



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 13th December

Volume 13

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy festive week with lots happening across the school.

We started the week with our EYFS Christmas Concerts which started the week off with great joy. Year 1 have also had their Christmas concert this morning and again the children sang beautifully and retold the story of Christmas incredibly well. Year 2 and 3 have also been busy with their Christmas Production and it has been a huge success. We are incredibly proud of all the children this week as their hard work has resulted in fantastic performances being put on to get us all ready for Christmas.

Well done to all the children. My thanks also go to all the staff who have put a lot of time and dedication into getting these performances prepared.

Mrs Smith has also been busy with the school choir and Music Club. Both groups put together a wonderful music concert on Monday evening. It was a joy to watch such talent being shown to the parents and watch the children perform with such confidence. Mrs Smith and Mrs Saab also took the choir to Burnham Lodge Care Home where the children sang some Christmas carols and songs to the elderly. The staff and children's hard work are also benefiting other members of the local community. Well done.

We are nearing the end of the first term and it has certainly flown by. This Sunday will be the 3rd Sunday of Advent and Monday's Gospel assembly reminds the children of the meaning of Advent and invites them to ask Jesus to open their minds. With minds open to welcome Jesus into our lives, and be like Jesus to those we meet, we can learn how to respond to difficulties with strength and courage.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

Mr Stopps

Important dates:

December:

Monday 16th

Year 4 Christmas Concert—
2:30pm

Tuesday 17th

Open Day—9:15am to 10:45am

Wednesday 18th

End of Term Advent Mass

Thursday 19th

End of Term Nursery

Friday 20th

End of Term Reception to Year 6—
12:15pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine —96.3%

RHC—St Joseph — 94.4%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska —99.6%

Yr1—St Bernadette —97.3%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta —91.7%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene —96.4%

Yr3—St Paul —99.3%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres —95.7%

Yr4—St Peter —97%

Yr4—St John-Bosco —98.1%

Yr5—St Thomas More —97.5%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi —93.9%

Yr6—St Maximilian —92.1%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita —92.7%

Whole school weekly attendance: 95.5%



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

Classes of The Week – week ending 13th December 2024



Well Done 1RS, 3MP and 4MB.



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS



This week's pupils of the week are:

RHA—St Valentine—**Conor**

RHC—St Joseph—**Taji**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska— **Eli**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Myla**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Adrian**

Yr2—St Mary Magadeline—**Samantha**

Yr3—St Paul—**Ethan**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**The Whole Class**

Yr4—St Peter— **Erin**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Amber**

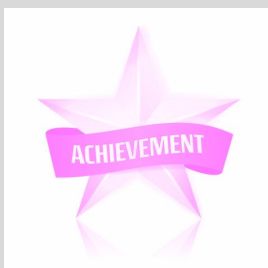
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Aarav**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— **Darcey**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Joel**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Marki**

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





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MEMBERS OF UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOL CHOIR

On the evening of Sunday 1st December, members of the Upper and Lower School choir took part in 'A Symphony of Voices', a concert at Our Lady of Peace church. The children sang beautifully, and gave a great performance amongst so many other very talented musicians and choirs. The children should be very proud of themselves! It was wonderful to see our school and parish communities coming together.

Mrs Smith





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CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about Ibrahim 6CT and Yousuf 5RB, who competed in their second Maidenhead Chess Club tournament on Saturday, 7th December.

Both boys performed brilliantly, securing 3rd and 4th place, and were awarded trophies and mugs for their achievements. Their hard work and strategic thinking truly shone during the competition.

Please join us in congratulating Ibrahim and Yousuf on this wonderful accomplishment!





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CHRISTMAS GIFT/TOUCH RUGBY

Christmas Gift from Slough Town FC - Free Tickets; Saturday 14th December 2024

Slough Town Football Club would like to offer the school's community free tickets for their final game prior to Christmas.

Apply for the tickets, here: On check out use the code: XMASGIFT24

Christmas Touch Rugby Camp - 2 & 3 January 2025 - Maidenhead RFC

Due to when the school holidays fall this year, it has not been possible to organise a camp before Christmas. We will be hosting a junior touch rugby camp at Maidenhead RFC on Thursday 2nd January and Friday 3rd January for boys and girls aged 5-17 to get active once again!

