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### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY – 28 DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	HOLY MASS TIMES			
Today, we celebrate the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. At first glance, their life might seem unreachable, yet the Gospel for Year A reminds us of their profound humanity. They faced displacement, fear, and the grueling journey of refugees fleeing to Egypt. The "holiness" of this family wasn't found in a life free from struggle, but in their unwavering obedience to God amidst the struggle. Joseph listened, Mary trusted, and Jesus grew in grace. Our own families are often messy and imperfect, but they are the primary "school of love." We are called to mirror the Holy Family by choosing forgiveness over resentment and presence over distraction. Holiness is found in the quiet sacrifices we make for one another every day. I wish you all a Blessed New Year. <i>Fr. Shyju</i>	Datchet	Sat 27	06.00pm	Holy Souls
	Eton	Sun 28	09.30am	Danny Boyle RIP
	Datchet	Sun 28	11.00am	Patricia Roantree Int.
	Datchet	Mon 29	09.30am	John Nolan RIP
	Datchet	Tue 30	No Mass	
	Datchet	Wed 31	No Mass	
	Datchet	Thu 01	09.30am	New Year
	Datchet	Fri 02	No Mass	
	Datchet	Sat 03	No Mass	
ROSARY: Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass	CONFESSION: After Mass or by appointment			
BENEDICTION: Every Thursday after 9.30am Mass	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

**OFFERTORY:** 20/21 December: Cash £162 SOs £215

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

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:** I wish to offer my sincere thanks for the Christmas cards and greetings I have received, and for your most generous Offering on Christmas Day. The only repayment I can make is a promise to keep you all in my prayers, and that I will do... Fr. Shyju.

**SATURDAY MASS:** There will NOT be Saturday Vigil Mass next weekend. Also please note other information in this Newsletter regarding Masses in Jan – Feb, 2026.

**CAROL SERVICE** held last **Sunday 21 December:** This was a wonderful occasion and enabled us to all to gather before this year ends and share the joy of Christmas. Thanks to Phil Mason, Dominic Price, Ros Nockles and Chris Grey who made everything possible.

**THANK YOU:** 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 last Sunday's Carol Concert. 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+