



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 6th December

Volume 12

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to share the news that another new member of the OLOP school family arrived on Sunday 24th November. Mr O’Keeffe’s baby boy, Reuben, arrived safely. We welcome back Mr O’Keeffe to school on Monday who has been enjoying some special time with his family.

This week we said goodbye to a member of our admin team. Mrs Caroline Dunkin has worked within the Finance Team since September 2022. We thank Mrs Dunkin for all of her hard work and support that she has provided the school. We wish her all the very best for her next chapter.

Last Saturday we enjoyed the Christmas Fair and it was truly an enjoyable day with some festive fun. My thanks go to all of the Friends of OLOP team who worked incredibly hard to put this event together. A staggering £3655 was raised! Our best total yet. Without the parents supporting these events, we wouldn’t be able to raise these funds. All the money raised supports the school in providing resources and events for the pupils that our school budget can’t cover. Thank you!

Last Sunday, the Choir and Mrs Smith performed at the Our Lady of Peace Parish concert. The children performed wonderfully and we have received such positive feedback from members of the parish. Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to Mrs Smith for her time and effort into providing these musical opportunities for the children in the school.

We have lot’s coming up over the next two weeks with Christmas lunches and Christmas concerts. Please do make sure you’ve checked the dates within this newsletter so that you don’t miss what’s coming up.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Stopps

Important dates:

December:

Monday 9th

EYFS Carol Concert—9:15am –10am

Evening Music Concert—5:30pm

Tuesday 10th

Lower Key Stage Christmas Dinner/
Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th

Upper Key Stage Christmas Dinner/
Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th

Year 2 & 3 Christmas Play

Friday 13th

Year 1 Christmas Concert—9:15am

Year 2 & 3 Christmas Play

—1:30pm to 2:45pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine —94%

RHC—St Joseph — 90%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska —99.6%

Yr1—St Bernadette —100%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta —96%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene —96.4%

Yr3—St Paul —95%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres —95.6%

Yr4—St Peter —95.6%

Yr4—St John-Bosco —94.5%

Yr5—St Thomas More —93.2%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi —96.4%

Yr6—St Maximilian —93%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita —96.7%

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.2%

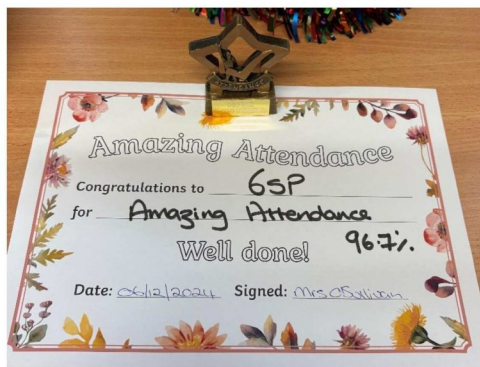


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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

Classes of The Week – week ending 6th December 2024

Well done 1EH and 6SP – Great Attendance again!





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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

RHA—St Valentine—**Ivy & Saam**

RHC—St Joseph—**Aaron**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—**Hanaya**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Leon**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—**The Whole Class**

Yr2—St Mary Magadlene—**Mia F**

Yr3—St Paul—**Esmae**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**Aliza**

Yr4—St Peter—**Junior**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Dominica**

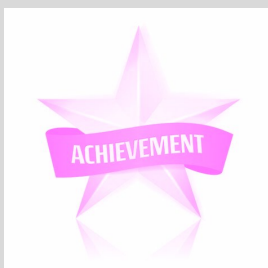
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Keira**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—**Tobias**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Ashmika**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Lucas**

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





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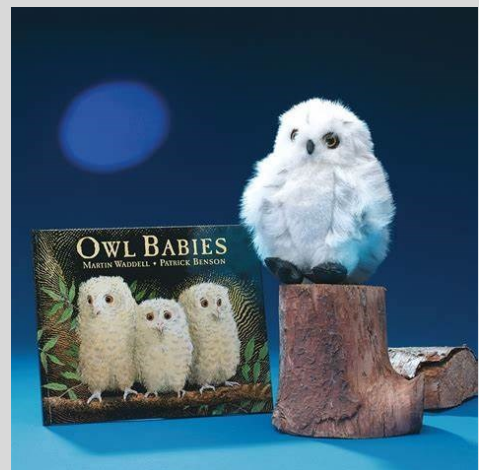
MESSAGE FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We would be grateful if you are able to bring in any puppets, wooden characters and small soft toys to support storytelling and writing in Reception.

