

Newsletter—Friday 31st January

Volume 17

Dear Parents,

Hope you have all had a good week.

This week we launched the Jubilee 2025 Holy Year with the children. We shared the CAFOD video in assembly which showed the children what this special year is all about. The children during this week have then been thinking about the theme for the jubilee about being Pilgrims of Hope and have written their own hopes for a class 'Jar of Hopes'. These will be shared throughout 2025 in class prayer times. If you would like to know more about the Jubilee year, please follow this link to find out more:

https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools?

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Year 4 went on a fabulous trip to Ufton Court this week and their behaviour, as always, was outstanding. They had a fun filled day learning about Viking life including their justice system and how they fought. The children had hands on experience of making thread from sheep wool, building a fence and using flints. Well done to all our Year 4 pupils for representing the school well.

We have some special theme days/weeks coming up.

- Week beginning 3rd February: children's mental health week
- Friday 7th February: Number Day
- Tuesday 11th February: Safer Internet Day

Another couple of dates for your diaries are the Spring Term parent evening meetings. These will be taking place on Tuesday 11th March and Thursday 13th March. We will notify parents when bookings are open. Both evenings will run from 3:30pm until 6:30pm.

Just a small reminder about uniform. I have noticed some trainers being worn on non-PE days. Shoes should be plain black school shoes. If there are any issues related to this, please speak to the school office.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend. Many thanks, Mr Stopps

#### **Important dates:**

#### **February**

Tuesday 5th—Year 6 to Mass at

OLOP—9:30am

Friday 7th—Number Day

Tuesday 11th—Year 5 to Mass at

**OLOP-9:30am** 

Friday 14th—Friends Doughnut &

**Sweet Treat Sale** 

Friday 14th—Term Ends

Monday 17th—Friday 21st—Half

Term

Monday 24th—Term Starts

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th February

**Little Recyclers Clothing Collection** 

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

#### **Class Attendance:**

RHA—St Valentine –94.7%

RHC—St Joseph – 97.9%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska -90%

Yr1—St Bernadette –97%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -96.9%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –98.2%

Yr3—St Paul -93.3%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –90.8%

Yr4—St Peter -83.7%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –78.6%

Yr5—St Thomas More -93.8%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -90%

Yr6—St Maximilian –98.6%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -92.7%

Whole school weekly attendance: 92.3%



### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

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

RHA—St Valentine—Tanvi

RHC—St Joseph—Nathan

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Sidney

Yr1—St Bernadette—Myla

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Leon M

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Enya

Yr3—St Paul—Esmae

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Ethan

Yr4—St Peter— Precious

Yr4—St John-Bosco—The Whole Class

Yr5—St Thomas More—Lily

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— Haider

Yr6—St Maximilian—Joyal

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Josh M

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





### **TEN TEN FOR PRAYER & LITURGY**

### February 2025

The dark mornings and evenings are still with us as we celebrate Candlemas, the feast of The Presentation of the Lord, on 2nd February. This feast day marks the official end of the Christmas season in the Catholic Church and reminds us again that Jesus is the light who came into the world to save us.

Throughout February, children will consider how Jesus, Light of the World, invites us to follow Him and leads us to joy, peace and truth.

### I Have Seen The Promise

The Assembly for the first week of February celebrates the Presentation of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to the Temple as a baby to be presented to God - a religious tradition and duty for all Jews.

The Gospel story of this event is told through a drama with Simeon and Anna reflecting on the amazing day when they saw Jesus and through eyes of faith, recognised Him as the promised Saviour. Children will come to know that they too can see Jesus with eyes of faith as the Light of the World - the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth.

With your child, you might like to ...

Light a candle in a darkened room or turn on a lamp or torch and ask your child to describe how light changes the look and feel of their surroundings. Talk about the title for Jesus - the 'Light of the World' and explain that Jesus guides us with His loving light.

Talk about ways they can shine Jesus' loving light in the world through their words and actions.



## **TEN TEN FOR PRAYER & LITURGY**

#### THE HOLY FAMILY

Special occasions often draw families together and Jesus' family were no different. Mary, Joseph and Jesus went to the Temple together for the special event of Jesus' presentation and we can be inspired by this example of togetherness. In fact, the month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

You might like to take this opportunity to honour the Holy Family by ...

Spending quality time with your own loved ones, perhaps by going to Mass, eating together, playing a game or going on a family outing.

Perhaps you could pray together, including prayers of thanks and appreciation for each other and also pray for families who can't be together due to distance, illness or conflict.

