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SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
This weekend, we will hear one of the most beautiful verses in the Bible, when Jesus says "I am the vine, you are the branches". He asks us to stay close to him, to give the right fruits in plenty. We are not able to produce the right fruit of the Holy Spirit unless we have a close relationship with the Lord. This union happens only through our frequent prayer and receipt of the Sacraments. <i>Let us be close to Jesus.</i>	Datchet	Sat 27	06.00pm	Holy Souls
	Eton	Sun 28	09.30am	Jacqueline RIP
	Datchet	Sun 28	11.00am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Mon 29	09.30am	May Healy RIP
	Datchet	Tue 30		NO MASS
	Datchet	Wed 01	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Thu 02	09.30am	Jenny Gonsalves RIP
	Datchet	Fri 03	09.30am	Holy Souls
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			

TEA & COFFEE will be served after the 11.00am Sunday Mass in St. Augustine's Hall. Please come along.

OFFERTORY: 20/21 April: Cash £259 / SOs £230

The Spiritans (The Holy Ghost Fathers), Mission Appeal Collection last weekend: £574

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 THIS 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.

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/xlC8qVpBG0?si=p1JeDI2xhmv7q8A8>

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

VOCATION SUNDAY PRAYER CARDS which have been produced by the Diocese are available to collect from our Churches. Please use the card to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: Bookings for the pilgrimage being led by Bishop David and Canon John Udris to Northern France from 6 to 11 October have now closed. Bishop David is also leading a pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi** from **27 March to 3 April 2025**. Further information can be found on the Church Notice Boards and online at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi>.

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.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR DATCHET CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 8 September 2024.

We should like as many parishioners as possible to attend the Centenary celebrations on Sunday 8 September. Therefore, there will not be a morning Mass that day in Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton and we hope everyone will attend the 11.00am Mass in St Augustine's, celebrated by Bishop David. There will be an evening Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows the day before (Saturday 7 September).

The Sunday 8 September Mass will be followed by lunch, provided by outside caterers and will include a welcome drink, and wine and soft drinks on the table. To offset the cost of this, we are going to make a small charge of £10 for a ticket (£5 for children). Those wishing to sign up to attend can do so as of late June.

We wish to make the Mass as beautiful as possible with music and would like volunteers to come forward, who would like to lead the singing in a small group and / or sing an anthem, for example Panis Angelicus after Communion. Please do not hesitate to come forward if you would like to help with this. Contact Ros Nockles via the Parish Office email.

The Parish Pilgrimage will be on **Saturday 28 September**. Further details will follow, but please note the date in your diary.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER: The next prayer meeting of Churches Together in Datchet will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 2 May at the Bridge, The Green, Datchet. All are welcome to come along and join the small group.

ADOREMUS: THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 14 September 2024. The Eucharistic Procession will lead the Church in preparing for the Jubilee Year and it is hoped the day will renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. Each Diocese has been allocated 44 places for this event and each Pastoral Area (we are part of the Pastoral Area of St. Peter, Slough) is invited to send 6 pilgrims. If you would like to be OUR PILGRIM please speak to Fr. Shyju.

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.

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