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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT– 22 FEBRUARY 2026				
SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM FR. SHYJU				
Today, the Spirit leads Jesus into the desert – not to punish him, but to prepare him. Lent is our “desert time”. It’s a season to strip away the noise and distractions that clutter our souls. When we face our temptations, we aren’t alone. Jesus has walked this path before us. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we realign our hearts with God’s will. Let us embrace these forty days to find clarity, renew our faith and return to the Lord.				
SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES		HOLY MASS TIMES		
ROSARY 20 mins prior to Mass ADORATION Weekdays at 8.30am BENEDICTION Thu. after 9.30am Mass CONFESSION After Mass or by appointment	Datchet	Sat 21	06.00pm	Holy Souls
	Eton	Sun 22	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Sun 22	11.00am	Baby Sienna Int.
	Datchet	Mon 23	No Mass	
	Datchet	Tue 24	09.30am	Thanksgiving
	Eton	Wed 25	06.30pm	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Thu 26	09.30am	Lucia Herrera Int.
	Datchet	Fri 27	09.30am	Helen Dennis Int.
	Datchet	Sat 28	No Mass	

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

OFFERTORY 15 FEBRUARY: Cash: £187 **Standing Orders:** £215 per week.
(Please note the cash offertory on 8 February was £288).

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

SATURDAY MASS will be held in Datchet this Saturday (21 Feb). There is not a Mass next Saturday (28 Feb).

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY will be observed on **Friday 27 February**. A second collection for CAFOD will be taken at Masses on Sunday 01 March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent *after* the 9.30am Mass in Datchet.

LENTEN SOUP will be served in St. Augustine’s Jubilee Room after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 01 March**. Donations will be requested to support CAFOD. Other dates will be announced.

WALK WITH ME: A daily reflection booklet for Lent is available to collect from the back of the Church. This is a kind gift from Bishop David Oakley to help us on our journey through our Lenten season.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: In preparation for Holy Week, a penitential service will be held on **Tuesday 17 March at 7pm** in St. Augustine’s. There will be an opportunity for individual confession and priests will be available to assist with this. Please note the date.

JOB VACANCY: There is a job vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administrative support to the Parish of St. Anthony’s, (Farnham Road), Slough. This is an office based role, which requires 12 hours per week, to be worked on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am until 1pm. Further information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

PARISH MISSION: This coming week (**23 to 27 February**), the Parish of Holy Family, Langley (SL3 7UD) are hosting a Parish Mission preached by the Redemptorist Fathers. The Mission Service starts at 7pm each evening and lasts for an hour. They’ll look at different aspects of our Catholic Faith (respectively: Prayer, Our Lady, Death & Eternal Life, The Eucharist, Gifts & Service). Confession available afterwards.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held at 2pm on Friday 06 March in St. Mary’s Church, Datchet. The country of Nigeria has prepared the service this year. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be refreshments afterwards.

SVP SLOUGH, St. Vincent de Paul Society, works to support individuals and families facing hardship by offering friendship, food support and practical assistance. They would be delighted to welcome new members and anyone interested in learning more about their work. For more information contact Cedrica 07767 477402 or Angela 07889 931818.

SUPPORT THE FOODBANK: Boxes for donations can be found in each Church. 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 Always Required: soap, toilet rolls, strong carrier bags.