

#### Newsletter—Friday 7th February

Volume 18

Dear Parents,

Now that February has begun, it has been lovely to see that the days are staying lighter for longer.

This week's Gospel was focused on the presentation of the Lord. When Simeon and Anna saw baby Jesus in the Temple, in faith they recognised Him as the Messiah, the fulfilment of God's promise. This week the children came to know that Jesus is the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth.

'For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

Luke 2:30-32

On Wednesday, Year 6 joined the Our Lady of Peace Parish for morning Mass, representing the school well. Children participated well in the Mass, reading the readings and prayers. Thank you to those parents who accompanied the children.

In hymn practice for Years 4, 5 and 6, the children were treated to some opera singing. One of our own parents, Monika Anton, joined the children and shared her operatic skills showing the children a different style of singing. Mrs Smith each week shares with the children a different style of music, musician or composer, exposing the children to vast range of music there is out there. Thank you, Mrs Anton, for coming in to share your special talent with the children.

This week has been children's mental health week and the children have been carrying out a range of mindfulness activities. The theme for this year was 'Know yourself, grow yourself' and the Friends of OLOP have purchased each year group an olive tree that will become their mindfulness tree for the rest of the year.

Today was NSPCC Number Day. It was a pleasure seeing the children come dressed in their number outfits. The children have spent the day participating in a range of activities, exploring mathematicians and even guessing teacher's numbers using clues left for the children to work out. Look out for photos in next week's newsletter.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend. Mr Stopps

#### **Important dates:**

#### **February**

Tuesday 11th—Year 5 to Mass at
OLOP Church—9:30am
Friday 14th—Friends Doughnut &
Sweet Treat Sale
Friday 14th—Term Ends
Monday 17th—Friday 21st—Half
Term
Monday 24th—Term Starts

Tuesday 25th—Year 4 to Mass at
OLOP Church—9:30am
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th February

- Little Recyclers Clothing Collection

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

#### **Class Attendance:**

RHA—St Valentine –96.3%

RHC—St Joseph – 96.8%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –88%

Yr1—St Bernadette -99.2%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -97.2%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene -88.9%

Yr3—St Paul -95.6%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres -92.5%

Yr4—St Peter -94.3%

Yr4—St John-Bosco -93.6%

Yr5—St Thomas More –89.7%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -90%

Yr6—St Maximilian -95.9%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -96.3%



### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

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

RHA—St Valentine—Theo

RHC—St Joseph—Bowie

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Zosia

Yr1—St Bernadette—Isaiah

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Ademide

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Fabian

Yr3—St Paul—Freya

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—James

Yr4—St Peter—Olivier

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Sami

Yr5—St Thomas More—Annya

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— Aizah

Yr6—St Maximilian—Jennina

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Raphaella

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





### **MY ACTIVE CALENDAR**



### 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



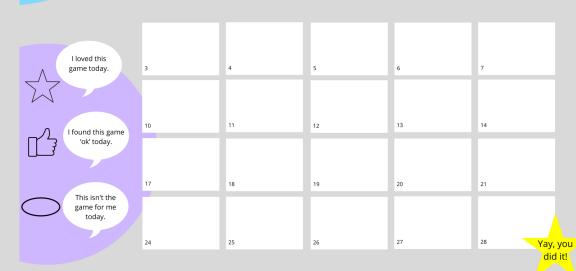
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### **WAKE UP WEDNESDAY**

While misinformation and 'fake news' are well-known concerns online, it's also the case that scammers and other cyber-criminals can try to utilise this phony material to manipulate, frighten or otherwise persuade their victims into cooperating.

With constantly evolving scams and such a high volume of misinformation online, it's vital that parents and educators know how to safeguard the children in their care against these kinds of tactics. Our guide breaks down the most prominent ways in which scammers attempt to use 'fake news' to their advantage, as well as how to protect youngsters from being manipulated by such techniques.





### **FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS**

**Dates for the Calendar:** 

14th February - Doughnut & Sweet Treats Sale

27th & 28th February - Little Recyclers Clothing Collection

6th March - Pre-loved Book Sale

7th March - Mr Stopps Chocolate Factory

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.

Please get in touch if you are able to help sell doughnuts, we just need help for about 45 minutes from 3pm; please email us at:

friends@olopprimary.co.uk

## <u>Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February - Little Recyclers</u> <u>Clothing Collection</u>

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

### **World Book Day Events**

**Mr Stopps Chocolate Factory** 

Did you know Mr Stopps owns a Chocolate Factory??

