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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
As we pass through this Jubilee year (Pilgrims of Hope), Pope Leo XIV emphasizes hope, unity and living the Gospel through acts of charity, seeking deeper meaning beyond fleeting moments and striving for holiness. He encourages everyone, especially young people, to "aspire to great things" and not to settle for less than a life filled with purpose and faith. As our young people begin a new academic year, let us remember them in our prayers and those who teach and support them.	Datchet	Sat 20	No Mass	
	Eton	Sun 21	09.30am	O'Connell Family Int
	Datchet	Sun 21	11.00am	Hurley Family Int
	Datchet	Tue 22	09.30am	Lucia Herrera Int
	Datchet	Tue 23	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Eton	Wed 24	06.30pm	Our Lady of Walsingham
	Datchet	Thu 25	09.30am	Janet & Berry Manley RIP
	Datchet	Fri 26	No Mass	
	Datchet	Sat 27	06.00pm	Fr Sean Rynn RIP
ROSARY: Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass.	CONFESSION: Any Weekday after the Mass / by appointment			
BENEDICTION: Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

TEA & COFFEE will be available on Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St. Augustine's in Datchet.

OFFERTORY: 13/14 September: Cash £223 SOs £210. **2ND COLLECTION:** CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES £281.

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday, our parish will pray at Masses for all our Teachers, children and students going to schools and universities. All children and students attending Masses this weekend are invited to come with a few books, their pens and pencil case or similar to receive a blessing. Children will be encouraged to lead the Mass readings this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION will be taken at Masses this weekend for **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, the collection supports the mission activity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Inspired by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, it reminds us that each of us is called to be a missionary disciple, sharing our faith with joy in our parishes, schools, and communities. The 2025 theme, "*I believe...*", marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where the Creed we profess each Sunday was first formulated. On this day, let us renew our commitment to living out that Creed, building our lives on its truth, and joyfully witnessing to the Gospel. More information, including a video message from Bishop David, is available <https://northamptondiocese.org/evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Fred Flaherty, Madleen Magic, Terri Nicoll, Tricia Rice, Elaine Shaw and Roger Stewart. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: The numbers attending the Saturday Vigil Mass have decreased. Therefore from this month, there will NOT be a REGULAR Vigil Mass in Datchet on Saturday evenings. Please check the above table of Weekend & Weekdays Holy Mass Times in our newsletter (which is available on the Parish website) for information as to when the Vigil Mass will be held.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be a Liturgy for Children (aged from 4 years up to their attendance at First Holy Communion classes) held at St. Augustine's Church during the **11am Mass on Sunday 12 October**. Children will be with their family at the start of the Mass and will then be invited to leave to join their Liturgy group, which will be held in the Jubilee Room. They will rejoin their families later in the Mass. Fr. Shyju would like all parents from Eton & Datchet come to this Mass with their Children.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DATCHET: We need more volunteers to assist with Masses in the Datchet church e.g. Choir or Readers. You are most welcome to have a chat with Fr. Shyju if you are considering helping.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 03 October: This Family Fast Day, CAFOD is highlighting its work in Ethiopia, where communities face severe climate challenges. Donations will fund vital water infrastructure projects. CAFOD also continues to respond to urgent needs in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Sudan through trusted local Church partners. Please support CAFOD's appeal and be signs of hope in this Jubilee Year. Your support enables practical assistance for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters worldwide.

SPONSORED WALK FOR CAFOD: Starting at 2pm on Saturday 27 September in the Holy Family School field, High Street, Langley SL3 8NF. Participants can walk as individuals or in family groups, around the school field as many times as they like (1,2,3 or more). No need to book a place, but please can all walkers obtain some sponsorship from families and friends. Donations from walkers and supporters can be made to: <https://justgiving.com/page/cafod-slough-run>

SOUTHERN INDIAN ORPHANAGE SUPPORT : Maggie Waller and her husband are visiting the orphanage they support next month. They are seeking to raise funds to take with them and buy essentials for the children. Any donation, however small, would be welcome. <https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3378985?> If anyone is interested in supporting or sponsoring a child please contact Maggie: maggieeducation@aol.com

THE 100 CLUB – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 100 Club draw for the months of July, August and September 2025 will be made on Sunday 28 September. A letter has been sent to all current members of The 100 Club. (That is to those who have paid up to or beyond 28/09/2025). It contains information about the reasons for operational changes that will have to be made to The 100 Club if it is to continue. Please **reply** to the **letter** no later than this coming Thursday, **Thursday 25 September**. Further information will then be included in this newsletter for the weekend of Sunday 28 September. In the meantime, unless specially agreed with me, please do not make any further payments to The 100 Club. Thank you. Kind Regards – Pamela Bailey



Dear St. Augustine's & Our Lady of Sorrows,

We would like to thank you for your kind support and recent donation to Slough Foodbank. We received your donations during July and August which weighed a total of 353kg. Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community.

To explain how your donation will help, approximately 10kg of essential food items and 1kg of toiletry items provide a single person with three days of emergency supplies. Our prime function is to supply a three-day emergency food parcel to those who suddenly find themselves in an unexpected crisis. In addition to food, we also supply basic toiletries and household products, as well as nappies, baby wipes and pet food if required. However, our support does not stop there. We offer a financial inclusion partnership with Citizens Advice East Berkshire helping people with issues relating to benefits, debt, low income, discrimination at work, housing, homelessness or ill health.

With our gratitude and warm wishes

Slough Foodbank



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.