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<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS – 04 JANUARY 2026</b>	
<b>SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU</b>	<b>HOLY MASS TIMES</b>
In the quiet aftermath of Christmas morning, today's liturgy invites us to move beyond the manger and into the profound mystery of the Incarnation. The Gospel of John reminds us that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is not just a historical footnote; it is the central heartbeat of our faith. By taking on human form, God bridged the infinite gap between the Divine and the dust of the earth. He did not choose to save us from a distance or through a decree. Instead, He entered our vulnerability, our hunger, and our joys. In Christ, God has a face, a voice, and a heart that beats for us. As we stand at the threshold of a New Year, the Second Sunday of Christmas challenges us to ask: Where is the Word dwelling today? Christ seeks to take flesh again through our hands, our words of comfort and our acts of justice. We are called to be the "living Gospel" that the world so desperately needs to read. May we receive Him fully, so that His light may shine through the cracks of our own lives. <i>Fr. Shyju</i>	Datchet <b>Sat 03</b> <b>No Mass</b>
	Eton Sun 04 09.30am
	Datchet Sun 04 11.00am
	Datchet Mon 05 09.30am
	Datchet Tue 06 09.30am
	<b>Eton Wed 07 06.30pm</b>
	Datchet Thu 08 09.30am
	Datchet Fri 09 09.30am
	<b>Datchet Sat 10 06.00pm</b>
<b>ROSARY:</b> Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass	<b>CONFESSION:</b> After Mass or by appointment
<b>BENEDICTION:</b> Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:</b> Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am

**OFFERTORY:** 27/28 December: Cash £201 SOs £215

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for James Ansell, Ken Byerley, Maria Cordosa, Elaine Shaw and Monica Taylor. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

**SATURDAY MASS:** There will NOT be Saturday Vigil Mass this Saturday 03 January. Also please note other information in this Newsletter regarding Masses from 12 January – 13 February 2026.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:** As we come to the end of this year, I would like to thank the many people who have helped in keeping our Parish alive and vibrant during the year. Our Parish Council has been a huge help in dealing with the various issues involved in running the Parish and in their suggestions for improvement. Each member has taken responsibility for a specific area of parish life – finance, administration, catechetics, hall and nursery, health and safety, parish security and maintenance. The flower committee - though small- has contributed greatly towards keeping the Churches looking at their best. The organists, too, have helped in choosing suitable hymns and encouraging greater participation in them. Our thanks, also, to the Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers. We cannot forget those involved in producing the Newsletter each week and in managing our website, and the Parish owes a lot to those who have given their time to organizing the tea/coffee mornings on Sundays. There are others, who remain largely silent, but whose valuable service is greatly appreciated. To all, I would like to say a sincere 'thank you' for your encouragement and support. May God reward you for your service to him in strengthening the good community spirit we enjoy. Let us serve the Church and the Lord in the New Year too with continued enthusiasm. **Happy New Year. Fr. Shyju**

**THE 100 CLUB DRAW** was held during the Carol Concert on 21 December. The winners were Tim Hurley (ticket no. 10), Marisa Conte (no. 27) and Fred Flaherty RIP (no. 13). Fred's £100 prize will be donated to the SVP.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLY MASS JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2026:** Fr. Shyju will be away from Monday 12 January to Friday 13 February, the first two weeks of which will be with Parishioners participating on the Indian Tour. During this period the weekday Mass will be on Thursdays at 9.30am in St. Augustine's, Datchet. There will not be a Mass on other weekdays. Weekend Masses will be on Sundays at 9.30am in Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton and 11am in St. Augustine's, Datchet. We thank Cannon Kevin O'Driscoll who is kindly helping the Parish during this period.

**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+