Thank you for your support

Miss Arampatzi and Miss Chapman





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OPEN DAYS



OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL WHERE CHILDREN
OF ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME

OPEN DAYS

**TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024 &
THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025
9:15 - 10:45AM**

In July 2024

**79% achieved a Good Level of Development in
Reception**

93% passed the Phonics Screening Check

**88% achieved the expected standard in Reading
and Maths in Year 6**

**84% achieved the expected standard in Writing
in Year 6**

 01628 661 886

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK
EMAIL: ADMISSIONS@OLOPPRIMARY.CO.UK



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MY ACTIVE CALENDAR



Get Set 4 Education

My Active Calendar



It is always important to keep fit and healthy (and have fun doing it!)

Here is your very own Get Set 4 PE Active Calendar. Your challenge is to complete an active game every weekday throughout December.

Follow these steps to help you:

- Go to www.getset4education.co.uk and click on the Home Learning tab to see the Active Families Games.
- Pick an active game and play it.
- Write the name of the game you played onto your active calendar and enter a symbol to show how it made you feel. Remember, some days you may not enjoy a game but then love it on another day. Give games a go more than once.

www.getset4education.co.uk



Get Set 4 Education

My Active Calendar December 2024

Name: _____

MON TUE WED THU FRI

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30	31			

I loved this game today.

I found this game 'ok' today.

This isn't the game for me today.

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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

The rise in awareness of mental health issues has given way to several easily accessible services to help with such problems – for example, wellbeing apps promising to serve as an assistive tool for anyone in need of support. While these can be useful to some, there are a few risks which are important to consider – especially if a child or young person is using the app.

Of course, it can be tricky to know exactly where the safety concerns lie with a service intended to help and support its users – and it can be harder still to safeguard younger users. This free guide breaks down the online safety risks of mental health and wellbeing apps, before letting you know how best to keep children and young people safe if they ever wish to use these services.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING APPS

When looking at options for supporting a child's mental health, the sheer volume can be overwhelming. There are many wellbeing apps available, but unfortunately not all are trustworthy. It's important to evaluate which resources are suitable, reliable and effective. This guide lets you know what to consider before installing such an app, to determine just how useful it's going to be.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- QUALITY & RELIABILITY**
Mental health apps can be a useful starting point when looking for wellbeing advice and strategies and can be a useful extension to the in-person services available. However, they aren't a substitute. Information on the quality of some of these apps is scarce. They may look cute and child-friendly, but have they been designed by a mental health professional? Furthermore, do they have research to back up their content?
- PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON CHILDREN**
Some apps add the words 'kids' or 'children' to their title or use cartoon icons to make them more appealing to young people. When signing up for some of these apps, some will speak to the parent directly, saying something along the lines of "your child is going to go, let them take it from here". It's important to remain involved in the child's mental health journey, so regular check-ins are recommended.
- DISREGARDING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT**
Young people who feel anxious and have trouble sleeping may attempt to self-medicate with apps for help. While this is a good strategy initially, it's not addressing the root of the problem. A child could struggle managing these symptoms themselves (as opposed to speaking out and seeking professional help), which could potentially worsen their anxiety in the long run.
- LACK OF PERSONALISATION**
Mental health or wellbeing apps are useful tools for the short term, teaching users several helpful habits to manage their condition – such as keeping an illness diary, improving nutrition and practicing mindfulness exercises. As every person is unique – and children especially will grow and develop in different ways – these apps struggle to tailor themselves to users' individual needs. For example, many apps don't distinguish between the ages of users and can offer extremely generic advice.
- DATA SECURITY**
As with any other app – not just those for mental health and wellbeing – it's wise to check out the privacy policy before downloading it. Some of these applications may share data with third parties for numerous reasons (such as targeted advertisements), and if a user is sharing personal and sensitive information within the app, they probably don't want it ending up elsewhere without their consent.
- IN-APP PURCHASES**
Many apps will provide their most basic features for free but then require you to pay for other aspects – such as more tailored experience or access to additional resources. This could be a one-off fee or a regular subscription. Consider whether this is actually required. Is it benefiting the child, or could they receive the same support from a medical professional?

