

#### Newsletter—Friday 25th April

Volume 26

#### Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! I hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the Easter weekend.

We arrived back at school this week with the incredibly sad news of Pope Francis' death. Pope Francis has been a true inspiration and has been a leader who has been about promoting action. As we now move forward as a Catholic Church, we pray that the College of Cardinals use their spiritual guidance to select a new Pope to lead our Catholic Church.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."

The weather has been splendid during the Easter holidays and it hasn't failed us as we return for the Summer Term. This term is always a busy one with lots of events happening. We will keep you updated with the dates so please do keep an eye on the weekly newsletter. The first date to let you know about is the Marian Mass that we will be holding on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. This is our Mass where we celebrate our Holy Mother, Mary as we celebrate her during the month of May. During this next month, the children will be praying the Holy Rosary.

Just a reminder that the children can start to wear summer uniform. Please ensure that the girls summer dresses meet the uniform policy. The jump suit style of summer dress shouldn't be worn as these are not practical for the school day. Girls are allowed to wear sports shorts under their summer dress if this makes them feel more comfortable.

The Friends of OLOP are already back into action and are planning the first event of this term. We will be holding the colour run on 10<sup>th</sup> May on the school field. Please do sign up for this event, which I can assure you from experience, will be great fun for all of the children. There will also be a BBQ and bar.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

God bless,

**Mr Stopps** 

#### Important May/June dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed **Thursday 1st Open Day by appointment only** 9.30am-10:15am Saturday 10th Friends of OLOP Colour Run **12pm** Friday 16th **Friends of OLOP Coffee Morning** Monday 19th Marian Mass Liturgy—10:30am **Tuesday 20th** Year 3 trip to RHS Wisley Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – INSET Day

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

#### **Class Attendance:**

RHA—St Valentine –93.5% RHC—St Joseph – 93.5% Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –92.1% Yr1—St Bernadette –95.4% Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –95.7% Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –95.9% Yr3—St Paul –94.8% Yr3—St Paul –94.8% Yr4—St Peter –95.9% Yr4—St Peter –95.9% Yr4—St John-Bosco –94.9% Yr5—St Thomas More –94.8% Yr5—St Clare of Assisi –95.1% Yr6—St Maximilian –95.8% Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –94.3%

Whole School—94.8%



### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

#### This week's pupils of the week are:

- NURSERY Cara
- RHA—St Valentine—Avika
- RHC—St Joseph—Whole Class
- Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Valentina
- Yr1—St Bernadette—Athesh
- Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Holly
- Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Lunabelle
- Yr3—St Paul—Mikayla
- Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Aston
- Yr4—St Peter—Sophia
- Yr4—St John-Bosco—Jose
- Yr5—St Thomas More—Helena
- Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Isobella
- Yr6—St Maximilian—Jacob
- Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Jake

Congratulations to all of our pupils of the week for your hard work and achievements this week.





### **PENCIL CASE REMINDER**

As we start another term, please could you check your child's pencil cases (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) to ensure they have the correct equipment for school. We do appreciate parents supplying the equipment as it supports our budget immensely!

Each child needs:

Pencil Sharpener Rubber White Board Pen Blue Berol Handwriting Pen (Not biro) Glue Stick 30cm easy to read ruler Colouring pencils Pack of basic felt tip pens (No sharpies)





## PLEA FOR ART RESOURCES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the year 1 Art topic this term, the children will be making sculptures.

Mrs Sidhu and Mrs Hodges would be very grateful for any of the following items for the children to use:

Haberdashery: Assorted fabrics off-cuts, ribbons, pom-poms, braiding, wool, cottons.

Collage – assorted coloured/patterned papers, sweet wrappers, recycled wrapping paper, tin foil.

Small cereal boxes/card.

Please leave your items with Mrs Hodges and Mrs Sidhu.

Many thanks for your support.





## **MY ACTIVE CALENDAR**



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www.getset4education.co.uk



## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Search engines are a routine part of everyday life, giving instant access to billions of web pages; however, this also increases the risk of children encountering harmful, untrustworthy, or illegal content.

We've created this free guide – also available in podcast format – offering parents and educators quickfire information about the risks of search engines and practical steps that can be taken to safeguard children online.





## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

As technology becomes increasingly embedded in young people's lives, it's common for them to form friendships entirely online. These connections can provide companionship and community — but they also bring potential dangers that parents and educators need to be aware of.

From online grooming and privacy breaches to exposure to upsetting content, meeting people on the internet isn't without risk. This guide explains the possible hazards of online friendships and gives parents and educators essential advice on helping children build safe, positive relationships online.





#### **FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS**

Dates:

10th May - Colour Run 28th June - OLOP Fest

#### Colour Run

Have you registered yet???





Our first ever Friends of OLOP sponsored Colour Run will be held on Saturday 10th May from 12pm and we are looking forward to a fun filled rainbow-coloured afternoon. The course will be set up on the school field, with a few obstacles along the way - the children will run in their year groups and as they run, they will be showered with coloured powder. Mr Madigan will be getting everyone ready with a fun warm-up session before they begin - but this is not a race and all children taking part can run or walk at their own pace.

\*\*\*Also, just confirmed - during the Colour Run we'll be raffling the chance to 'Gunge the Teacher!!!' Mr Madigan has bravely volunteered to step up and be gunged. Each entry into the draw will cost £1 on the day and the winning ticket holders will get to pour the gunge<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

Registration is still open through ParentPay for all year groups from Nursery to Year 6 and costs £3 per child registration will close at 9am on Thursday 1st May. Older siblings up to the age of 14 are welcome to join in; their place must be booked through their siblings ParentPay and they will run with them. Children under Nursery age are not able to participate for health and safety reasons. All participants must be pre-registered - you will not be able to just turn up on the day to take part as we need to pre-order the powder and plan timings for year group runs.

The children will have brought home a sponsor form and we're asking for them to try to collect sponsorship from friends and family for taking part in the Colour Run.

Thank you to High Street Mortgages, Simmons & Son Slough and Bridget Orr (Chairman of the Cippenham Royal British Legion Club for sponsoring the event.



### **FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS**

#### Rainbow Raffle

Thank you for all your wonderful donations for our Rainbow Raffle Hampers. Raffle tickets are now on sale through ParentPay and the winners will be drawn during the Colour Run. Thank you to Claire's Comfy Canines for sponsoring the raffle and donating a £50 gift voucher as a prize.

#### **OLOPFest**

Make sure you save the date for OLOPFest on Saturday 28th June! Our summer event is always our biggest of the year and this time we're having a Festival.... We have live music performances by our fabulous school choir, as well as Sing4You Community Choir and the amazing local band Daft will be our headline act to end the day. We'll still have bouncy castles, penalty shoot-out and the splash zone as well as food, drink and festival-themed stalls.

Tickets will be available soon so look out for more details.....

#### Preloved Uniform Sales

Our preloved school uniform is available through www.uniformerly.co.uk

We have summer dresses, shorts and polo shirts available as well as pinafore dresses, skirts and trousers



#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORT**

Everyone Welcome at the Curve 18th June 2025

Please see Flyer below for a Community Event at The Curve in June.



### **VOLUNTEERING IN SLOUGH**

# Thinking about Volunteering in Slough?

Come and have a chat with Tagreed and find the right opportunity in the community for you.

now



prop-in Session





(🖂) volunteering@sloughcvs.org.uk

Monday 12th May 2025 9am-11am

Penn Road Children's Centre, Manor Park. Slough, **SL2 1PG** 

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#### **FREE SELF DEFENCE CLASSES**

Please see below information about Self-defence classes that are being provided by the Community Safety Partnership as part of Stalking Awareness Week.

# FREE Self Defence CLASSES

As part of Stalking Awareness Week, free self defence classes will be running.

> Open to all, no need to book.

# 6.30-8pm

Langley

Pavilion

Langley Road, SL3 8BS

Thursday 24 April

Monday 28 April

Cippenham Community Centre Earls Lane, SL1 5TD

- Tuesday 22 April
- Wednesday 23 April

For queries, email **communitysafety1@slough.gov.uk** 

Safer Slough Partnership



### COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SAFETY

# Unsure if you are a victim of stalking?

Record any evidence of stalking. This could be date and time stamped photos of gifts left for you, screenshots of text messages or missed calls you have received, etc this will help the police file for a protection order.



