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BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 11 JANUARY 2026	
SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU	HOLY MASS TIMES
Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the bridge between Jesus' hidden life and his public mission. While John offered a baptism of repentance for sinners, Jesus—the sinless one—humbled himself to stand in line with us. By entering the Jordan, he didn't receive sanctification from the water; rather, he sanctified the waters for us. In the Gospel of Matthew (Year A), we witness the heavens opening and the Spirit descending like a dove. The Father's voice declares: <i>"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."</i> This moment is a blueprint for our own identity. Through our Baptism, the heavens open for us, too. We are no longer defined by our mistakes, our careers, or the world's expectations. We are defined by our belonging to God. As we begin Ordinary Time, let this feast remind us that we are called to live a life "well-pleasing" to the Father. We are empowered by the same Spirit to bring justice and light to a weary world.	Datchet Sat 10 06.00pm Kathleen Wall RIP
	Eton Sun 11 09.30am Sally Grey RIP
	Datchet Sun 11 11.00am Monica Taylor Int.
	Datchet Mon 12 09.30am Datchet Anniversary
	Datchet Thu 15 09.30am Lucy Kellett Int.
ROSARY: Twenty minutes prior to Holy Mass	CONFESSION: After Mass or by appointment

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: 04 January 2026: Cash £335 SOs £215

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 Fr. Shyju.

DATCHET ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING: Monday 12 January is the anniversary of the day on which our St. Augustine's Church in Datchet was opened. You are most welcome to attend the mass on Monday to mark this special occasion.

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 2026 (inclusive).

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.

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

CASPAR PARISH DATA SYSTEM: 'Caspar' is a digital solution program which begins as a parish database. Many parishes across our diocese are already using Caspar successfully and reaping the many benefits from it. The Diocese is encouraging all the parishes in the diocese to use it. They say that the Caspar is a parish tool which they hope will improve efficiency of communications for the parish team and enable parishioners to feel valued, digitally. They state, that it is not a diocesan tool used centrally to communicate with parishioners. 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.