

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES** leaflets are available in the Church porches, please take home a copy which gives details of all the Christmas Service times.

**BAPTISM ZOOM MEETING** will be held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. This is for first time parents who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism over the next few months. To register please email Venecia on [office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org)

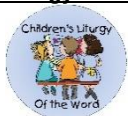
**PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Please join our Pilgrimage of Peace to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the RC Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, 2 Brereton Rd, Bedford MK40 1HU on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 1 pm to 4 pm. There will be Rosary for Peace, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Mass as requested by Our Blessed Mother. For more information Call 07957594646.

**ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT:** Week 4, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, **7.30-8.30pm**

Our online Advent retreat this year is **"Let the Wilderness Bloom!"**. Join Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent to explore the desert life of John the Baptist. This week's theme is vulnerability: how our faith grows the more we learn to rely on God. Join us live on Monday evening or access the recording at a more convenient time. Register here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/>

**SHOP ONLINE AND AUTOMATICALLY RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE** Give as you Live Online is a free and easy way to raise money for Our Lady of Peace Church when you shop online with 6,000+ stores. Boost donations by simply registering first and then clicking on the 'share' link and sharing with your friends and family - an extra £5 is donated to our church when the first £5 is spent! <https://ShopOnline & Raise Money For RCDN Our Lady of Peace, Burnham, | Give as you Live Online>

### Liturgy of the Word for Children



There will be a liturgy of the word for children every other Sunday, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3.

Our aim is to return to our weekly sessions, but we desperately need more leaders/helpers (role is subject to a DBS Check) to enable us to achieve this!

If you are interested and would like a Chat to find out more information, come and see Lisa or Evka after Mass or alternatively you can email **Lisa Mennone** [frankiematt3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:frankiematt3@hotmail.co.uk).

**Next session 17<sup>th</sup> December - Third Sunday of Advent.**

**SHEKHINAH PRAYER GROUP** Meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom. They hold Catholic teachings on different topics. Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures), takes place on alternative weeks. This Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be Carol Singing/Service.

**RED BOXES** This weekend will be the last week for the boxes to be collected. Boxes may be brought in on any day at mass but please be sure to hand them to a known person on a weekday so that they may be securely held in the safe. Alma will assist. Thank you for your continued support.

**FINANCES** We are extremely grateful for your financial support, also to the volunteers who help in so many ways. **Standing Order via donor's own bank:** The information you require to make this donation is as follows: **Bank: NatWest. Sort Code; 60-06-11. Account Number; 46716203. Account Name; RCDN Our Lady of Peace. Payment Ref: Our Lady of Peace, Slough**  
**Standing Order through this link:** <https://northamptondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/GAD-general-June-18-v2-revision.pdf>



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## **17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / GAUDETE SUNDAY (YEAR A)**

### **LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Light the Advent candle, three:  
think of heavenly harmony;  
angels singing "Peace on earth"  
at the blessed Saviour's birth.

#### **Refrain**

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

**MASS CHANGE** Morning Mass on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December will be said at St Andrew's at 9.30am.

**BAMBINELLI: BLESSING OF THE CHRIST CHILD:** In keeping to a church tradition initiated by Saint Pope John Paul II on Gaudate Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, all children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from the nativity set in their homes to be blessed **THIS** Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent during our parish Masses.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting Priests in Our Lady of Peace Church on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION:** St Andrew's Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December between 8.30am – 9.30am.

**SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY:** Saint Stephen is the patron saint of Altar Servers. There will be a special Mass on **Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon** at Our Lady of Peace Church dedicated to thanking God for the selfless volunteering of each altar server, for their generous service and the important role they play in the life of the parish. We invite all Altar Servers to attend this mass.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** Christmas and Easter are two times in the year when your offerings go directly to the Priests as a significant part of their wages. Should you wish to give a Christmas Offering to our priests, through the offertory envelopes, there is a blue one with inscription **Christmas Offering** for this purpose. You can also make your Christmas gifts by using the various online giving platforms detailed in the FINANCE/DONATE section of this newsletter and on our website. **Please use the reference: Christmas Gift or Christmas Offering.**