For support, contact: National Stalking Helpline: 0808 802 0300 Aurora New Dawn: 023 9247 9254 Out of hours helpline 5pm to 8am Monday to Friday and 24hrs over the weekend: 02394 216816 Paladin: info@paladinservice.co.uk - 020 3866 4107, they also have a Young people's service (16-24)

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### COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SAFETY

20:20 Wednesday, 23 April
Messages new Why aren't you replying? I know you've seen my messages. Pick up my calls
Messages 3 mins ago I know where you were last night. Funny how you 'needed space' but can go out
Messages 15 mins ago If you don't answer me, I will come and find you
Messages 15 mins ago You don't care about me at all



# They didn't break into your house, but they're in your phone

Digital stalking is just as dangerous as physical stalking.

Stalking is a crime. Don't stay silent.

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#### **CHURCH BULLETIN**



#### Our Lady of Peace & St. Andrew's Church Parish Newsletter



#### Second Sunday of Easter (C)

THANK YOU from Fr Anthony & Fr Amal for your generous Easter offering and for all the gifts and cards received.

A heartfelt thank you to our sacristans - Alma, Millie, Cedrica & Lisa - for their tireless service, the flower arrangements team, the church cleaning crew, all our altar servers, welcomers, readers, the Tea & Coffee team and our wonderful choir members. Your hard work and devotion played a vital role in making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations truly beautiful and prayerful. A warm thank you to all parishioners who took part in the liturgies and celebrations. May the joy of the Risen Christ continue to bless you and your families in abundance.

Mass Times & Intentions 26<sup>th</sup> Apr Patrick McMorrow RIP (Goldberg) OLOP Sat 6 pm Ken Conlon RIP (O'Shea Family) 27<sup>th</sup> Apr OLOP 9.30 Michael Jonathan Rodrigues RIP Birthday Sun Remembrance (Christina Rodrigues) Billy McDonald RIP (John McDonald) Sean Flannery RIP 10th Anniversary (Flannery) Audrey Truman RIP (Brid Vaughan) A. McDonald RIP (John McDonald) 11.30 St. A Lynn Roberts RIP (O'Donnell) 28<sup>th</sup> Apr OLOP 9.30 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Apr Effie Vanessa Madappallil INT Birthday (Borges) OLOP 9.30 Tue Mary McCarthy INT (Denise) 30<sup>th</sup> Apr Wed OLOP 9.30 Family Intention (Christina) Alma Pepaj & Family INT (R. Group) Madam Fadera Agbaje RIP 65th Anniversary (Edward) Thur 1<sup>st</sup> May St. A 9.30 Special Intention for Thami Sibisi & The Sibisi Family (Nkabinde) Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May OLOP 9.30 Yvonne Cafferty INT (Denise) Val & Marie Corcoran RIP (Corcoran Family) 3<sup>rd</sup> May OLOP 10.00 **No Morning Mass** Sat 11.00 **First Holy Communion Mass** Margaret Doone RIP (O'Shea Family) 6 pm Tom & Jenny Donnelly RIP (Paul & Trish Kilkenny) Mills (Foundation) George Rawling RIP (Maria Rawling) 4<sup>th</sup> May OLOP 9.30 Sun Frank Wrapson RIP (Madeleine Bowron) Bob Potter RIP (CWL) 11.30 St. A ANNE Heath the for Sister Susan Brown (Barry) OLOP **First Holy Communion Mass** 1 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: First Reconciliations will take place in Our Lady of Peace Church THIS Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Please note that there will be Holy Communion related sacramentals on sale at the end of this service. Please continue to pray for our children so that they will grow in their appreciation of the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Stonehill who will receive The Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the 9.30am Mass. Please keep Ben in your prayers.

✤ Godspower Onyekachi Wali, Emmanuella Chibroma Wali, Delight Sarima Wali, Isabella Sobulachi Wali & Ivan Chimeka Wali who will be baptised on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please keep them, along with their parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

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D 01628 605764 office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org



OFFERTORY COLLECTION <u>13<sup>th</sup> April</u> Loose Collection: £866.98 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £25.05

20th April Loose Collection: £2,420.04 DONA Plate: £167.16

Holy Thursday: £344.90 Good Friday: £767.17



MASS SCHEDULE Mondays – Wednesdays & Fridays OLOP @ 9:30am Thursdays St Andrews @ 9:30am Saturdays OLOP @10:00am WEEKEND MASSES Saturdays Vigil OLOP @ 6:00pm Sundays OLOP @ 9:30am