Mr Stopps is giving everyone the chance to win an amazing prize if you find a Golden Ticket hidden in one of his 'Stoppsdiddlyumptious' Chocolate Bars!! Could you be the lucky winner of a £10 Smyths Toys voucher, a ticket for a fun day out, a chocolate hamper or an in-school prize such as Extra Playtime for your class or a Hot Chocolate Party with the chocolate factory owner himself - Mr Stopps!!

'Stoppsdiddlyumptious' Bars must be pre-ordered through ParentPay from 7th to 27th February and will be ready for collection after school on Friday 7th March from Mr Stopps' Chocolate Factory in the school car park - he'll be there with the Oompa Loompas waiting to see who the lucky golden ticket winners are!!





### **Book Sale**

We will also be holding a pre-loved book sale on Thursday 6th March, giving the children the chance to pick up a new book for World Book Day at a bargain price. We would be very grateful for donations of pre-loved books which can be dropped off at the school office - Thank you!



### **FAMILY FUN DAY-WINDSOR CASTLE**

### Family Fun Day

Family Crafts, Storytelling, Dressing up & treasure hunt.

Pug Yard Learning Centre, Windsor Castle, St Albans Street, Windsor.

Tuesday, 18th February 2025

10:00 - 14:00

Booking is necessary via exclusive link below. Note: no entry to The Castle (closed)

https://tickets.rct.uk/product/11/6034

We extend an invitation to all families to join us this February half-term for our free Family Fun Day.

Children can enjoy some <u>creative crafting</u> at the Castle's Learning Centre and even make a memento to take away.

We will also have <u>costume handling workshops</u> during the day for the children to dress up as historical characters. They can discover the important black people in the castle's history by taking part in a codebreaking treasure hunt in the Pug Yard.

Upstairs children can enjoy Caribbean stories in our <u>Interactive storytelling</u> sessions. There's so much to do!

Why not bring a picnic to enjoy and make a day of it?



### **SEND SUPPORT**

#### **GEMS – Upcoming Workshops**

Please see the attached Programme from GEMS regarding an upcoming workshops that are available to support you and your family.



#### Upcoming workshops and courses.

To reserve your space please use the booking link under each workshop or course.

#### **Empowering Calm**

Hosted by The Autism Group:

Understanding and responding to distressed behaviour in autistic young people' with the aims being; To understand physical responses to anxiety, distress and overwhelm. To explore what this might look like and think about who is challenging who! To learn some strategies to try to help.

 $\hbox{AUTISM SUPPORT-For parents \& carers of primary \& secondary school aged children.}$ 

Online: Thursday 30th January 2025 - Extra spaces now available - 10am - 12pm

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#### Adolescence

Hosted by The Autism Group:

Understanding & responding to the challenges & changes for parenting & caring for autistic teenagers.

 $\hbox{AUTISM SUPPORT - For parents \& carers of secondary school aged children - Age 11 plus.}$ 

Online: Wednesday 12th March 2025 - 10am - 12pm

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### **SEND SUPPORT**

#### **GEMS – Upcoming Workshops Continued**

#### **ADHD Teens**

Hosted by Parenting Special Children:

Exploring the challenges and concerns, strengths and opportunities. Supporting our teenagers through change and managing risks. Identity, Self-Esteem, Independence and Responsibility. Staying Connected - Communication and Relationships.

ADHD SUPPORT - Parents & carers of secondary school aged children. Suitable for parents & carers who have previously attended ADHD courses.

Online: Thursday 27th March 2025 - 7pm - 9pm

Booking link - https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/teens-and-adhd-berkshire-east-mar-2025/

#### Sleep - Autism & ADHD

Hosted by Parenting Special Children:

The workshop will cover: Children's sleep cycles and sleep needs, The reasons behind night settling and night waking, Strategies to feel less stressed when sleep training, new parenting strategies for settling your child to sleep, and staying asleep.

 $\textbf{AUTISM} \ \text{and or ADHD -For Parents \& carers of pre-school, primary \& secondary school aged children.} \\$ 

Online: Wednesday 5th February 2025 - 7 - 9pm

Booking link - https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sleep-autism-adhd-berkshire-east-feb-2025/

#### Girls & Autism

Hosted by The Autism Group:

A look at the behaviours & challenges that may be experienced by autistic girls.