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CHECK THE CREDIBILITY OF THE APP**
Before you download a mental health and wellbeing app, investigate the developers. Have they consulted with qualified mental health professionals to create their resource? Also check whether the app is affiliated with any government or mental health organisations, as these are good indicators of legitimacy. Reviews can also be a useful signpost to the app's quality. There are many good apps out there, but there are just as many that miss the mark.
- READ THE PRIVACY POLICY**
Look into the app's terms of service – especially its privacy policy. Do by years that the app over to the child who is considering using the app, to ensure they know what data will be collected and how exactly it will be used. Use all of this information to make an educated decision on whether or not to download that particular app.
- SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT**
Trusted mental health and wellbeing apps designed by qualified, reputable organisations can be used alongside the professional advice and support of trained professionals. These apps should never be considered a substitute for counselling or other tailored medical help. If you have real concerns about a child's mental wellbeing, you should seek appropriate advice from a suitable source, such as their GP – or Childline, who can be contacted by calling 0800 1111.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION**
Mental health and wellbeing apps can be useful for writing down feelings, tracking your own health and other such activities. These can help if the problem is short-term and temporary – such as a child getting stressed about approaching exams – or if you're currently waiting for professional support. Nonetheless, it's important that children aren't solely reliant on the app and have a safe space to talk about their feelings and experiences in the real world.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/mental-health-apps>

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CONGRATULATIONS

We are incredibly proud to share some fantastic news about Oscar—3MP! His ballet solo has qualified for the Dance World Championships, which will take place in Burgos, Spain, in 2025!

Oscar placed an impressive 5th in the qualifying round and will have the incredible honour of representing England on the world stage. This is an amazing achievement and a testament to Oscar's hard work, dedication, and talent.

Please join us in congratulating Oscar and wishing him the very best as he prepares for this exciting journey!





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FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Christmas Fair Update

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fair last weekend, it was a wonderful day and we raised an amazing £3655 profit!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all parents and staff who helped set up and run the Fair, it really is a huge team effort and we couldn't put these events on without this support.

The money raised will directly benefit all our children in school and we look forward to sharing news of how the funds will be spent.





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FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Farm Visit

Yesterday we had a visit from Mill Cottage Farm Experience who brought their animals to school for the children to meet and to learn about their role in the nativity story.

Farmer Tom and Farmer Hollie did a great job retelling the Nativity story with live action characters and props!

Thank you for your continued support which allows us to fund these treat days for the children.





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SEND SUPPORT

Please see below information for organisations that support families who have children with special educational needs.



Special Educational Needs Disabilities

SEND-AID

SEND Advice and Information Sessions

Autumn/Winter 2024

If your child has SEND and you need advice or information, please book a 1:1 appointment at SEND-AID. We can answer your questions relating to local services, education, Disability Living Allowance and much more.

Location:	Dates:	Time:
Chalvey Grove Children Centre, Slough, SL1 2TE	Monday 16 th September 2024	09:30 – 12:00
	Monday 14 th October 2024	09:30 – 12:00
	Monday 11 th November 2024	09:30 – 12:00
	Monday 16 th December 2024	09:30 – 12:00
Online sessions	Thursday 26 th September 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	10:00 – 12:00
	Tuesday 19 th November 2024	13:00 – 15:00
	Monday 23 rd December 2024	13:00 – 15:00
Romsey Children's Centre, Slough SL3 8PE	Thursday 5 th September 2024	09:30 - 12:00
	Thursday 3 rd October 2024	09:30 - 12:00
	Thursday 7 th November 2024	09:30 - 12:00
	Thursday 12 th December 2024	09:30 - 12:00
Penn Road Children's Centre, Slough SL2 1PG	Thursday 3 rd October 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 10 th October 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 31 st October 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 7 th November 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 21 st November 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 5 th December 2024	09:00 – 12:00
	Thursday 12 th December 2024	09:00 - 12:00

