

### Newsletter—Friday 24th January

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Dear Parents,

Hoping you have all had a good week.



This year in the Catholic Church is a Jubilee Year. In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. It started on Christmas Eve 2024 and will conclude on the Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Schools across the country have been asked to recognise this special year and celebrate it with the children. We will be launching this on Monday during our whole school assembly. The focus of this Jubilee is about being pilgrims of hope and this couldn't be more important now at a time when there is poverty, war and conflict across the globe. With the children we will begin by thinking about what hope means to us as individuals and then how we can bring hope to others close to us. We are looking forward to celebrating this holy year and will be arranging a variety of activities across the rest of 2025 to reflect and take part.

Last Friday we had the Friends of OLOP AGM. My thanks go to the parents who attended this meeting. Without the support of all our parents, we are unable to provide the additional resources and activities that the children experience here at Our Lady of Peace. I would like to thank the Friends who have recently agreed to help put some funds towards a new class set of iPads which will support our new computing curriculum. These will also provide extra opportunities for the children to access online learning resources in the classroom. The Friends have also agreed to purchase some new dictionaries for Years 5 and 6 to support them in developing their vocabulary. Money has also been reserved to support some special themed days we have coming up over the next few weeks. Plans are also well underway for some other exciting events that the Friends have planned for the rest of the year. Please do continue to support where you can!

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

**Mr Stopps** 

### **Important dates:**

January

Wednesday 29th—Year 4 to Ufton Court February Tuesday 4th—Year 6 to Mass at OLOP—9:30am Tuesday 11th—Year 5 to Mass at OLOP—9:30am Friday 14th—Friends Doughnut & Sweet Treat Sale Friday 14th—Term Ends Monday 17th—Friday 21st—Half Term Monday 24th—Term Starts

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### **Class Attendance:**

RHA—St Valentine –92.6%

RHC—St Joseph – 91.1%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –86.4%

Yr1—St Bernadette –93%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –97.9%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –93.9%

Yr3—St Paul -90.4%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –79.6%

Yr4—St Peter –96.3%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –94.6%

Yr5—St Thomas More –92.4%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi –94.6%

Yr6—St Maximilian –98.6%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –94.3%

Whole school weekly attendance: 95.30%



### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

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

- RHA—St Valentine—Shiloh & Tiffany
- RHC—St Joseph—Timizo
- Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska— Taha
- Yr1—St Bernadette—Harleen
- Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Ruby
- Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Boris
- Yr3—St Paul—Stefan
- Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Antony
- Yr4—St Peter— Milena
- Yr4—St John-Bosco— Igor
- Yr5—St Thomas More—Jacob
- Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— Ananya
- Yr6—St Maximilian—Amelsona
- Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Aaban

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





## **MY ACTIVE CALENDAR**



### A MESSAGE FROM MRS SIDHU

### Dear Parents/Carers,

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I hope this message finds you well. As you may know, I have recently taken on the role of SENDCo this term. I wanted to inform you that I am available to discuss any queries or concerns you may have regarding SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

I will be available for appointments on Mondays. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the office to schedule a time, and we will get back to you promptly.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sidhu



## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

#### <u>ТІКТОК</u>

Among children – and especially teenagers – TikTok boasts approximately 220 million users, providing a nearendless reel of short clips intended to entertain, educate and more. However, along with its enormous userbase comes a significant number of possible risks: Ofcom have dubbed it the most likely app on which teen users would potentially suffer harm.

With the platform reaching astronomical levels of success among the younger generation, it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the risks it poses. This free guide lets you know about the most prominent potential dangers associated with TikTok and offers expert advice on how to safeguard youngsters who are navigating the site.





## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS APPS**

Over time, more and more fitness apps have been finding their way into circulation. Usually free to download – at least initially – these apps claim to offer helpful advice and assistance in routine management to those looking to lead a healthier lifestyle.

While these platforms can be useful, they do present several safety concerns. These issues become more significant when we consider that children and young people can use these apps to stay active – whether out of concern for their own health or for reasons of body image. Our free guide breaks down the risks of health and fitness apps and offers expert advice on how to address these concerns to safeguard younger users.





## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kyra in Year 6 who took part in a Feis (Irish dancing competition) which was held in High Wycombe. Kyra performed in front of lots of people and was judged throughout the competition. Kyra did astoundingly well to come first in 4 of her events and second in another. A huge well done to Kyra for her fantastic dancing achievement!!



With Christ in our hearts, together we grow

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## FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

We have lots planned for this term, including some new events that we haven't tried before so look out for lots more details coming soon.

Friday 14th February - Doughnuts and Sweet Treats Sale

Start the half-term with a delicious doughnut or sweets, on sale after school in the car park.



### Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February - Little Recyclers Clothing Collection

Our next clothing collection will be on 27th and 28th February so is a great opportunity to have a de-clutter and sort your wardrobes out over the half term break. Little Recyclers will accept good quality clothing, shoes, bags and accessories and we are paid by the weight collected, so it's an easy way to support our fundraising while reducing waste and promoting reuse and recycling.





## **FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED**

### **Preloved School Uniform**

Our preloved school uniform is available through

<u>www.uniformerly.co.uk</u> All items listed are good quality and an absolute bargain. If you have any outgrown or unwanted uniform, we would be grateful for any donations. Thank you.



### **Other upcoming events**

Have you seen our Upcoming Events Poster yet? They can be found around the school so have a look as there are lots of new events coming up!

Although still a while away, put Saturday the 10th May in your diary because we will be hosting our very first Colour Run!!!



## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DROP-IN CLINICS AND SESSIONS

Please see below the timetable for Community Clinics and Community Sessions that are run by Nursery Nurses, School Nurses and Health Visitors. They are present for parents to have direct contact and support. Further contact details are on the Timetable below.

#### Public Health Nursing Drop-in Clinic and Group Sessions

November 2024 to January 2025

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### HEALTH INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Please see the Flyer below for details of Drop In Sessions at local Children's Centres/Family Hubs. The sessions cover a range of health related themes and there is no need to book.

# Slough's **Children's Centres/Family Hubs** Parent Health Education Groups





## **SEND SUPPORT**

# Please see the attached information from the GEMS Team regarding upcoming workshops they are running.



We are delighted to announce we have released a one-off workshop called Navigating School Avoidance.

Navigating School Avoidance

Hosted by the Autism Group:

To understand what EBSA/ERSA is. Recognising potential early signs in our children. Exploring strategies to support our children. Encouraging questions and sharing experiences.

AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 26th February 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link : https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-school-avoidance-tickets-1203190096969?aff=oddtdtcreator

We have also just released a new date for our Managing Anxiety workshop.

**Managing Anxiety** 

Hosted by The Autism Group:

What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety & some tried & tested strategies to tackle it.

AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link : https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1036680107107?aff=oddtdtcreator

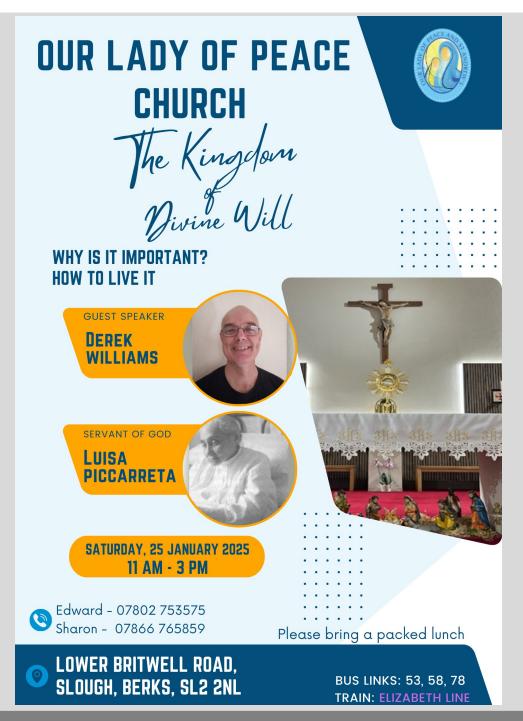
We have many other available workshops if the above do not suit your needs. Please take a look at our website.

https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/



### **CHURCH NEWS**

A reminder for the wonderful event taking place tomorrow from 11am to 3pm at Our Lady of Peace Church.





### CHURCH BULLETIN



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



### Third Sunday of the Year (C)

A FAREWELL RECEPTION / MASS: As Fr. Marek prepares for his transfer to a new parish, it is important that the congregation express their gratitude and send him off with prayers and well wishes. Hence, a farewell Mass will be held on Friday, February 14th at 7pm in St Andrew's Church, followed by a time of sharing. We encourage everyone to come and personally express gratitude to Fr. Marek. We ask for your continued prayers as he embarks on this new chapter in his missionary journey.

As a token of our appreciation for his love and service to this Church, a retiring collection will be taken at the end of all Masses on 15th & 16th February. Thank you for your usual generosity in support of such important causes.