AUTISM SUPPORT - For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children

Online: Tuesday 11th February 2025 - 10am - 12pm

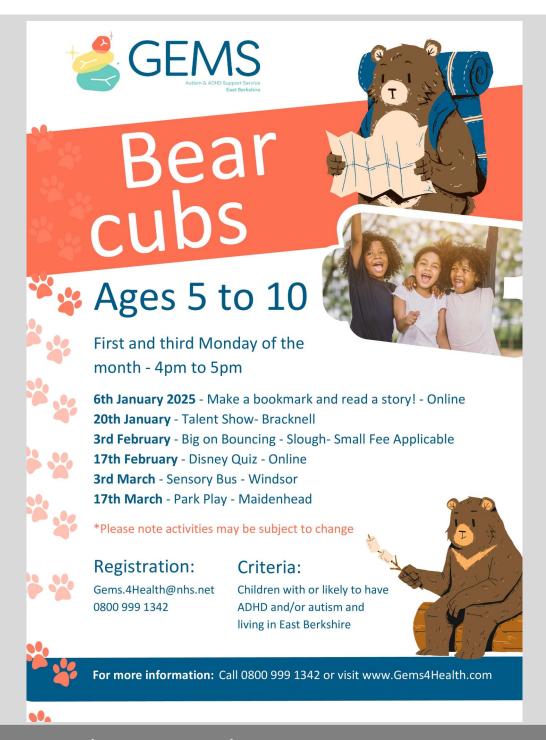
Booking link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girls-and-autism-tickets-1036670227557?aff=oddtdtcreator



### **SEND SUPPORT**

#### **GEMS – Upcoming Events**

Please see the attached Flyer from GEMS regarding upcoming events for children aged 5 to 10 years.





### **SEND INFORMATION AND SUPPORT**

**Special Voices – Live Event** 

Please see Flyer below from Special Voice regarding an upcoming event that they are hosting.



**Special Voices Information/Local Offer Live Day** 

Thursday 27th February 2025 - 10am - 1pm

Cippenham Baptist Church - Hall One. Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

Special Voices look forward to welcoming you to another of our information/Local Offer Live days, free gift bag on entry for parent/carers, refreshments, free parking on site & surrounding area, lots of information stands with the providers representing education, health & social care, lots more services, groups & organisations have been invited to provide information for families in Slough.

Who is it for? Parents and carers of children, young people/adults with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Professionals, or service providers working with families with children/young people with SEND.

Pop in anytime between 10 – 1pm for coffee & meet the services that are available in Slough to support you and your family.

For further information/details, or to book a table at the event please contact: 07990693439/info@specialvoices.co.uk



### **COST OF LIVING SUPPORT**

The council has joined up with Lightning Reach, a financial support portal where residents can easily find and apply for a range of help.

Individuals can complete a profile by answering a simple 10–15-minute questionnaire.

Once the profile is complete, they will be able to see the available support they may be eligible for in one place, get updated when more support is added, and apply for multiple sources of support directly through the portal.

This can include targeted help with energy bills, home improvements to boost energy efficiency, warm clothing, and essential winter supplies. Please see Flyer below for more information.





### **SLOUGH URGENT CARE CENTRE**

## Slough Urgent Care Centre



From November, patients who are registered with a practice in Slough, and need urgent care, will be able to book a same day appointment through their General Practice teams.



**Available** 7 days a week 8am - 8pm



Address Priors Close, Slough, SL1 2BO



A number of walk in appointments are available



Cases are prioritised by urgency. If you choose to walk in the wait will likely be longer.



## INFORMATION FOR PARENT/CARERS FROM ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS





#### CHURCH BULLETIN



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



#### Fifth 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your usual generosity in support of such important causes.