To book a face to face, on-line or telephone sessions,
please contact: EarlyHelp@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk



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SEND SUPPORT CONTINUED



The Autism Group (TAG) Slough "Tea with TAG" Dates

**Contact Sheryl for more details or to book
sheryl@theautismgroup.org.uk**

Everyone is welcome

Meeting Time 10 – 11.30 a.m.	Venue
Tuesday 24th Sept	Britwell Parish Community Centre, Long Furlong Drive, Britwell, Slough, Berks, SL2 2PH
Tuesday 8th Oct	Arbour Vale School, Farnham Rd, Slough SL2 2AE
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Britwell Parish Community Centre, Long Furlong Drive, Britwell, Slough, Berks, SL2 2PH
Tuesday 26th Nov	Britwell Parish Community Centre, Long Furlong Drive, Britwell, Slough, Berks, SL2 2PH
Tuesday 10th Dec	Arbour Vale School, Farnham Rd, Slough SL2 2AE



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SEND SUPPORT CONTINUED

Please see information below for organisations and activities that support families who have children with special educational needs.



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Bear cubs



Ages 5 to 10



First and third Monday of
the month - 4pm to 5pm



Monday 18th November - Bingo Fun -
Bracknell



Monday 2nd December- Christmas Quiz -
Online



Monday 16th December - Big on Bouncing -
Slough - Small fee applicable

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have ADHD
and/or autism and living in East
Berkshire



For more information:

Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com



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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

NOVEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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0 – 19 years Drop-in Clinic:

These sessions are for parents with children between 0 -19 years of age.

- **Olive Room at Cippenham Nursery**
Postcode: SL1 5NL
4th Tuesday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Romsey Close Children Centre**
Postcode: SL3 8PE
2nd Wednesday of every month - 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Penn Road Children Centre**
Postcode: SL2 1PG
1st Thursday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Chalvey Grove Children Centre**
Postcode: SL1 2TE
3rd Friday of every month – 09:30 to 11:30am

Group Sessions:

These sessions are run by a Nursery Nurse and last for 90 minutes.

- **Group Sessions Fridays at Romsey Close:**
09:30 to 11:00am
08/11 – Childhood Illnesses
15/11- Fussy Eating & Healthy Diet
22/11- Keeping Safe
29/11 – Toilet Training
- **Group Sessions Fridays at Chalvey Grove:**
09:30 to 11:00am
10/01 – Childhood Illnesses
17/01- Fussy Eating & Healthy Diet
24/01- Keeping Safe
31/01 – Toilet Training

If you have any further enquiries, please contact us on:

Telephone: 0300 247 0073

Email: hcr.sloughchildandfamilywellbeing@nhs.net



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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

in partnership with the public health nursing service



For more info about what else we offer:



Date	Venue	Session
9 Sep	Penn Road	Childhood illnesses
16 Sep		Fussy eating and healthy diet
23 Sep		Keeping children safe
30 Sep		Routines (toilet training)
7 Oct		Looking after you
14 Oct		Child development
8 Nov	Romsey Close	Childhood illnesses
15 Nov		Fussy eating and healthy diet
22 Nov		Keeping children safe
29 Nov		Routines (toilet training)
6 Dec		Looking after you
13 Dec	Child development	
Jan 2025	Chalvey Grove	Childhood illnesses
10 Jan		Fussy eating and healthy diet
17 Jan		Keeping children safe
24 Jan		Routines (toilet training)
31 Jan		Looking after you
7 Feb		Child development

Any questions?

Penn Road: 01753 574420

Romsey Close: 01753 540797

Chalvey Grove: 01753 574387

Sessions open at 9.30am for a 10am start, finishing at 11am.

