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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 08 FEBRUARY 2026

In today's Gospel from Mark, we witness the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Capernaum. The people in the synagogue are "astonished," not just by his words, but by the authority with which he speaks. Unlike the scribes, who relied on quoting past traditions, Jesus speaks as the very source of Truth. This authority is not a heavy-handed power used to control, but a liberating power used to heal. When Jesus encounters the man with the unclean spirit, he does not engage in a long debate. With a command—"Quiet! Come out of him!"—the man is set free. As we look toward 2026, many of us feel weighed down by "unclean spirits" of our own: anxiety, resentment, or the noise of a world that feels increasingly chaotic. We often look for authority in politics, social media, or self-help. Yet, today's liturgy reminds us that true authority belongs to Christ alone. He speaks to the storms in our hearts with the same command: "Quiet." He invites us to surrender our burdens to his sovereign care. Let us ask ourselves today: What "spirit" is holding me back from God, and am I ready to let Jesus' authoritative word set me free?...Fr. Shyju

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES		HOLY MASS TIMES			
ROSARY 20 mins prior to Mass	Eton	Sun 08	09.30am	Holy Souls	
	Datchet	Sun 08	11.00am	Holy Souls	
	Datchet	Fri 13	09.30am	Lucia Herrera Int.	
	Datchet	Sat 14	06.30pm	Holy Souls	

TEA & COFFEE will be served after the 9.30am Sunday Mass at Eton and after the 11.00am Sunday 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.

SATURDAY MASS: Please note that there will be a Saturday Mass at Datchet next weekend at **6.30pm on Saturday 14 February**.

NO BENEDICTION OR ADORATION: There will not be Benediction or Adoration this week in the Parish.

WEEKDAY MASS FEBRUARY 2026: Fr. Shyju returns on Friday 13 February. There will be a weekday Mass on Friday 13 February at 9.30am in St. Augustine's, Datchet. There will not be a Mass on other weekdays this week. We thank Cannon Kevin O'Driscoll who is kindly helping the Parish during the period from Monday 12 January until Thursday 12 February whilst Fr Shyju's away. For any pastoral emergencies, this week 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 can 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.