		OFFERTORY COLLECTION							
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	OLOP	6 pm	Mark Kindred RIP (Batt) Chief Mojeed Agbaje RIP Birthday Remembrance (Edward)	Loose Collection: £907.00 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £28.60				
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	OLOP	9.30	Thanksgiving for Daniel Godinho Birthday (Borges) Louisa Abbruzzese RIP (Abbruzzese Family) Roseline Onyeabor RIP (Michael Onyeabor) Thanksgiving for Luiza & Alessandra Pepaj Birthday INT (Pepaj) Margaret Tabliba RIP	DONA Plate: £68.81				
		St. A	11.30	Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP (Telles Family) Kathleen Kerrigan RIP 18th Anniversary					
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	OLOP	9.30	Maria Rawling INT (Eleonore Kempson) Thanksgiving for Asher Fernandes Birthday INT (Preston & Anisha Fernandes)	Thursdays St Andrews @ 9:30am Fridays OLOP @ 9:30am Saturdays OLOP @ 10:00am WEEKEND MASSES Saturdays Vigil OLOP @ 6:00pm Sundays OLOP @ 9:30am St Andrews @ 11:30am				
Tue	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	OLOP	9.30	Joy Newby RIP (O'Donnell)					
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	OLOP	9.30	Thanksgiving for Jewel Madappallil Birthday (Borges)					
Thur	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St. A	9.30	Slim Flaumanis Birthday INT (Christina) Ophelia Almeida RIP 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Almeida Family)					
Fri	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	OLOP	9.30	Norman Grimmette RIP (Kay)	MORNING PRAYER				
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	OLOP	10.00	John Issitt RIP (Kay)	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 9:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 9:45am				
		OLOP	6 pm	Keith and Peter Hegarty RIP (Paul Kilkenny) Madeleine Brown RIP (Pauline Lawes)	Thursdays St. Andrews @ 9:15am				
Sun		OLOP	9.30	Deirdre Purcell and Family INT (M Heaney) Norah Hayes and Family INT (M Heaney) Russ Pooley and Family INT (M Heaney) Marian Balcerski RIP (Miriam Balcerski) Eammon Byrne RIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Anne Byrne)	ADORATION Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 8:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 8:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 8:30am PARISH INFORMATION				
		St. A	11.30	Thanksgiving Intention (Annie Ryan)	Parish Priest: Rev. Anthony Dampson				
		St. A	3 pm	'Goan Mass'	SMA				
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CHILDREN LITURGY: There will be a liturgy of the word This Sunday 26th January at OLOP, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3 during the 9.30am mass.

ADDRESS: THE PRESBYTERY, LOWER BRITWELL ROAD, SLOUGH, SL2 2NL ① 01628 605764 Solution of the second second

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG

on (1) 07546 710834.

All bookings for St Andrew's Please contact the bookings secretary



### **CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED**

#### DECEASED

 Please pray for Francis Cardozo 'Charlie' RIP who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Crematorium.

Please pray for Lucy Sweeney RIP who died recently, her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed by burial at Parkside Cemetery. Lucy and Sean were former Parishioners in Our Lady of Peace before moving away, it was Lucy's wish to have her Requiem Mass in Our Lady of Peace Church.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The Burnham Section of the Catholic Women's League will be holding their next meeting at St Andrew's Shared Church at 2:30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Visitors are very welcome to attend and find out more about us. There will be a short meeting then plenty of time for tea and biscuits.

ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL 150 YEARS OF THE SCHOOL CHAPEL: 2025 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the School Chapel at St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School and the school is already planning various events that will create lasting memories and honour the rich history of the chapel and school community. The celebratory theme is 'Past, Present and Future." Events will involve connecting with the Bernardine Sisters, reestablishing some of our international links, an alumni exhibition weekend, fundraising activities, engaging the Diocese, local parishes and partner schools and our local community...more information coming soon!

#### RETROUVAILLE

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ...27 February to 2 March 2025. Call or text 0788 7296983 Email:info@retrouvaille.org.uk www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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2025 CALENDAR NOW ON SALE: The 2025 Calendars are now available for purchase at the church. It features important liturgical dates and feast days, making it a valuable resource for the year ahead. Price £5 each.

#### JUBILEE CHURCHES IN OUR DIOCESE:

Bishop David has designated three churches as Jubilee Churches they are: • Northampton Cathedral

- Holy Child and St Joseph in Bedford
- St Peter, Marlow.

Parishes and pastoral areas are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of these churches during this jubilee year. Please make contact with the parish so that you can be properly welcomed.

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH: EDITH STEIN, 14 – 16 MARCH 2025: Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indominatable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book: <u>https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-</u> stein/

MENS' SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, 30 MARCH – 4 APRIL 2025: A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and to book: <a href="https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/">https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/</a>

CARE OF CREATION RETREATS: The Ecological Conversion Group and Sr Margaret Atkins of the Canonesses of St Augustin are running two care of creation retreats this year on the theme of "The Joy of Limits". They will be held at Boarbank Hall Cumbria. The dates are 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. You can find all images and pdf flyers as well as more information on our events page. www.journeyto2030.org/events. For more information, or to book, email: margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: This year our diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14 June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 'They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.' Psalm 19/(18) R/ Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

MASS TEXT

Psaim 19/(18) R/ Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

 $2^{nd}$  Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 'You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.'

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.'

**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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.** 

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