

**Newsletter—Friday 7th March** 

Volume 21

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic end to the week we have had with a wonderful World Book Day. The children's and staff costumes looked absolutely amazing and everyone has really got into the spirit. My thanks go to Mrs Saab who has helped to organise the timetable for all the activities the children have undertaken today. I would also like to thank Mrs Smith and the choir for their wonderful singing as everyone entered the site today. A really lovely way to start the school day.

The day has ended with another magnificent event run by the Friends of OLOP. The ladies really do put a lot of time and effort into organising these events so a huge thank you for their hard work and support. I hope those children who have won a Golden Ticket, enjoy their prizes!

We started the season of Lent on Wednesday this week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time in the Church that focuses on prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charitable giving). This year also brings the added invitation to explore and grow our friendship with God through the celebrations of the Year of Jubilee.

Thank you to those parents who have donated Easter eggs for the raffle that I will be holding for charity this term. If anyone is able to donate an egg, please drop them off in the school office.

Well done to the girls football team who played against Cippenham School and won 2-1 earlier this week. The sporting achievements in the school are brilliant and we are really proud of how well all the children do at participating in these events.

After half term, Monika Anton will be starting a singing club for Years 4—6 after school where children will be able to build musical awareness of all styles. For more information, there is a poster on the following pages.

Finally, thank you for your kind words following my appointment as permanent Headteacher of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School. I'm really looking forward to having the opportunity to continue leading this amazing school.

Hope you all have a restful weekend. Mr Stopps

#### **Important dates:**

#### March

**Tuesday 11th March** 

Year 2 Feathers and Falconry
Parents Evening 1—3:30pm to 6:30pm

Thursday 13th March

Parents Evening 2—3:30pm to 6:30pm

Friday 14th March

Friends of OLOP Coffee Morning— 8:40am—10am

Wednesday 19th March

Year 5 & 6 to Mass at OLOP
Church

**Catholic School's Football Festival** 

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

#### **Class Attendance:**

RHA—St Valentine -93.2%

RHC—St Joseph – 95.8%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –93.5%

Yr1—St Bernadette -91.7%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -97.9%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene -98.9%

Yr3—St Paul -98.1%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres -97%

Yr4—St Peter -98.9%

Yr4—St John-Bosco -95%

Yr5—St Thomas More -93.1%

Yr5-St Clare of Assisi -98.9%

Yr6—St Maximilian -99.3%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -98%

Whole School—96.5%



### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

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

NURSERY —Laura

RHA—St Valentine—Conor

RHC—St Joseph—Scarlett

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Isabel

Yr1—St Bernadette—Avani

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Jackson

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Mia T

Yr3—St Paul—Tyler

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Diya

Yr4—St Peter—Miriam

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Amelia

Yr5—St Thomas More—Leon

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— Elena

Yr6—St Maximilian—Devan

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—JJ

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





### **WAKE UP WEDNESDAY**

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy.

To help struggling readers, many digital platforms offer tools that enhance readability by making text more accessible and engaging. There's also a broad range of accessibility features available, such as screen customisation and text-to-voice technology, which may help children and young people improve their literary confidence. This free guide offers ten top tips on how you can help young readers engage in text and foster a love for reading.





### **FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS**

### Mr Stopps Chocolate Factory - 7th March

What a fantastic day we've had! We are delighted that Mr Stopps decided to open his chocolate factory for us and that he and the Oompa Loompa's visited our school today.

We hope the children enjoyed their chocolate and the excitement to check for a golden ticket. We will share our fundraising total and some pictures with you soon!

Thank you for your continued support.





### FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED

### <u>Coffee Morning & Preloved Uniform Sale - 14th March</u>

Our next coffee morning and preloved uniform sale will be held on 14th March. We have lots of great quality uniform available including summer dresses and shorts which the children will be able to wear after the Easter holidays.

If you have any outgrown uniform to donate, please drop it at the school office.





### Friends of OLOP meeting - 14th March

Please join us at our next Friends of OLOP meeting at 2pm on 14th March. We have lots planned for the rest of the school year, including some completely new events such as our Colour Run, so please come along to find out more. There is no expectation that you will be regularly able to volunteer at events - any time you are able to give will always be appreciated. If you would like to attend our meeting just to hear more about what we do and how you can be involved, please do.



### FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED

### **Mothers and Special Others Day**

We are excited to be running our successful Mothers and Special Others Gift Shop once again this year in school on Thursday 27th (for Lower Key Stage) and Friday 28th March (for Upper Key Stage).

Children will be able to visit the shop during school time and choose from a selection of gifts for mums, nans, step-mums, aunts or anyone special to them, which they will take home to be given as a present for Mother's Day.