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** The Youth will be selling cookies at **THIS** weekend's masses 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please show your support. Funds raised will go towards our new Youth banners.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Our Lady of Peace</b> (Vigil Mass)	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Nuala Allis & Family INT (Sugrue Family)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Our Lady of Peace	Custodio Joanes (D'Costa) Hadrian & Cedrica Lobo Wedding Anniversary (Lobo) Audrey Truman RIP (R. Group) Denis Sugrue RIP (Sugrue Family)
<b>11.30am</b>	St. Andrews	Young Families INT (R. Group) Cardinal Ernest Simoni Int, living Martyr of Albania (R. Group)
<b>Monday</b> <b>8.15am</b> <b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> Adoration Morning Prayer Mass	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>  Aleksander Pepaj RIP (R. Group) Martin Thomas Corp RIP (R. Group) Freddie D'Costa INT (Borges Family)
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b> Adoration Morning Prayer Mass	<b>St Andrew's</b>  Anne Maasch RIP (Denise) Jeseur Sa Melo INT (Val Warner) Lita & Family INT (Val Warner) Vanessa & Thankachan Madappallil Wedding Anniversary (Borges Family)
<b>1.30pm</b>	Our Lady of Peace	Requiem Mass – Palmira Do Rosario Ferreira Silva RIP
<b>7.00pm</b>	Our Lady of Peace	Advent Reconciliation Service
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>8.15am</b> <b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b> Adoration Morning Prayer Mass	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>  Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma) Lyse Pegado Birthday (Borges Family) Forgotten Souls of Migrants in Mediterranean, largest cemetery in Europe (R. Group)
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8.30am-9.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b> St Andrew's Mass	<b>St Andrew's</b> Confessions Jerzy Anton RIP 26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Monika Anton) Alan Mackrory RIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Kieron Mackrory) Stella & Armando Borges Wedding Anniversary (Borges)

<b>Friday</b> <b>8.15am</b> <b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> Adoration Morning Prayer Mass	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>  Alma Pepaj Family INT (R. Group) Darryl Seaton RIP (Borges Family) Stanley Philip RIP (Borges Family)
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8.45am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> Adoration Morning Prayer Mass	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>  Young Families INT (R. Group) Modesta Fortino RIP (R. Group)
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Peace</b> (Vigil Mass)	Zoltan Torok RIP (R. Group) Connie & Ann Sugrue INT (Sugrue Family)

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed towards our Christmas Concert. To everyone who bought tickets. To everyone who sold tickets. To everyone who contributed to the raffle. To everyone who made the church look so beautiful. A real team effort, thank you so much. A special thanks to Sainsburys Taplow, Tesco Taplow and Pheonix Productions Marlow. The grand total for the event will be in next week's Newsletter.

**"Raising funds for our church refurbishment** - We have raised £430 from the Indian silver jewellery sale. Thank you."

**SMA FATHERS and FOUNDERS DAY APPEAL** The retiring collection for the work of the Missions amounted to £963.74. God bless you for your generosity and support of the Missions.

**CAKE SALE:** Two young parishioners will be selling cakes on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December after the 9:30am mass at OLOP. The cake sale is in support of a fundraising in aid of their desire to participate in a youth pilgrimage to Rome as they seek to grow in faith and be more effective witnesses to our generation. Please remember to bring cash to help these children. Thank you very much.'

**OFFERTORY** The collection for 10<sup>th</sup> December amounted to £715.05. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £85.50 for this weekend. The Tea & Coffee collection for 10<sup>th</sup> December amounted to £68.96. We are very grateful for your continued support.

**DECEASED** Fr. Richard Moroney, formerly Parish Priest of Saint Anthony's, Farnham Common, funeral arrangements as we are aware of them at present: Reception - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, Requiem - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am @ Holy Family Catholic Church, 24 Freshwater Close, Marsh Farm, Luton, LU3 3TA; Committal at Luton Crematorium at 12:30.

**Palmira Do Rosario Ferreira Silva RIP** who died recently, her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Cemetery. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

**OUR CHRISTMAS CARDS** This year we have designed and printed our very own Christmas cards which will be on sale after all weekend masses for a **donation of £1.00 per card**. Proceeds from the sale of all cards will go towards the church refurbishment project.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lizzy Alves Bombonato and Enzo Ezequiel Bombonato who will be Baptised on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please keep Lizzy and Enzo, their parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.