

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE The next Baptism Preparation course that Deacon Marek will be running begins on Wednesday, 5th December at 7.00pm and will be held in the Sacristy at Our Lady of Peace. If you wish for your child to be Baptised over the next few months, you will need to attend the course. This is especially important for first time parents. If you have not already advised that you will be attending, please contact Yvonne on 01628 605764.

THE FRIENDS OF OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL will be holding a small Christmas grotto at the School where children can meet Santa and receive a small gift. As part of the afternoon/evening, we are looking for anyone interested in setting up their own stall. Each stall will be £10 and the seller keeps 100% of their profits. The afternoon starts at 3.30pm on Friday, 7th December and runs until 5.30pm. Stalls may be set up from 2.30pm. If you are interested, please contact the group's email at friends@olopprimary.co.uk. Thanks in advance for any support!

 **PARISH FAMILY DANCE** A Dance to raise funds for our Parish will be held in Slough Irish Club **NEXT** Friday, 7th December from 8.00pm. Music by Chris Ball with dancing from 9.00pm until Midnight. Tickets priced £5, will be on sale on the door on the night. Please support the Parish by buying a ticket and coming along on the night.

A CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be held at St Andrew's Church from 10.00am until 1.00pm on Saturday, 8th December. The Church Trust will be running a bottle tombola stall to raise funds for the maintenance of St Andrew's. If we may rely on your generosity once again, we shall provide a box for donations at every weekend Mass at both Our Lady of Peace and St Andrew's until 2nd December. The CWL are also collecting any donations of unwanted gifts or any items in good condition for their stall at the Fayre, there is also a box in the Church porches. Proceeds will be for charity.

CHURCH CLEANING Saturday, 8th December at 8.30am. Please try and spare an hour to help.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND There will be a Mass for the sick and housebound held in Holy Redeemer Church on Saturday, 8th December at 2.00pm.

CAKE SALE On **Sunday, 9th December, after the 9.45am Mass** we will be hosting a Bake Sale to Raise Funds for the **Slough Winter Night Shelter**. "Sleeping out" may not be "your thing" but everyone can take part in this Cake Sale, one way or another! So please, pick up your whisks, don those oven gloves and get baking!! All donations very gratefully received. For those less comfortable in the kitchen, we are relying on you to support us, buying all those delicious goodies. It is all for a very worthy cause!

COULD THE PRIESTHOOD BE YOUR CALLING? Vocations weekend at Northampton Cathedral, 14th – 16th December. Further details contact 01604 714556 or frmark@northamptoncathedral.org

ETON WICK Christmas Carols and Dress-up Story outside the Pet Shop in Eton Wick on Saturday, 15th December at 11.00am. All welcome!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting Priests in Our Lady of Peace Church on Tuesday, 18th December at 7.00pm.

LUX.GOLD A fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11-18 years from 1st -3rd February 2019. Please contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email fiona@nymo.org for more information.



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DECEASED Please pray for Patricia Parker RIP who died recently, her Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 3rd December at 12 noon in Our Lady of Peace, followed by burial at Parkside Cemetery. Also please pray for Mary Downes RIP, her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday, 6th December at 1.30pm in Our Lady of Peace, followed by burial at Slough Cemetery. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

PARISH FINANCES Weekend 25th November: Loose £488.95. Envelopes £317.60. Standing Orders £446. Total £1,252.55. The retiring collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund amounted to £514.57. Many thanks for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There will be a second collection **NEXT** weekend (8th-9th December) for the flowers for Christmas. Our flower ladies who do the flowers each week produce beautiful displays and work hard throughout the year. Please be as generous as you can.

WORD OF LIFE TEACHING AND PRAYER MINISTRY led by Fr Emmanuel Okami. It will be held every Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Andrew's Shared Church. The evening will be a teaching on the Word of God, Intercessory prayers, Adoration and Worship with Holy Mass at 8.30pm. Come and deepen your knowledge of the Word of God and enjoy the beauty and riches of His awe inspiring Presence. Please bring your Bible, writing pads and pens. All welcome. Call Millie for more information on 07957 594646.

ST BERNARD'S CHAPEL Mass will be said in St Bernard's Chapel on Friday's during Advent 7th, 14th and 21st December at 7.15am.

