



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 29th November

Volume 11

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of a very busy week. School is looking festive with all the Christmas decorations which have been put up around the school.

Today children in Years 2, 5 and 6 enjoyed a workshop from the NSPCC about being safe and who their trusted adult is, do try to talk to your children about this workshop so they can share their learning.

Rev Anthony and Father Marek visited the school on Wednesday to hold Reconciliation (Confessions) with our years 4, 5 and 6 children who have received their First Holy Communion. This was a special opportunity for children to prepare themselves spiritually for the season of Advent to begin.

Last Sunday pupils joined the parish for Sunday Mass and as part of our celebration for Education Sunday the children read beautifully and reverently and the choir supported the music during the Mass. Members of the parish have commented on how well behaved the children were and are excited to the school working closely with the Church this year. My thanks go to Mrs Koeberg and Mrs Smith for their work in putting this Mass together. We would also like to thank Rev Anthony for his support in purchasing the new lectionary for the school to hear the word of God.

Tomorrow we will be holding our school Christmas fair and as I write this letter the friends of OLOP are hard at work setting up. Please come and join us for this enjoyable day.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Stopps

## Important dates:

November:

Tuesday 26th

Reception Parents Phonic  
Workshop

Thursday 28th

Special Menu Day

Saturday 30th

Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine –88.9%

RHC—St Joseph – 99.1%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –94.2%

Yr1—St Bernadette –99.1%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –99%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –98.5%

Yr3—St Paul –94.4%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –97.4%

Yr4—St Peter –96.7%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –97%

Yr5—St Thomas More –92.1%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi –95%

Yr6—St Maximilian –97.2%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –98.7%

Whole school weekly attendance: 95.6%



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## ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

### Classes of The Week – week ending 29<sup>th</sup> November

Well done 4MB and 6CT – Great Attendance



Fantastic attendance  
from 1EH.  
**100% Attendance – Amazing.**  
Well Done to all the class.



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## ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

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

RHA—St Valentine—**Hallie-Anne**

RHC—St Joseph—**Michalina**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—**Anaya**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Harleen**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—

Yr2—St Mary Magadlene—**Zariah**

Yr3—St Paul—**Leo**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**Ethan**

Yr4—St Peter—**Helena**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Alodie**

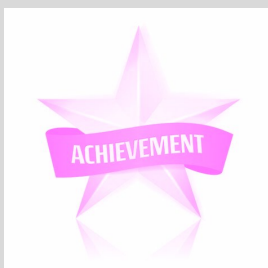
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Ruby**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—**Troy**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Nikola**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Alicia**

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





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**WELCOME BETH TWEDDLE!**

We were delighted to be visited by the British Olympic gymnast Beth Tweddle this week. Beth who has won medals at Olympic, World and European championships held an assembly with the school, talking about her passion for gymnastics, her journey from school child to international sporting star, Dancing on Ice and lots more!

The children loved listening to her talk and it was an amazing experience for the school to be joined by a true sporting legend!







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## GUESS THE REINDEER!

What a magical start to the day! This morning, the children were greeted at the main gates by the Friends of OLOP and a delightful reindeer!

Throughout the morning, each class had the exciting task of guessing who was disguised as the reindeer. The festive spirit was truly in the air, and the children had a wonderful time participating in this fun activity.

A huge thank you to the Friends of OLOP for bringing this bit of Christmas cheer to our school!





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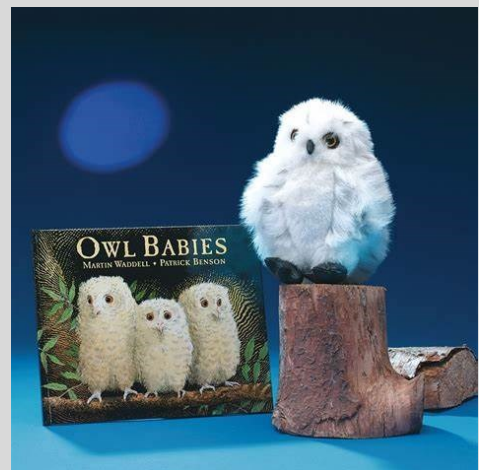
## MESSAGE FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

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](mailto: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 November.

Follow these steps to help you:

- Go to [www.getset4education.co.uk](http://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](http://www.getset4education.co.uk)



Get Set 4 Education

### My Active Calendar November 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

MON TUE WED THU FRI

I loved this game today.

I found this game 'ok' today.

This isn't the game for me today.