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	6 pm	Margaret & Joe Haire INT (Batt) Howard Goldberg RIP Anniversary (Goldberg)
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Tina Koenig RIP (O'Donnell) Winnie Maloney RIP (Ann Deignan) Lucy Sweeney RIP (Liyanarachchige Family) Ena Lobo RIP (Lobo)
		St. A	11.30	Mr. C.M. Jacob & Mr. M. T. Joseph RIP (Abel Family) First Holy Communion Children, Parents, Grandparents and Catechists (R. Group)
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Barbara Gallagher INT (Christina) Maura Potter INT (Dorothy Brooker)
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Suzanne Brown RIP (John Basey) Paddy Gallagher RIP 5th Anniversary (Edward) Childrens & Teachers from Our Lady of Peace Primary School
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Chief Dr. Anthony Agbaje RIP, Dr. Adekola Agbaje RIP (Edward) Peggy Boundy & Family INT (R. Group)
Thur	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St. A	9.30	Yvonne & Des INT (Kay) Maureen Cronin RIP Anniversary (Sugrue Family)
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	No Morning Mass
		St. A	7 pm	Farewell Mass / Reception - Fr. Marek
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	10.00	Eudes Coutinho RIP 9th Anniversary (Almeida Family) Zoltan Torok RIP (R. Group)
		OLOP	6 pm	Deacon Paul Lipscomb RIP (O'Donnell) Special Intention for Fr. Marek (Anton Family) Alex Davies RIP (Quille Family)
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Winnie Maloney RIP (Joseph Deignan) Thanksgiving for Fr. Anthony Birthday INT (Alma) Michael Daly RIP Anniversary (John Daly)
		St. A	11.30	Conor Burke RIP (Shaw Family) Marie Corcoran RIP (Dorothy Brooker)

#### ASH WEDNESDAY PREPARATION - RETURN YOUR BLESSED PALMS:

We are kindly inviting parishioners who have blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring them to be made into ashes for our **Ash Wednesday celebration**. A basket is available at the back of the church, or you may speak to our Sacristans **Alma at Our Lady of Peace** or **Millie at Saint Andrew's**. Thank you for being part of this sacred tradition!



REMINDER FROM PARISH OFFICE - MASS INTENTION PAYMENT: We have noticed that some Mass intention requests have been submitted via email without the accompanying donations. Kindly remember that the donation for each Mass intention is an essential part of supporting the Priest and the Church's mission. If you are requesting a Mass intention, please ensure that the donation is arranged at the same time. Use any of the available modes of payment: bank transfer / Dona plate / Mass intentions Envelopes. Payment details can be provided upon submitting your request via email. Thank you for your understanding and support.

ADDRESS: THE PRESBYTERY, LOWER BRITWELL ROAD, SLOUGH, SL2 2NL

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £913.65 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £38.22 DONA Plate: £110.10



#### 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 ① 07456 948001 /

 ☑safeguarding.olop@northamptondio cese.org
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All bookings for St Andrew's Please contact the bookings secretary on ① 07546 710834.

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG



#### **CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED**

#### **DECEASED**



- ₱ Please pray for Francis Cardozo 'Charlie' RIP who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th 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.

CALLING YOUTHS FOR LUX 2025! It's the annual NYMO residential weekend in February for students in Years 7-13, packed with activities like workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer, games, and more—all centered around a central theme. There are two separate streams for Years 7-9 and Years 10-13, each with age-appropriate discussions and activities. It's an incredible weekend you won't want to miss!

When: 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Where: Sion Catholic Community, SENT, Brentwood, Essex. CM15 9BX. Who: Ages 11 – 18 - How much: £90. To register, sign up at LUX.HOPE (<a href="https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025-2/">https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025-2/</a>).

#### SAVE THE DATE

ST PATRICK'S DAY: Please come and support Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm for the St Patrick's Fundraising Social at St Andrew's Shared Church, SLI 5RE. It will be a wonderful night of dancing, dining and fun! All welcome:



24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: You are invited to spend time in the presence of Our Lord during a special 24-hour Adoration, beginning at 10am on Friday 7th February and concluding at 10am on Second Saturday 8th February. This is a precious opportunity for personal prayer, reflection, and silent worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you can stay for a few minutes or an hour, come and rest in the peace of Christ. Let us unite in prayer as a parish community, deepening our faith and drawing closer to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

HOUR OF GRACE – PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: Join us on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady of Peace Church for an evening of prayer and encounter. We begin with Mass at 7pm, followed by uplifting praise, worship, and a time to be prayed with by our prayer ministry team. Come and experience the transforming power of God's presence!

#### 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The Sessions have started, please pray for the children that they will grow in their appreciation of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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 27th – 31st May and 4th to 10th October. You can find all images and pdf flyers as well as more information on our events page. <a href="www.journeyto2030.org/events">www.journeyto2030.org/events</a>. For more information, or to book, email: <a href="mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk">margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk</a>

**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.

#### **MASS TEXT**

1st Reading: Mal 3:1-4 'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.'

Psalm 24/(23) R/ The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 2:14-18 'He had to be made like his brothers in every respect.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 'My eyes have seen your salvation.'

**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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Luke 2:22-40