Located in our family rooms, parents and children are welcome. Toys and activities will also be available. Drop-in sessions, no need to book.





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PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

All you need to know: Primary School Admissions for September 2025

Online session: comprehensive
tips and timelines for parents

**Friday 13 December,
12.30-2pm**

This session is aimed at parents and carers of
children seeking reception places in primary
schools for September 2025 entry. (Children
born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021).

Delivered virtually on Teams by the Slough Borough Council School Admissions Team.



Venue: Microsoft Teams: link above
Meeting ID: 377 032 020 093
Passcode: uN3SF3i6

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Slough
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CHURCH BULLETIN



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



Second Sunday of Advent - Year (C)

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

Second Sunday of Advent:

Light the Advent candle, two: think of humble shepherds, who Filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night.

Refrain

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	7 th Dec	OLOP	6 pm	Claire McGettigan RIP (Haire Family)
Sun	8 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Italia Clementoni RIP Anniversary (Lucia) Special Intention for Luiza Pepaj Joan Henebrey RIP (Madeleine Bowron) Mark Robert Ward RIP
		St. A	11.30	Vittorio Fortino RIP 11 th Anniversary (Carmelina Farrugia) Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP (Mary McConville)
Mon	9 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Barbara Gallagher INT (Christina) Fr. Pius INT (Val Warner)
Tue	10 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Norman Leslie Grimmette RIP (Christina) Fr. Sean INT (Val Warner) Cyril Maasch RIP Birthday Remembrance (Denise)
Wed	11 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	No Mass
			7 pm	OLOP RECONSECRATION MASS
Thur	12 th Dec	St. A	9.30	Finbarr & Maylin O'Sullivan Family INT (Sugrue Family)
Fri	13 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Bill Spells RIP Birthday Remembrance (Shelagh) Kathleen Galea RIP (Tony Galea)
Sat	14 th Dec	OLOP	10.00	No Mass
		OLOP	6 pm	Kathleen Rumble INT (Val Warner) Maira INT (Val Warner)
Sun	15 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	James (Jim) Deignan RIP Anniversary (Ann Deignan) Marie Corcoran RIP (CWL) Mario & Connie Godinho Wedding Anniversary (Borges)
		St. A	11.30	Billy McDonald RIP (John McDonald) Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP (Mary McConville)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £784.54
DONA Plate: £109.70
Tea & Coffee: £37.80



MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays - Wednesdays
OLOP @ 9:30am
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

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. Marek Balawender, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

Secretary: Mrs. Venecia Godinho

Lead Sacristan: Ms. Alma Pepaj

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort

☎ 07456 948001 /
✉ safeguarding.olop@northamptondiocese.org

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☎ 01628 661886

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING MASS CHANGES:

- There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday, 11th December at OLOP. There will be Reconsecration Mass at 7 pm.
- No morning Mass on Saturday, 14th December at OLOP to allow training for Church readers.

OLOP RECONSECRATION MASS: We are delighted to welcome Bishop David along with former priests who have served this community, including Mgr. Sean Healy, Fr. Andy Richardson, Fr. Joseph Udoh, Canon Kevin O'Driscoll, and others to our Parish on **Wednesday, December 11 2024, at 7pm** for our Reconsecration Mass. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless the NEW AMBO. We look forward to seeing you at this Mass.

WHAT A NIGHT! We are thrilled to share the incredible success of last week's concert! A huge thank you to everyone who played a part in making it such a memorable evening. To those who sold and bought tickets, donated prizes for the raffle, and helped out on the night—your support and enthusiasm were truly invaluable. It was a fantastic team effort, and we couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks to our talented performers who provided such wonderful entertainment. Your performances were inspiring and greatly appreciated by all. Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we raised an impressive **£2,872!** Thank you once again for being part of this unforgettable event.

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection **THIS** weekend for the flowers for Christmas at the end of all Masses. ☪

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☎ 01628 605764 ✉ office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG



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CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

DECEASED



✠ Please pray for **Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP** who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 20th December at 11.00am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Crematorium.