Gifts must be prepaid through Parent Pay and are priced at £3 each (more than 1 gift can be bought per child). Parent Pay is now open and will be available until 9am on Thursday 20th March.

In previous years, the children really enjoyed the experience of shopping in secret and bringing home a gift for all the wonderful Mothers and Special Others out there!

We hope that this will once again be a lovely event for them to take part in.





### **OLOP SINGING FOR JOY**

## OLOP SINGING FOR JOY SINGING CLUB FOR YEARS 4 TO 6



EVERY TUESDAY FROM 3:30PM TO 4:15PM MAXIMUM 15 PLACES AVAILABLE

10 WEEK COURSE-FROM 29TH APRIL- 8TH JULY 2025 (NO CLASS TUESDAY 24TH MAY)

FUN AND ENGAGING SINGING LESSIONS
FOCUS ON BOOSTING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE IMPROVING
TONE AND TECHNIQUE
RANGING FROM WEST END THEATRE, BAROQUE, CLASSICAL AND
CHORAL WORKS!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE PROVIDED ON INTEREST AND BEFORE PAYMENT.

COST: £7.50 PER LESSON - TOTAL £75 TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

ALL ENQUIRIES TO MRS ANTON: ANTONMONIKA@HOTMAIL.COM TELEPHONE: 07808095704



### **SEND SUPPORT**

Please find attached the flyer with more information on our upcoming Bear Cubs sessions.

To book tickets please use this link <u>BEAR CUBS Tickets</u>, <u>Multiple Dates | Eventbrite</u>

www.gems4health.com





### **SEND SUPPORT**

Please find flyer below with information regarding an Oral Health Support Virtual session happening on Friday 16th May 2025 10am to 11:15am.





### **SEND SUPPORT**

Please see Flyer below for events to be hosted by Homestart for parents with children with ASD or on the pathway.



"These sessions are so useful. I have been putting into practice some of the skills & advice that the course leaders have given us. The advice actually works! Also it is very good to connect with other people who are attending the course who face similar difficulties"

# **CONNECT**WORKSHOP

Parenting a neurodiverse child effects the whole family, this unique parenting course supports all your parenting needs.

It deepens the connection with the whole family



RSVP & INFO

TIME & PLACE
30th April
2 hours a week for 5 Weeks

9.30am to 11.30am

Chalvey Grove
Childrens Centre
Montem Middle School
Chalvery Grove Slough
SL1 2TE

#### INTERACTIVE SUPPORT

- Meet other parents going through the same issue.
- Form friendships and support each other.
- Manage common meltdowns, special interests, anxiety, sensory issues and need of daily routine

01753 572958 / office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk



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### **SEND SUPPORT**

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Take some time for you to learn a relaxing new skill.

Join us via Zoom in our online mindful drawing workshop and learn how to create beautiful pictures using simple patterns and doodles!



No experience needed! All you need is pen and paper - provided.

## 7TH APRIL 11AM-12:30PM

**Book your free place:** 

Call: 01753-572958 or email:

office@homestartberkshireeast .org.uk

With Amanda from Norden Farm

This session is a great opportunity for parents / carers of children with ASD or on the pathway to learn a new skill and relax.







# COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Please see the Flyer below from GEMS which contains details of a Virtual Coffee Morning that can support parents/carers regarding sleep issues and strategies to support families.



# Virtual Coffee Morning Sleep - Autism and ADHD

Friday 25th April 10am to 11:15am

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

- 25 spaces available!
- What makes sleep and bedtime easier?
- The effects of poor sleep patterns on the family
- Coping with sleep regression and changes in routine

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



### Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net

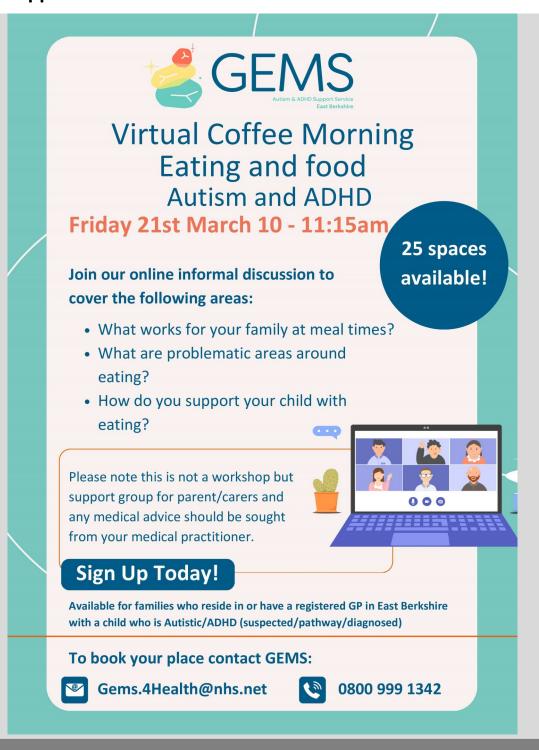


0800 999 1342



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Please see the attached Flyer from GEMS which contains details of a Virtual Coffee Morning that can support parents/carers regarding Eating and Food issues and strategies to support families.