We are very excited to be joined by some very special guests - England athletes Dom Tripp and Zan Hudson - who enjoyed their time so much at the last camp, they want to return and are also bringing their England coaches with them to deliver some brand new content and do some filming for new coaching materials!

This is a great opportunities for juniors of all ages and playing levels to come along and develop their skills and have fun playing lots of games. We will even throw in hot chocolate breaks mid morning to ensure everyone is out of the cold and staying warm!

Booking form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf10cu7N_1qcLuA_bSGKXecIPGwUvqtUz5WC3UWWXpuMuzkGA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please sign up before Friday 20 December 2024 to guarantee your junior's place.



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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



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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 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



Get Set 4 Education

My Active Calendar December 2024

Name: _____

MON TUE WED THU FRI

2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			



I loved this game today.



I found this game 'ok' today.



This isn't the game for me today.

www.getset4education.co.uk



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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

The holiday season is a time for celebration, relaxation and spending well-earned time with loved ones. While this period will hopefully be calm, it's important that parents and educators acknowledge there are still things we can do to make these weeks as safe as possible for the young people in our care.

Of course, it's not immediately obvious what can or should be done to stay safe over the festive season. This free guide offers expert advice on the steps you can take to enjoy a less fraught winter break, safeguarding any youngsters who might be present for the celebrations.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

- 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY**
Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.
- 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS**
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS**
More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.
- 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES**
Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergies needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.
- 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS**
Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD**
Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.
- 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS**
Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS**
Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discouraging packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.
- 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE**
Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.
- 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY**
Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert
James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

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

To book a face to face, on-line or telephone sessions,
please contact: EarlyHelp@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk



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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



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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
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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JANUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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
4th Tuesday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Romsey Close Children Centre**
Postcode: SL3 8PE
2nd Wednesday of every month - 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Penn Road Children Centre**
Postcode: SL2 1PG
1st Thursday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm
- **Chalvey Grove Children Centre**
Postcode: SL1 2TE
3rd 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



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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.





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HEALTH INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Please see the Brochure attached to this newsletter from the Family Information Service and HAF Team, sharing information on activities that can be accessed over the Christmas Break.

Winter Break Activities 2024

From Slough Family Information Service



☎ 01753 476589

✉ FIS@slough.gov.uk

🌐 www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk

www.slough.gov.uk
Slough
Borough Council



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BRITWELL'S WINTER WONDERLAND



BRITWELL'S
Winter
WONDERLAND



*bring your lights and lanterns.
let's light up the area, together!*

carol singing > lights



stalls > childrens' activities >



arts and crafts > refreshments

music and entertainment



in a variety of venues and outside on

Wentworth Avenue, Britwell



Thursday 19th December

4-7pm

something for all the family!



britwellcommunityforum@gmail.com

Tel/mssg: 07825 338558



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Winter Blues Information Leaflet – below

The Slough Coproduction Network would like to share support that is available for residents, particularly during the winter period as this can be a challenging time for some people. To help with this, volunteers coproduced a 'Winter blues' leaflet with useful information (attached). Here is the link to it on their website.

[Winter blues advice leaflet – Slough Borough Council](#)

Winter Blues?
You are not alone





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WINTER BLUES—CONTINUED

Many of us find winter a difficult time of year.

Here are some top tips to brighten the darker days!



1

Stay connected to others and reach out when you are low



2

Keep as active as you can and eat healthily



3

Do something you enjoy every day however small



4

Remember there are people you can talk to



5

Remember spring is coming!



There are people and places to visit if you need help, advice or someone to talk to. The following pages list some useful Slough and nationally based contacts.



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WINTER BLUES—CONTINUED

- Visit **Safe Haven** for emotional support and information if you are in crisis. Calls and messages are monitored during opening hours. Messages can be left outside these times and will be responded to. Call: 0 7790 772863 (5-11pm daily)
Email: east.berkshirehaven@nhs.net Opening hours: Thursday-Sunday, 5-11pm
Address: 54 High Street, Slough, SL1 1EL

- **Samaritans** who provide a free 24 hour telephone support service. Call: 116 123

- **5 Ways to wellbeing:** Visit www.mind.org.uk for information and support about looking after your mental health.

- **Talking Therapies** offers support with common challenges like low mood, stress and anxiety. Call 0300 3652000 or visit talkingtherapies@berkshire.nhs.uk. Your GP can also refer you.