St Andrews @ 11:30am MORNING PRAYER Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 9:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 9:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 9:15am

ADORATION Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 8:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 8:45am

Thursdays St. Andrews @ 8:30am PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Priest: Rev. Anthony Dampson, SMA

Assistant Priest: Rev. Amalraj Lawrence, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

Secretary: Mrs. Venecia Godinho <a>D 01628 605764</a>

Lead Sacristan: Ms. Alma Pepaj

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort © 07456 948001 / Safeguarding.olop@northamptondio

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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School © 01628 661886

All bookings for St Andrew's Please contact the bookings secretary on © 07546 710834.

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG



#### **CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED**

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY 3rd & SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025

Maja, Lucas, Madison, Jaden, Shenomi, Godspower, Delight, Emmanuella, Gabriella, Emily F., Adriel, Nicole, Emily M., Sebastian, Antonio.

Sofia, Alessia, Kaia, Emilia, Olivier, Frances, Esmae, Tyler, Aoife, Abigail Rose.

**PARISH MASS BOOKS – DEDICATION OPPORTUNITY:** If you have purchased a book and wish to dedicate it in memory or in honour of a loved one, we warmly invite you to submit their name(s) to the Parish Office. These dedications will be included in the front pages of the books, serving as a lasting tribute within our worship community. Kindly email the Parish Office at office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org.

Let us continue to pray for one another as we look forward to enhancing participation in our Mass through the use of these books.

#### VACANCY

**PARISH SECRETARY:** We have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administrative support to the parish of Holy Redeemer, Slough. The role is for 10 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed with the successful candidate. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <u>https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs</u> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: <u>hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org</u> Interview date to be confirmed. **Closing date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025** 

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2025: At St Anthonys RC Church, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE on Sunday 27 April at 2:30pm. The service will be led by Mgr. Sean Healy and will include Procession, Holy Mass, Talk on 'Living God's Mercy', Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate with us "25 Years of Ministry". Call Millie 07957 594646. MASS CHANGE: Please note there will be **No Mass** at 10.00am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at OLOP. There will instead be First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00am.

**24-HOUR ADORATION:** Please note that due to scheduling conflicts with the celebration of marriages and other sacraments, First Friday 24-Hour Adoration and the Hour of Grace scheduled for  $2^{nd}$  May have regrettably been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish here the banns of marriage between Mark Kevin Conroy, son of Thomas Francis Conroy & Marie Conroy and Victoria Anne James, daughter of Godfrey James & Wendy James.

They Intend getting married at Our Lady of Peace Church, Burnham. Anyone knowing of any reason why this marriage should not take place is bound to bring it to our attention as soon as possible.

This is the First reading of the banns of marriage. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH JUBILEE EVENT – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: We are, however, delighted to invite you to our massive parish Jubilee event, "Pilgrims of Hope," on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Burnham. The Amazing Catholic musical collective One Hope Project—renowned across the UK for inspiring fresh expressions of worship—will lead us in song, and Fr. Andy Richardson has kindly agreed to deliver a reflection on our theme. Please bring your friends to this uplifting celebration and help touch the life of a loved one forever! Further details will follow soon.

**300 CLUB:** The spring draw for the 300 Club was held after Massat St Andrew's on Sunday 13th April. The winners are1stPrize No 34 Shirley Fernandes £602nd Prize No 19 MattDevereux £403rd Prize No 58 Madeleine Bowron £25.

The next draw will be in the Autumn and if you have joined before  $30^{\rm th}$  September, you will also be eligible for the St Andrew's Day draw for a prize of £100. Contact Shelagh on 07941 432706 for more information.

**RED BOXES:** The report for 2024 has been released from the Head Office of MISSIO. With much gratitude, an amount of **£3,599.16** has been acknowledged, donated in support of the Mill Hill Fathers, from this parish of Our Lady of Peace and St. Andrew's.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5:12-16 More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

Psalm 118(117) R/ *Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures forever.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev 1:9-11a 'I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. Gospel: John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came.

**CREDO:** I believe in God, the Father almighty Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of ins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.** 

# GO IN PEACE





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Reminder: A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be held today at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Peace Church.