✠ Please pray for **Norman Leslie Grimmette RIP** who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 10th January at 12.45pm in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Crematorium.

Please keep their families in your prayers as they go through this trying time of mourning. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

A DAY OF TRAINING FOR CHURCH READERS: On Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm, representatives from the diocesan Liturgy Commission will visit our parish to provide training for all those who read at the altar during Mass. It is a mandatory training for all readers in our parish prior to the introduction of a new lectionary translation for Mass, as well as a refresher on best practices in the ministry of lectors and parish readers. We invite all readers to attend, and we welcome anyone who wants to join our team of readers. Please confirm your attendance by emailing the parish secretary at office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org or talk to Denise McClintock.

SVP APPEAL: It is our aim to provide each homeless men/women in Slough with a bag containing a warm hat, scarf, gloves and a chocolate bar. If you have any of these items going spare, please can you bring them to Mass at the weekend by **7th/8th December**. We will have a member of our team to collect them.

JOIN US FOR THE GIVING TREE CAMPAIGN! 🌲 We're thrilled to announce that our Giving Tree campaign is back at Our Lady of Peace and St Andrew's churches. Last year, thanks to your incredible generosity, we delivered a bounty of gifts to **Caritas and Burnham Care and Share**, bringing joy to those in need. Both organizations were overjoyed by your support and are excited to partner with us again this year. **Here's how you can help:** (1) **Choose a label** from the Giving Tree. (2) **Purchase a suitable gift** and wrap it. (3) **Return the gift by 14th December** to ensure timely delivery for Christmas. Let's share the true spirit of the season and make Christmas special for everyone. Your kindness makes all the difference!

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE: Are you teenager or a young adult and curious about life's big questions? Would you like to develop your understanding of the Christian faith? Are you looking to improve on your relationship with God?

Join us for the Youth Alpha Course, starting in **January 2025**. Over 8 different sessions, we'll explore topics like faith, creation, and why bad things happen.

To register your interest, please contact the Parish Office or your Youth Leaders. Let's dive into life's big questions together!

To sign up, please use this QR code'



300 CLUB: The St Andrew's Day 300 Club draw was held after the joint service last Saturday 30th November. This year for the first time there are three prizes and winners are Marian Poff **1st prize** £100, Pina Morris **2nd prize** £60 & Riv Rodrigues **3rd prize** £40. **Anyone wishing to join the 300 Club should contact Shelagh on 07941 432706.**

BECOME A TEACHER: Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Would you like to find out more about what is involved and how you can apply? **St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust** are hosting a series of open mornings in **December and January**, where you can find out all about our Train to Teach programme starting in September 2025. To find out more and to book a place at an open morning, visit www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher

MASS TEXT

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Psalm 125 R/ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-4 All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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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CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: Leaflets are available in the Church porches, please take a copy home. They contain details of all the Christmas Service times.

ST ANDREW'S - CHRISTMAS FAIR

A Christmas fair will be held at St Andrew's on **Saturday 14th December from 10am to 1pm**. Refreshments, tombola, gifts, CWL cake stall and carol singing. Do come and support the church.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: Bring Your Baby Jesus for a Blessing! Join us for a special Bambinelli Sunday on **December 15th, the Third Sunday of Advent**. Bring your beloved Baby Jesus figurine from your home Nativity scene to mass for a special blessing. This heartwarming tradition offers a unique opportunity for families to celebrate the upcoming birth of Christ together. **9:30am and 11:30am Mass on 15th December.**

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting Priests in Our Lady of Peace Church on Tuesday, 17th December at 7.00pm.

OTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION: St Andrew's Thursday, 19th December between 8.30am – 9.30am.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

11 Dec	OLOP Reconsecration Mass
14 Dec	Training for Church Readers
15 Dec	Bambinelli Sunday
15 Dec	Love Christmas with Our Giving Tree
17 Dec	Advent Reconciliation Service (OLOP)
19 Dec	Advent Confessions (St Andrew's)