#### CHURCH BULLETIN



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

First Sunday of Lent (C)





#### PARISH MISSION AT OUR LADY OF PEACE & ST ANDREW'S **HAPPENING THIS MONDAY – SUNDAY**



Each Day the Church will be open for prayer. Each day from 6pm to 7pm there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity to come and pray together, spending time praying for the Mission week and for all the people who live in the geographical area of the parish, that they may come to know God's love for them.

Mission Week Events: All welcome!

Jesus Our Hope: A Jubilee Evening Led by Mission Northampton: Monday 10th March 2025, 7 - 9pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

Pope Francis invites us to look to the future with hope. Join Mission Northampton for a Jubilee inspired evening, which will include music, creative ways to pray, and a talk by our guest speaker Fr. Simon Penhalagan. We invite you to come and deepen your relationship with Jesus during this evening. The evening will be gentle and welcoming, so feel free to invite a friend!

Tuesday 11th March: Training for outreach into the wider community, 7 - 9pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

#### Sunday 16th March: Light Fever at St. Andrew's, 1pm to 4pm:

An experience of going out and inviting people back to the Church to light a candle and pray. This is an effective and simple way to share the love of God with others during this Mission Week. There are lots of jobs that need doing, including making tea and coffee, music & intercession, as well as people going out to invite others in, so there is something for everyone!

Monday 17th March: Mission Day in Our Lady of Peace Primary School led by Sion Community: A day in which the children in the school can come to know more deeply that they are loved by God.

#### A WARM WELCOME TO FR. AMALRAJ LAWRENCE, SMA! Fr. Amalraj has this to say about himself:

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you. I am Amalraj Lawrence (known as 'AMAL' in short) and was born on May 31,1984, in a small village in Tamil Nadu, India. We are three in the family. My sister is the elder one and I am the middle one and my brother is the last son. My parents are alive and kicking.

My vocation story started when I was an altar server, attending church regularly, listening to the Word of God, and serving the priests at Mass. Never did I imagine that one day I would become a missionary priest, leaving my family and homeland to spread the Gospel in different parts of the world. However, when the Lord called me, discerning my vocation, I joined the Society of African Missions (SMA) Congregation in the year 2000.

After Completing my preparatory, philosophical, and college studies in India, I was sent to the **Philippines** for my spiritual year for a year and the time was spent discerning my vocation in prayer and reflection. It was my first experience in **Africa** when I went to Kenya for my Pastoral work in 2009 and then studied my theology course in Nairobi, Kenya from 2010 to 2014. I was ordained on May 23, 2014 in my hometown, India.

My missionary journey began when I was sent back to **Kenya**, where I spent a couple of years in studies. I served two parishes in Kenya from 2015 to 2023. It was a truly wonderful experience with simple people who were strong in faith.

In 2024, I arrived in the UK, my first time in Europe. I stayed in Northwood the whole of last year helping mission appeals for the SMA. Considering the request by the Provincial Superior, I agreed to move to the Parish of Our Lady of Peace, Burnham. Here am I to do God's work as a humble servant in your midst. I am delighted to be here and ready to serve you. Let us be united and support each other. I would like to request you to pray for me as I serve you. May God help us in our work.

Let us warmly welcome Fr. Amal and keep him in our prayers as we continue to grow together in faith and love.

ADDRESS: THE PRESBYTERY, LOWER BRITWELL ROAD, SLOUGH, SL2 2NL office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org **CSCT:** The trustees of Cippenham Shared Church Trust are holding the Annual General Meeting for the year ending 30th June 2024 on Monday 17th March at St Andrew's at 7.30pm. parishioners are invited to come

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £834.36 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £37.10 DONA Plate: £102.89



#### 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,

Assistant Priest: Rev. Amalraj Lawrence, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-

Secretary: Mrs. Venecia Godinho Lead Sacristan: Ms. Alma Pepai

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort ① 07456 948001 /

<u>Safeguarding.olop@northamptondio</u>

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School (2)** 01628 661886

All bookings for St Andrew's Please contact the bookings secretary on 3 07546 710834.