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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29



[www.getset4education.co.uk](http://www.getset4education.co.uk)





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## CONGRATULATIONS

We are thrilled to celebrate the amazing achievements of Ava (4SS), George (4SS), and Albie (2SS), who competed in a Fujau Kickboxing competition last week and came out victorious!

Their hard work, dedication, and determination truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their success. Please join us in congratulating them on this fantastic accomplishment!





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## FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

### Christmas Fair - 30th November 11am-2pm

Tomorrow, 30<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair and Market in the Lower Key Stage Playground and Hall from 11am to 2pm. We have lots planned to get everyone feeling festive!

The school choir will be performing at 12pm and Santa and his elf, Sparkles, will be in the Grotto to meet everyone who has pre-booked to see them. For those that have Grotto tickets, please bring your tickets with you and make sure you get to the grotto at your allocated time.

There will also be some lovely external vendors with their stalls in the playground, perfect for a spot of Christmas shopping. From handmade gifts and decorations to candles and handbags (and lots more) there's something for everyone so please come along and support these wonderful local businesses.

The food & drink stall will be serving hot dogs, chips and samosas as well as Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine and soft drinks. We are also delighted that we'll have some delicious home-made cakes, cookies and gingerbread for sale.

Once again, we are using a token system for our games and tombola's; the tokens will be available to buy in the playground, and cash and card will be accepted at all our other stalls.

If you haven't bought your raffle tickets yet, these are still available at the fair, until 1pm and the raffle will be drawn at 1.30pm, so good luck!

Please note there is no vehicle access to the school grounds on the day. As you know parking is limited on the roads around the school so, please consider our neighbours and park responsibly or walk where possible. Please also be aware that the car park may be in use with vehicles moving around when you arrive and leave so, please take care.

Please do come along; it's the perfect way to support our school whilst having a great time with family and friends - and the money raised will be used to directly benefit the children in school.

We can't wait to see you there!





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## FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED

### Farm Visit Treat Day - 5th December

Next Thursday, we will have a visit from Mill Cottage Farm Experience who will be bringing their animals for all the children to meet and learn about their role in the nativity story.

We hope the children will all enjoy this special day and thank you for your continued support for our fundraising which allows us to provide these 'extras'.



### Coffee Morning & Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Our next coffee morning will be held on Friday 6th December in the Lower Key Stage Hall, where we will also be selling pre-loved uniform. Please pop in for a cuppa and a chat from 8.35am. Uniform can be paid for by cash or card.





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

To book a face to face, on-line or telephone sessions,  
please contact: [EarlyHelp@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sheryl@theautismgroup.org.uk)**

***Everyone is welcome***

<b>Meeting Time 10 – 11.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Venue</b>
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](http://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  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Romsey Close Children Centre**  
Postcode: SL3 8PE  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month - 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Penn Road Children Centre**  
Postcode: SL2 1PG  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Chalvey Grove Children Centre**  
Postcode: SL1 2TE  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.







# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

**A CONCERT AT THE CHURCH—SOLD OUT!**

## *Winter's Melody A Symphony of Voices*

Our Lady of Peace Annual Concert  
1st December 24 at 7.30pm

A celebration of the Christmas season  
Our Lady of Peace Church  
Our Lady of Peace Community Choir  
Our Lady of Peace School Choir  
and more...

*Tickets: £10:00*

*Children under 16 free*

*Phone: 07540 013181 to get your ticket*

*Venue: Our Lady of Peace Church, Lower Britwell Road, SL2 2NL*

**SOLD OUT! NO MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE  
SORRY, NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## CHURCH BULLETIN



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



#### First Sunday of Advent - Year (C)

**LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE:** Each weekend of Advent we will be singing one verse and refrain from a Hymn at the beginning of Mass as the Advent Candle is lit. Each week the verse and lyrics are dedicated to the candle being lit and will be advised in the Bulletin.

**First Sunday of Advent:**

Light the Advent candle, one:  
Now the waiting has begun;  
we have started on our way,  
time to think of Christmas day.