### TRUST IN THE LORD

The Gospel for the week beginning 10th February shows Simon Peter taking a leap of faith. After fishing all night and without catching anything, Jesus asked him to cast his nets once again. Simon Peter trusted Jesus and did just that and they caught so many fish that other fishermen had to come to help!

Inspired by Simon Peter, who showed us how to trust in the Lord – even when we don't fully understand, this week's prayers reflect on encouraging messages from the Scriptures which help us to trust and follow Jesus, just like the first disciples.

As part of their prayers, children will use Sign Language to help them learn verses from the Scriptures.

Perhaps you'd like to learn this Scripture verse together '*Trust in The Lord with all your heart*' (Proverbs 3:5). You might like to watch the Sign Language video that has been made available in the Parent Portal.

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/

After, you might like to use this prayer to finish:

Jesus,
We want to follow you, just like the first disciples.
Give us strength to be like Simon Peter and trust you with all our heart so that we grow closer to you.

Amen



### **JUBILEE FOR SCHOOLS**



1 What is a Jubilee year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

2 How often is a Jubilee year?

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

- When does the Jubilee start and finish?
  The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024
  - The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026.
- 5 Launch day for schoools: Friday 24th January 2024

The gospel reading on Sunday 26 January is Luke 4:16-21, a key text for the Jubilee year.

6 Pledge Day: June/July 2025

Schools are invited to reflect on their mission and choose a date to commit to stand in solidarity with the poorest communities, sharing hope and challenging injustice by pledging to take concrete actions to make their community, country and world a better place.

7 Jubilee Celebration: Friday 21st November 2025

Celebrating the end of the Jubilee year and looking ahead with hope.



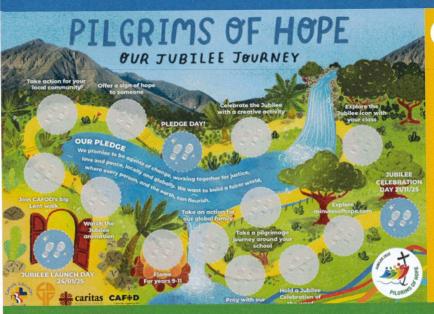


## **JUBILEE FOR SCHOOLS CONTINUED**

14 What do Catholics do in a Jubilee year?

The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to respond to God's call to turn to him and to pursue justice, to renew our relationship with God, with our neighbours, and with the earth itself.

Often people will go on pilgrimage during a Jubilee year, to Rome or another holy site.



How can schools

There are lots of opportunities to be involved! The Pilgrims of Hope map will give you some flexible ideas for joining together with schools across England and Wales in the Jubilee year, including opportunities for prayer, learning and action.



Visit jubilee-schools.org.uk for all the resources.

Coming soon! Order your free Jubilee Journey Map



16 What is a Jubilee pledge?

A pledge is a solemn promise, a commitment to undertaking a specific course of action. The Jubilee Pledge is a commitment that all schools are invited to make during this Jubilee year, to walk in solidarity with our global family, and to be agents of change in the world.

The Jubilee Pledge:

We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.













## JUBILEE FOR SCHOOLS CONTINUED

8 What is the theme for the Jubilee 2025?

The theme is **Pilgrims of Hope**. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

9 What is the Biblical background for the Jubilee Year?

The word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word yobel, which is a ram's horn. This wind instrument is blown to mark the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible (Leviticus 25:9). In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the landless.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour:

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

After reading, Jesus announces: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. He invites us to join him in making it a reality.

10 What is a Papal Bull of Indiction?

The term 'bull' originates from the lead seal, known as bulla in Latin. It refers to a Papal decree which outlines the purpose and spirit of the Holy Year.

What is the Papal Bull for Jubilee 2025 called?

The Bull is titled "Spes non confundit" (Hope does not disappoint) and urges us to look for signs of hope in the world around us and work for peace and justice.

12 What is a Holy Door?

The beginning of the Jubilee Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is only during a Jubilee Year that these doors are opened.

13 What is the Year of Prayer?

In preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2024 has been designated a <u>Year of Prayer</u> by Pope Francis. He asks us all to join in a great "symphony of prayer" and "to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord".



### **NUMBER DAY**

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to announce that OLOP will be celebrating the NSPCC's Number Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - the children will be participating in fun and engaging maths activities during the day, including a special assembly, real-life investigations, puzzles, games, competitions and more.

To mark the occasion, we are inviting children to wear a maths-related outfit or costume for the day. This could include an item of clothing with a number, shape or pattern on it, or even to dress as a mathematical object of some kind... there will be prizes for the best dressed so feel free to go all-out! We hope the day will be one to remember and look forward to sharing photos with you in the subsequent newsletter.