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG



#### **CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED**

WALK WITH ME: books, a Lenten of Prayer 2025, are available in the Church porches, priced £1.

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	6 pm	Russell Brown RIP (Pauline Lawes)
				Lucy Sweeney RIP (Conroy)
				Thanksgiving for Zosia Skros 6th Birthday INT (Skros Family)
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	9.30	Angelica Fernandes RIP (Rodrigues Family)
Suli	9 IVIAI	OLOP	9.30	Lucy Sweeney RIP (Sugrue Family)
				Tim Lalor RIP (CWL)
		St. A	11.30	Mary Ravnkilde RIP (Steffen Ravnkilde)
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	9.30	Esperance Rodrigues RIP (Rodrigues)
		OLOP	7 - 9pm	Parish Mission
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	9.30	Family Intention (Christina)
				Jimmy & Christopher Doran INT (Tina & Family)
				Mary Cash RIP (Tina & Family)
		OLOP	7 - 9pm	Parish Mission
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	9.30	Special Intention for Slawek's Family
				Peter Truman (Foundation)
			6 7mm	Station of the Cross Adoration and Evening Prayer
			6 - 7pm	Adolation and Evening Frayer
Thur	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St. A	9.30	Ivy D'Costa RIP (Zina)
				Adriana Pena-Torok Family INT (R. Group)
				Zoltan Torok RIP (R. Group)  Station of the Cross
			6 - 7pm	Adoration and Evening Prayer
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	9.30	Joseph Dias RIP (Lobo Family)
FII	14 iviar	OLUP	9.50	Terry McGarry RIP Birthday Remembrance
				(Nkabinde)
				Maria & Jerry & Childrens INT (Florence)
			6 - 7pm	Adoration and Evening Prayer
			7 pm	Station of the Cross
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	10.00	Everard Family INT (O'Donnell)
				Bailey (Foundation)
			6 pm	Frank Stewart RIP 8th Anniversary (Stewart)
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	OLOP	9.30	Nellie O'Shea RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (Sugrue)
				Jose Luciano Rodrigues RIP (Rodrigues Family)
			44.00	Bridie O'Connor INT (R. Group)
		St. A	11.30	Natale Fuscaldo RIP 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Anna & Ester Bruno Family)
				Dion Fernandes Birthday INT (Fernandes Family)
				Sister Mary Martin RIP (Oates Family)
		St. A	1 - 4pm	Parish Mission

#### PARISH MASS BOOKS - SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

Many of our parishioners have expressed a desire for parish Mass Books to help them participate more fully and actively in the celebration of Mass. We're pleased to announce that plans are now underway to provide these **Sunday Missals for our parish community.** Through the generous spirit of a parishioner, we have already received half of the required funding for these Mass Books. **We now invite other members of our parish family who feel called to contribute to this meaningful initiative. Every donation, no matter the size, will help us reach our goal of making these Mass Books available to all. For your convenience, we have added a dedicated option on our <b>Dona collection plate specifically for the Mass Book fund.** Your support will help ensure that every parishioner can follow along and participate more deeply in our liturgical celebrations. Thank you for your continued generosity and dedication to strengthening our parish community. God bless you all.

Bank: NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11

# GO IN PEACE

Account Number: 46716203 Account Name: RCDN Our Lady of Peace.

CAFOD COLLECTION: The weekend March 15th & 16th, there will be retiring collection at the end of all Masses. Kevin will make an appeal at the Masses on 8/9th March. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Please come and support on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm, the St Patrick's Fundraising Social at St Andrew's Shared Church, SL1 5RE – tickets £10 (Children free under 16) will be on sale at all Masses.

CWL LENTEN LUNCHES: The Catholic Women's League will be holding Lenten Lunches every Tuesday in Lent in St Andrew's Church in Cippenham. Soup and bread, tea and coffee, will be served from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Funds raised will be shared between the Catholic Women's League and Cippenham Shared Church Trust. We suggest a minimum donation of £3. Dates: March 11th, 18th, 25th - April 1st, 8th and 15th. Look forward to seeing you there.

#### VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: The Diocese of Northampton is seeking to appoint a Director of Education. This full-time role is vital in supporting the Bishop's mission and vision for Catholic education, ensuring the continued growth and excellence of our diocesan schools. For more details visit: <a href="https://northamptondiocese.org/job/diocesan-director-of-education/">https://northamptondiocese.org/job/diocesan-director-of-education/</a>

1st Reading: Deut. 26:4-10 'The confession of faith of the chosen people.' Psalm 91(90) R/ Be with me, O Lord, in

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom 10:8-13** 'The confession of faith of believers in Christ.'

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13** 'Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil.'

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