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### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (C) – 16 MARCH 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
Every year as we go through Lent we come across the Gospel where Jesus was transfigured on Mount Tabor. The seasons change every year without fail; Spring is followed by Summer and so on. There are changes in everything we find in this world. But is there a change or transformation in our lives as years go on? The Transfiguration story during this Lent invites us to transform our lives from darkness to light. <b>Fr Shyju</b>	Datchet	Sat 15	06.00pm	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Eton	Sun 16	09.30am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Sun 16	11.00am	Colleen Norma Le Fleur RIP
	Datchet	Mon 17	No Mass	
	Datchet	Tue 18	No Mass	
	Eton	Wed 19	No Mass	
	Datchet	Thu 20	No Mass	
	Datchet	Fri 21	09.30am	Roy Niffikeer RIP
<b>ROSARY:</b> Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	<b>CONFESSION:</b> Any Weekday after the Mass / by appointment			
<b>BENEDICTION:</b> Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

**TEA / COFFEE** will be available on Sunday after the 09.30 am Mass in Eton and after the 11.00am Mass in Datchet in the *Jubilee Room*. Please come along and meet with your fellow Parishioners.

**OFFERTORY:** 08/ 09 March: Cash £278 SOs £210.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** This weekend we will have our Lenten Fast Day second collection for CAFOD. Family Fast Day was observed on Friday 14 March and CAFOD envelopes will be available at all Masses for your donations. Please be as generous as possible so that we can help support the needy during this time of Lent.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** 30<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday there will be a second collection at all masses for the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham.

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Janet Graham, Peter Keating, Sheila Jones, Terri Nicoll, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds, Tricia Rice, Elaine Shaw, Roger Stewart and Linda Webb. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

**MASSSES THIS WEEK:** This weekend Fr Jithu James from St Peter's, Marlow will be celebrating Masses as Fr Shyju is in the USA to lead a weekend parish mission Retreat. There will not be any weekday Masses this week except on Friday 21 March. Please check the Mass times at the top of the newsletter.

**LENTEN SOUP** will be served in St. Augustine's *Jubilee Room* after the 11am Mass on 23 March and 13 April. Last Sunday a good number of parishioners came together to share it. Donations will be requested to support CAFOD. Please come along and meet your fellow parishioners.

**PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF** Colleen Norma Le Fleur RIP who was a resident at Eton House for a long time. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 26 March at 10.30am in St Augustine's. Kindly remember her husband and family in your prayers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 9.30am Mass. During Lent Benediction will be every Thursday after the 9.30am Mass.

**BAPTISM:** Next Sunday Gabriela Leonor Gouveia Gois will be baptised in St Augustine's.

**FEASTS DAYS:** This week the Church celebrates the feasts of St. Patrick of Ireland on 17 March and St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Holy Family, on 19 March. Let us intercede before them for our families.

**WALK WITH ME:** A daily reflection booklet for Lent is available to collect from the back of church. This is a kind gift from Bishop David Oakley to help us on our journey through this Lenten season.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** In preparation for Holy Week, a penitential service will be held on Tuesday 15 April at 7pm in St. Augustine's. There will be an opportunity for individual confession and priests will be available to assist with this. Please note the date in advance.

**THANK YOU LETTERS:** Fr Shyju has received two letters of thanks. One from Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) for our donation to the Sea Sunday Appeal 2024 and a second from St. Patrick's Missionary Society for the donation made to them following Fr Frank's recent visit. Both letters are on the notice board in St. Augustine's.

#### **JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR**

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE:** The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) and CAFOD are collaborating to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The program will run from 22nd to 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on 20th April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk). More details and the application form can be found here: [SVP Work Experience Application](#).

**ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT:** Bishop David Oakley warmly invites all Altar Servers and their families to the annual Northampton Diocese Altar Servers Mass. This special celebration will take place at the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury in Northampton on Saturday, 28th June 2025, at 11:00 am. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the St Thomas Centre.

#### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK**

Boxes for donations can be found in each Church. The items on their 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.