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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– 18 JANUARY 2026

As we settle into Ordinary Time, today's liturgy bridges the joy of Christmas with the mission of the cross. In the Gospel, John the Baptist looks at Jesus and cries out, "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world*" (John 1:29). This is a "bombshell" title. A lamb is not a symbol of earthly power or military might. It is a symbol of vulnerability, docility, and sacrifice. By calling Jesus the "Lamb," John reveals that God's plan to conquer evil is not through force, but through a love so deep it is willing to be consumed. The First Reading from Isaiah reminds us that being God's servant is "too little" if it is only for ourselves. We are called to be a "light to the nations." Like John, our job is to point others to Christ. We do this when we choose humility over pride and service over prestige. Today, as you hear the words "*Behold the Lamb of God*" before Communion, ask yourself: Do I recognize Him in the challenging person or the quiet moment? May we have the "poverty of heart" to see Him and the courage to follow where He leads.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES		HOLY MASS TIMES			
ROSARY 20 mins prior to Mass	Eton	Sun 18	09.30am	Thanksgiving-Rice Family	
	Datchet	Sun 18	11.00am	Karen & Family Int.	
	Datchet	Thu 22	09.30am	Anna Maguire RIP	

TEA & COFFEE will be served after the 11.00am Sunday Mass at Datchet. Please come along.

OFFERTORY: The Offertory Collection details for last week will be published in the Newsletter for Sunday 22 February.

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

SATURDAY MASS: Please note that there will **NOT** be a Saturday Mass at Datchet for the period from Saturday 17 January to Saturday 07 February 2026 (inclusive).

NO BENEDICTION OR ADORATION: There will not be Benediction or Adoration during the period Monday 12 January to Friday 13 February 2026.

HOLY MASS IN 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. For any pastoral emergencies, kindly contact Cannon Kevin on his number: 07545 807483.

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place each year from 18 to 25 January. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ. WPCU is also a great chance to speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in your village, town or county. This year WPCU takes Ephesians 4 v 1-13 as its central text which includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4).

CASPAR PARISH DATA SYSTEM: 'Caspar' is a digital solution program which begins as a parish database. The Diocese is encouraging all the parishes in the diocese to use it. All individuals must give permission through Caspar for any diocesan communications outside of those already in place. The Diocese hopes that this clarifies the purpose of Caspar for parishioners. Further, it hopes that use of the system will enable parishes to keep in contact with their parishioners in a more effective and efficient way and invites parishioners to sign up online. www.caspar.church/me?ID=55999.

SUPPORT THE FOODBANK: Boxes for donations can be found in each Church. The items on their Shopping List are:

Food: long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, tinned vegetables, long life custard, pasta sauces (long life), coffee, long-life milk, soup (tinned), long-life rice pudding, tea, long life sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, chapati flour 2kg size, oil 1 litre size, jam and biscuits.

Please note they have a 12 month supply of PASTA. It is NOT NEEDED.

Toiletries & Basic Items: washing up liquid, shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam/gel, sanitary pads, toothpaste, child toothbrushes, nappies size 7 & 8.

Always required: soap, toilet rolls, strong carrier bags.