- Contact **Slough Community Connectors** for information and help to find community activities and support. Call: 01753 251387 (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm)
Email: communityconnectors@sloughcvs.org.uk

- **Slough Community Directory** provides lots of information about local community groups and services to help you stay connected including singing, gardening, exercise and litter picking groups. sloughhealth.org

- **Slough Treatment, Advice and Recovery Team (START)** is a free, confidential service for anyone who is concerned about their own or someone else's substance use. The service is dedicated to promoting wellbeing and recovery from addiction when you feel ready to take those steps. START also provides evening, weekend as well as drop in sessions in various locations across Slough.
Address: 27 Pursers Court, Slough SL2 5DL
Call: 01753 692548 Email: START@turning-point.co.uk
Website: www.turning-point.co.uk/services/slough

- Contact **Citizens Advice East Berkshire** if you are worried about benefits, work or need support with debt and money management or want housing information. The Slough Advice Line Freephone 0800 812 7022 Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm. Alternatively, you can use National Citizens Advice Webchat www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/web-chat-service/ usually available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. If there are no advisors available the option to send an email instead becomes available.

- Contact **Health and Wellbeing Slough** for support and help to stop smoking, for weight management, to prevent falls for older people and to access free NHS health checks. Call 01753 373646 or 0800 0614734 Email: info.hws@nhs.net
Web: healthandwellbeingslough.co.uk
healthandwellbeingslough.co.uk/referral-form/



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WINTER BLUES—CONTINUED

More health information

- **Pharmacy:** They are qualified healthcare professionals, offering valuable advice and support for health concerns.
www.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/which-service-do-you-need/more-on-community-pharmacy-services
- **Contact 111:** If you have symptoms but are not seriously unwell. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk.
- **General Practice:** Provides range of health services including medical advice, vaccinations, examinations, and treatment and can also refer to other NHS services. Get in touch for routine/same day appointments between 8am-8pm, evenings and weekends. You may be offered a telephone or face-to-face consultation as needed.
- **Slough Urgent Care Centre:** is a service this winter, open seven days a week, from 8am-8pm, at Priors Close, Slough. Call your local GP practice or 111 for an appointment. You may be redirected to this service if you attend A&E. A number of walk-in appointments are available however, booking is strongly recommended to avoid waiting times.
- **Accident and Emergency:** is a service for serious or life-threatening emergencies only.
- **Self-care:** Many health issues can be managed with self-care. You can find good advice online through the NHS website (www.nhs.uk) or for children visit Frimley Healthier Together (frimley-healthiertgether.nhs.uk).
- **Other health information** please visit www.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/.

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Healthcare
from the heart of
your community

Berkshire Healthcare 
NHS Foundation Trust

www.slough.gov.uk
Slough
Borough Council

ENABLING
COMMUNITY
2022-2026

 **Slough CVS**
Community
Connectors


Frimley

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CYBER PROTECT—THE DIGITAL DILEMMA

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a free webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Please also see Flyer on next page for more information.



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CYBER PROTECT—THE DIGITAL DILEMMA—CONTINUED

CYBER PROTECT

The Digital Dilemma

Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

December 4th, 11th, 18th

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Thames Valley Police

Hints and tips to secure your family online, covering:

Gaming  **Social Media**  **Email**

BOOK YOUR SPACE:

Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER

LEVEL UP  **YOUR ONLINE SECURITY**



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CHURCH BULLETIN



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



Third Sunday of Advent - Year (C)

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 Times & Intentions

Sat	14 th Dec	OLOP	6 pm	Kathleen Rumble INT (Val Warner) Maira INT (Val Warner)
Sun	15 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	James (Jim) Deignan RIP Anniversary (Ann Deignan) Marie Corcoran RIP (CWL) Mario & Connie Godinho Wedding Anniversary (Borges)
		St. A	11.30	Billy McDonald RIP (John McDonald) Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP (Mary McConville)
Mon	16 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Barbara Gallagher INT (Christina)
Tue	17 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Tina Koenig RIP (Shelagh)
			7 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Wed	18 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Family Intention (Christina) Fr. Nathaniel INT (Val Warner)
Thur	19 th Dec	St. A	8.30 - 9.30am	Confessions
			9.30	Vanessa & Thankachan Madappalil Wedding Anniversary (Borges Family)
Fri	20 th Dec	OLOP	9.30	Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma & Family) Lyse Pegado Birthday (Borges Family)
			11.00	Requiem Mass - Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP
Sat	21 st Dec	OLOP	10.00	Armando & Stella Borges Wedding Anniversary (Borges) Campbell, Gordon (Foundation)
		OLOP	6 pm	Jerzy Benedict Anton RIP (Anton Family) Connie & Anne Sugrue INT (Sugrue Family) Alina & Irena RIP (Tkaczyk)
Sun	22 nd Dec	OLOP	9.30	Denis Sugrue RIP Remembrance (Sugrue Family) Nuala Allis & Family INT (Sugrue Family) Special Intention for Luiza Pepaj Anne Maasch RIP Anniversary (Denise)
		St. A	11.30	Fortino & Gurro Family INT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £713.83
DONA Plate: £63.91
Sunday Tea & Coffee: £36.20
Wednesday Tea & Coffee: £40.45



