use the card to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, 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.

**EASTER BLESSING OF GRAVES NEXT SUNDAY:** Our "Blessing of Graves" ceremony will be at Stoke Road cemetery on **Sunday 28 April at 3pm**. It will be led by all the priests and deacons of the Pastoral Area.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** Next year, 2025, has been designated a Jubilee year by Pope Francis with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. As we prepare for this year, Bishop David is visiting the Slough area to spend an evening in prayer and dialogue. You are invited to join Bishop David at **7pm** on **Thursday 25 April** at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham. During the evening Bishop David will answer questions from those present. During other such session, Bishop David has proved that he honestly responds to any question!

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE:** **Tuesday 30 April** this year is dedicated as the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. A message from Bishop David is available online. <https://youtu.be/xclC8qVpBG0?si=p1JeDI2xhmv7q8A8>

## DATCHET CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

We apologise, but due to a change in the Bishop's diary, we have had to change the date of our Centenary Celebration

from Sunday 25 August 2024 to **Sunday 8 September 2024.**

Please note this change of date in your diary. We apologise for any changes you have to make to any of your plans due to this date change.

On Sunday 8 September we will have a Parish celebration with our Bishop. Holy Mass will be at 11am and will be followed by an event and lunch at 12.30pm.

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.

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.

**MASS CARDS:** Mass cards and Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT:** The diocese has organised a series of Life In The Spirit seminars. 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>

**DIOCESAN MUSIC DAY:** Saturday 11 May from 11am to 3:30pm for singers and choirs showcasing music for all ages at Thomas Becket School NN3 6HT. Adults £10 and under 18's free.

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY:** The Diocesan Women in Ministry group has been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Parish to their next gathering on June 8 at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the catholic church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information please email [helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org).

## 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 items on their April Shopping List 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