ADVENT BOOKS copies of 'Walk with Me', a journey of prayer for Advent, and 'My Day by Day' Infant and Junior Advent books are available from the Church porches, priced £1 each.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION directed by Fr Emmanuel Okami, will be held on Tuesday, 4th and 11th and Wednesday, 19th December at 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Andrew's Shared Church. The evenings will be a journey through the Scriptures in preparation for the Celebration of the Birth of Christ. Please bring your Bible. We shall also have confession, rosary, Mass and adoration. For the three sessions, we shall be reflecting on the following themes; I. Lead us not into the temptation. II. Am I a true Christian? III. Let another take his place. All welcome. Call Millie for more information on 07957 594646.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st December		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5.15pm-5.45pm	Our Lady of Peace	Confessions
6.00pm	Our Lady of Peace	Fr Edmund Worthy Intentions (Batt)
		Johnnie Keenan RIP (Shiels)
		Whinny & Family Intentions (Rosary Group)
Sunday 2nd December		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9.00am	St Gilbert's	Holy Souls
9.45am	Our Lady of Peace	Jose Tharakan RIP (Cedrica)
		Andrew Francis Intentions (Family)
		Michael & Patricia Daly RIP (Bradford)
11.30am	St Andrew's	Shelagh Whitehouse Intentions (CWL)
		Jimmy Rose RIP (Forrest)
		Deacon George Brooker RIP (Brooker)
		People of the Parish
Monday 3rd December		
9.30am	Our Lady of Peace	In Thanksgiving (Almeida)
		Parsons (Foundation)
		Fr Emmanuel Intentions (Rosary Group)
		Mary Moloney RIP (Moloney)
12noon	Our Lady of Peace	Requiem Mass Patricia Parker RIP
7.00pm	Our Lady of Peace	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 4th December		
9.30am	Our Lady of Peace	Elsie McClintock RIP (Denise)
		John Irwin RIP (McLoughlin)
		Eileen & Enoch Barton Intentions (Madeleine)
		Advent Recollection
7.30pm	St Andrew's	
Thursday 6th December		
8.30am	St Andrew's	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.30am	St Andrew's	Andrew Compton & Seminarists Int (Rosary Group)
		Nora McAuliffe RIP (McLoughlin)
		Jose Tharakan RIP (P&C)
10.30am	Our Lady of Peace	Mothers Prayers
1.30pm	Our Lady of Peace	Requiem Mass Mary Downes RIP
Friday 7th December		
9.30am	Our Lady of Peace	Mann (Foundation)
		All souls in Purgatory (FOSS)
		Joanna Subrai Intentions (Rosary Group)
Saturday 8th December		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5.15pm-5.45pm	Our Lady of Peace	Confessions
6.00pm	Our Lady of Peace	Peggy McLoughlin RIP (4 th Anniversary) (Family)
		Mai Knibbs Intentions (P&C)
Sunday 9th December		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9.45am	Our Lady of Peace	Jose Tharakan RIP (Leela)
		Kathleen Galea RIP (Galea)
		Special Intention (Bowron)
11.30am	St Andrew's	Edward Williams & Maud Beard (Marcelin)
		Vittorio Fortino RIP (Anniversary)
		People of the Parish

"THE SLOUGH SLEEP OUT FOR THE HOMELESS is over for another year and what a cold night! The atmosphere was excellent and everyone was in great form. We were so glad to head back to our warm beds the following morning. While sleeping outside with not much more than cardboard for shelter, was a tough challenge for one night, it was but a mere taster of what homeless people on our streets have to endure – night after night. It is difficult to put into words just how grateful we are to you and to everyone who played a part in this event. 100 people participated on the night and over £40,000 has been raised so far this exceeds our target for the funds needed to run the Winter Night Shelter once again this winter! The Winter Night Shelter is going from strength to strength. Last year 50 people were accommodated across three and a half months, 22 of these went on to find permanent accommodation and 11 found employment. The importance of providing that safe, warm place across the darkest coldest months cannot be stressed enough as we can see that it is helping many to move out of the downward spiral they are in and to regain their lives. Thank you so much for your help, prayers and sponsorship – we simply could not have achieved so much without you! *The Board of Trustees - The London and Slough Run Charitable Trust*"

MISSIO RED BOXES. 2nd collection of the year. Please bring your RED BOX to Mass as soon as possible. Please be sure that you leave you box in secure hands. New RED BOXES will be distributed over the coming weeks.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK On Friday, 7th December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives.<http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com>

REJOICE IN MOTHERHOOD : MOTHERS PRAYERS For Mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren - Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties! Please come and join us as we pray for our children, Our Lady of Peace Church at 10.30am on Thursday, 6th December. **Mothers Prayers will be taking a break for Christmas and will resume again on Thursday, 10th January.** Please feel free to request prayers for family and friends. There is a 'Mothers Prayers' request book on the bookshelf at the side entrance to the Church.

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA : 8th – 9th December

Saturday	6.00pm	Marie and Norman G.
Sunday	9.45am	Readers : Barbara B and Wanda M.
		Eucharistic Ministers : Juliet S, Patrick A, Denise McC, Robert B.
	11.30am	Kellen F and Adam G.

15th – 16th December

Saturday	6.00pm	Jennie P and Liam H.
Sunday	9.45am	Readers : Edward A and Maura P.
		Eucharistic Ministers : Georgia C, Barbara B, Audrey T, Melissa W.
	11.30am	Sandra B and Mayor J M.

CONFIRMATION 2019 programme for Year 9 students or above will begin in February, with Confirmation by Bishop Peter expected to be in June. Classes will consist of 8 sessions, with an opportunity to attend the Diocesan Blaze Day on Saturday, 23rd March. Please let Fr Andy know if you would like to be Confirmed as we need to have an idea of numbers in order to book the Blaze Day.