Thank you and best wishes,
Miss Thistle



### **NUMBER DAY**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, nine of our finest Year 5 played between Langley Heritage Academy, in their first away match. Despite their wonderful team spirit and perseverance, the final score did not go in our favour. As one parent, Mr Sandhu stated "The boys should be extremely proud of their performance."

Well done!





## **WAKE UP WEDNESDAY**

As we grow up, we're inevitably exposed to new and challenging feelings – whether it's sadness, fear or rage. These emotions can be tough to handle when we're still learning about the world – and even once we've passed into adulthood – which is why emotional literacy is a vital life skill.

Of course, when emotions are running high, it can be tricky to help young people process these feelings in a healthy way, but it's incredibly important that we do so as parents and educators. This free guide provides you with expert tips on teaching children to recognise their own emotions and deal with them in a mature manner.





### **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**

Shall we share a secret with you?

Mr. Stopps owns a secret Chocolate Factory....and this year he'll open it to us on Friday 7th of March to celebrate World Book Day! Children will have the chance to buy his Stoppsdiddlyumptious chocolate bars and some will have a Gold Ticket in them with amazing prizes to be won.

Details of the fantastic prizes and how to buy your chocolate bars will be available soon....Keep an eye on the posters going up in and around the school and on the Friends of Our Lady of Peace Facebook page for more information!



### **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!



## **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.





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.



### **SEND SUPPORT**

Please see the attached information from the GEMS Team regarding upcoming workshops they are running.



We are delighted to announce we have released a one-off workshop called Navigating School Avoidance.

#### **Navigating School Avoidance**

Hosted by the Autism Group:

To understand what EBSA/ERSA is. Recognising potential early signs in our children. Exploring strategies to support our children. Encouraging questions and sharing experiences.

AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 26th February 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/navigating-school-avoidance-tickets-1203190096969?aff=oddtdtcreator

We have also just released a new date for our Managing Anxiety workshop.

#### **Managing Anxiety**

Hosted by The Autism Group:

What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety & some tried & tested strategies to tackle it.

AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online: Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1036680107107?aff=oddtdtcreator

We have many other available workshops if the above do not suit your needs. Please take a look at our website.

https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/



### **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.



### **FOOTBALL TRAINING**





### CHURCH BULLETIN



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



#### The Presentation of the Lord - 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	OLOP	6 pm	Keith and Peter Hegarty RIP (Paul Kilkenny) Madeleine Brown RIP (Pauline Lawes)
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Deirdre Purcell and Family INT (M Heaney) Norah Hayes and Family INT (M Heaney) Russ Pooley and Family INT (M Heaney) Marian Balcerski RIP (Miriam Balcerski) Eammon Byrne RIP 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Anne Byrne)
		St. A	11.30	Thanksgiving Intention (Annie Ryan) Luigia Evangelista RIP & Maria Deacon RIP (Pena)
		St. A	3 pm	Francis Cardozo RIP (Goan Community)
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Walter Stanley Stroud RIP (Miriam Balcerski) John Harris RIP & John Dowling RIP (Edward)
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Fr. Fernando Suarez RIP 4th Anniversary (Edward) Bernard J Rafter INT (Michael Rafter)
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Tina Koenig RIP (R. Group) Childrens & Teachers from Our Lady of Peace Primary School
		OLOP	11.30	Requiem Mass - Francis Cardozo RIP
Thur	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	St. A	9.30	Lucy Sweeney RIP (Liyanarachchiqi Family)
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Alma Pepaj & Family INT (R. Group) Leela Kuthokathen & Family INT (R. Group)
		OLOP	10.00	24-hour Adoration
		OLOP	7 pm	People of the parish
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	OLOP	9.30	Benediction
		OLOP	10.00	Kathleen Jemmett RIP (O'Donnell)
		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 (Liyanarachchiqi Family)
		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)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** The Burnham Section of the Catholic Women's League will be holding their next meeting at St Andrew's Shared Church at **2:30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.** Visitors are very welcome to attend and find out more about us. There will be a short meeting then plenty of time for tea and biscuits.

#### 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!



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £788.57 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £36.00 DONA Plate: £169.01



#### 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

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

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#### **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: 7th - 9th 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 (https://nymo.org/lux-hope-2025-2/).

#### SAVE THE DATE

ST PATRICK'S DAY: Please come and support Saturday, 15th March at 7 pm for the St Patrick's Fundraising Social at St Andrew's Shared Church, SL1 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="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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