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

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OLOP RECONSECRATION MASS: What a lovely **Wednesday evening** with Bishop David and all the priests present as we celebrated the Mass of Rededication of our parish church of Our Lady of Peace. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so memorable.

Thanks to our sacristan, Alma; the flower arrangements team; the church cleaning crew; all our altar servers, welcomers, and choir members; Yvonne Cafferty and Mishka; and finally, all the parishioners who participated in the Rededication Mass.

Fr. Anthony and Fr. Marek would like to appreciate all parishioners for the amazing communal effort and hard work that led to the successful completion of the refurbishment project and a wonderful rededication ceremony. May God bless each one for all your sacrifices that keep this church going.

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 upkeep. Should you wish to give a Christmas Offering to our priests, through the offertory envelopes, there is a blue/white 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.** ✠

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✦ Please pray for **Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP** who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 20th December at 11.00am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Crematorium.

✦ Please pray for **Norman Leslie Grimmette RIP** who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 10th January at 12.45pm in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Crematorium.

Please keep their families in your prayers as they go through this trying time of mourning. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE: We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Mrs. Yvonne Cafferty and family**, who have donated funds to purchase 400 copies of parish Mass books for both churches. We are very grateful for their kindness, generosity, and support. Yvonne's generous contributions will help our parish purchase Mass books for one out of the four liturgical seasons. We are still in need of sponsorship for Mass books to cover the three remaining seasons. We would greatly appreciate any voluntary sponsorship of Mass books.

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY: Saint Stephen is the patron saint of Altar Servers. There will be a special Mass on **Thursday December 26th 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.

OUR LADY OF PEACE - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): We would like to thank all the Parish Pastoral Council members for their valuable service, time, and dedication to this parish these last two years. After two years of selfless service to our church, it is now time for us to say a big thank you to them while inviting new members of our parish to step up and give back to this parish. We extend our deepest gratitude to these outgoing leaders of our church for all the support that has facilitated the growth of this wonderful parish. **We will be appointing a new parish pastoral council for our parish in the next few weeks.** Please keep the members of our outgoing council in your prayers.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting Priests in Our Lady of Peace Church on **Tuesday, 17th December at 7.00pm**.

OTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION: St Andrew's Thursday, **19th December between 8.30am - 9.30am.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: Leaflets are available in the Church porches, please take a copy home. They contain details of all the Christmas Service times.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 15 Dec Bambinelli Sunday
- 15 Dec Love Christmas with Our Giving Tree
- 17 Dec Advent Reconciliation Service (AORP)
- 19 Dec Advent Confessions (St Andrew's)
- 26 Dec Mass for Altar Servers

MASS TEXT

1st Reading: Zep 3:14-18a 'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.'

Psalms R/ Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7, 'The Lord is at hand.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x **The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.**

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18 'And we, what shall we do?'

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.**

NEW LECTIONARIES: We thank God for the blessings bestowed on our new lectionaries through the ministry of Bishop David. We are now able to commence listening to the Word of God using these new lectionaries. This means that all our liturgical readings will be taken from these new books. We will now withdraw our Mass books until we receive our **new supplies, kindly paid for by our former parish secretary, Mrs. Yvonne Cafferty.**

TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER

Next week's newsletter will be for two weeks, the deadline for notices will be Thursday, 19th December by 11 am.

Please email notices on office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondioceses.org, or drop in the Presbytery door.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 17th December 24

9.15am - 10.45am

Thursday 9th January 25

9.15am - 10.45am

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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!

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