**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	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	OLOP	6 pm	Angela O'Donnell RIP (O'Donnell) Inga Grimalauskiene RIP & Gene Truchan RIP (Grimalauskiene)
		St. A	7.30	<b>St Andrew's Day Joint Service</b>
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	OLOP	9.30	Thanksgiving for Andrew Francis INT (Francis Family) Simplicio Antonio Rodrigues RIP Anniversary (Christina Rodrigues) Thanksgiving for Rodrigues Family
		St. A	11.30	Gorman Family INT (Annie Ryan & Family) Surjit Purewal RIP (Colleen)
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	OLOP	9.30	Gregory & Esther Godinho Wedding Anniversary (Borges) Thanksgiving for Kazimiera Anton Birthday INT (Anton)
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	OLOP	9.30	James Murphy RIP (Timothy Murphy) Catherine Mary Hennessy RIP (Florence's Mother)
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	OLOP	9.30	Miguel Rodrigues Dos Santos RIP & Maria Aparceida De Melo Santos RIP (Siby)
Thur	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St. A	9.30	Prithi Mascarenhas INT (R. Group)
		OLOP	9.30	Bridie O'Connor INT (R. Group)
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	OLOP	10.00	24-hour Adoration
		OLOP	7 pm	<b>People of the parish</b>
		OLOP	9.30	Benediction
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	OLOP	10.00	Persecuted Christians (Foundation)
		St. A	2 pm	<b>Senior Citizen's Mass</b>
		OLOP	6 pm	Claire McGettigan RIP (Haire Family)
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Carmelina Farrugia)

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £757.21  
DONA Plate: £88.46  
Tea & Coffee: £35.22



#### 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.olo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding.olo@northamptondiocese.org)

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School**  
☎ 01628 661886

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

**SOLD OUT:** We are delighted to announce that Sunday evening's concert is officially **SOLD OUT!**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and showed such incredible support. Your enthusiasm means the world to us.

**Please note that no tickets will be available at the door on the night.** While parking wardens will be on-site to assist, we kindly ask attendees to carpool where possible to help maximise available space. Please follow the wardens' directions closely and ensure you park neatly and efficiently to accommodate as many vehicles as possible. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your consideration. **See you on Sunday!**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

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☎ 01628 605764 ✉ [office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org)

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## CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

**24-HOUR ADORATION:** All are invited to join the 24 hours of adoration at Our Lady of Peace Church beginning at **10am** on December 6<sup>th</sup> and ending at **10am** on Saturday. Please choose an hour for adoration and note it on the hourly schedule found at the back of the Church at Our Lady of Peace.

**HOUR OF GRACE** Will take place on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a Mass at **7 pm**. Come and be blessed as it promises to be a spirit-filled time of praise, worship, and ministration.

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

**SVP APPEAL:** It is our aim to provide each homeless man/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 **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December**. We will have a member of our team to collect it.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday coffee morning takes place at Our Lady of Peace Church. Join us at OLOP after Mass this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December for tea/coffee/cake & a chat.

**OLOP RECONSECRATION MASS:** Bishop David will preside over a Mass of Reconsecration for the renovated Altar and Church of Our Lady of Peace. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless our new altar and the newly acquired lectionaries. We will celebrate this Mass on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7 pm**. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our parishioners to meet with former priests who have served this community, including Mgr. Sean Healy, Fr. Andy Richardson, Fr. Joseph Udoh, Canon Kevin O'Driscoll, and others. Please mark the date in your diary, and we look forward to seeing you at this Mass.

**RED BOXES:** Would all Red Box holders who have a full box kindly bring them to any Mass as soon as possible. The final count of donations for this year needs to be banked before Christmas so that accurate records may be forwarded to Head Office by the year end. There is a considerable number of Boxes outstanding from last year. Please hunt around for any duplicates. They are always in demand for redistribution. If there are any donors who have not yet received their calendars for **2025**, would be you please let me know - I have a few emergency spares.

**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!



**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](mailto:office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org) or talk to Denise McClintock.

### MASS TEXT

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jer 33:14-16 'I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.'

**Psalm 24 R/ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thess 3:12-4 'May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.'

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia 2x Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28 'Your liberation is near at hand.'

**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. It contains details of all the Christmas Service times.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: Bring Your Baby Jesus for a Blessing!** Join us for a special Bambinelli Sunday on **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

### OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December'24

9.15am – 10.45am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January'25

9.15am – 10.45am

For more information email:

[admissions@oloppprimary.co.uk](mailto:admissions@oloppprimary.co.uk) or

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### UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 07 Dec Senior Citizen Christmas Tea Party
- 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)

### SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

A Christmas Tea Party for the elderly & sick on **7<sup>th</sup> December at St Andrew's Shared Church**, Washington Drive, Chippenham, SL15RE. It will start with Mass at **2pm** and anointing followed by the Christmas party. Collect your invitation from the welcomers after weekend Masses. For transport, please contact Cedrica Lobo on [cedricalobo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cedricalobo@yahoo.co.uk)

### ST ANDREW'S - CHRISTMAS FAIR

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