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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– 25 JANUARY 2026

Today, we find ourselves at a crossroads of prophecy and action. Isaiah speaks of a people walking in darkness who have seen a "great light." In the Gospel, Matthew shows us that this Light is not a vague concept, but a person: Jesus Christ. As Jesus begins his public ministry in Galilee, he doesn't start with a complex philosophy. He starts with a call to "Repent," and a personal invitation to four fishermen: "Follow me." Notice the setting: Jesus doesn't wait for them in the temple; he meets them at their nets. He enters the "hum-drum" of their daily labour. This tells us that God's call often interrupts our routines. Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets immediately. They didn't just change their jobs; they changed their entire orientation toward life. As we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, we are reminded that the Scriptures are the "living net" meant to draw us out of the darkness of isolation and into the light of community. Like the Corinthians whom Paul admonishes to be united, we are called to drop our "nets" of division and ego. Today, Jesus is walking along the shore of your life. He sees your work, your struggles, and your potential. Will you leave your "nets" behind to follow the Light? This Sunday is also known as Word of God Sunday.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES	HOLY MASS TIMES			
	Eton	Sun 25	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Sun 25	11.00am	Kathleen O' Neil RIP
	Datchet	Thu 29	09.30am	Lucia Herrera Int.

**TEA & COFFEE** will be served after the 9.30am Sunday Mass at Eton and after the 11.00am Mass at Datchet. Please come along.

**OFFERTORY:** The Offertory collection details for last Sunday will be given in the Newsletter on Sunday 22 February.

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

**WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) concludes today Sunday 25 January.

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY:** This Sunday in the Catholic Church is an annual observance instituted by Pope Francis in 2019, celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time dedicated to celebrating, studying, and promoting Sacred Scripture's central role in Christian life, encouraging deeper engagement with the Bible through practices like \*lectio divina\* and focused homilies.

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

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

**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 07545 807483.

**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. Parishioners to sign up online. [www.caspar.church/me?ID=55999](http://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.