



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter—Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday we celebrated Education Sunday at Our Lady of Peace and St Andrew's Churches. It was a lovely celebration and the participation from the pupils who attended was impeccable. My thanks to those parents who were able to bring their children to the Masses and to those within the Parish and school who prepared the elements of the Mass.

Today, new members and some existing members of the Mission Team and I travelled with the other Catholic Schools in Slough to Dunstable where we celebrated the start of year Diocesan School's Mass. This was a lovely celebration where all schools across the Diocese could pilgrim together to celebrate the Eucharist with Bishop David. During the Mass, the Bishop also commissioned our newest Mission Team members, asking them to continue the mission of the Church into school.

This week we have had two trips. Year 3 visited Ufton Court as part of their learning in History about the Stone Age. Year 2 visited Didcot Railway and thoroughly enjoyed this trip to enhance their history topic too. Next week Year 5 will be visiting Hampton Court Palace.

You will have noticed that the contractors have made a start in the existing Upper School car park. This will soon extend into our car park so I thank you in advance for your co-operation and patience as work begins on the installation of our new school gates, fencing and bin store.

Next week we have our first set of Parents Evenings for this school year. These are taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> (Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6SP), Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> (Years 1 – 5 and 6SP) and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> (Year 5 only). Please do sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher.

Don't forget to check out our Instagram page @OLOPBURNHAM. We are using this as our main platform this year to share what is happening in school each week.

Finally, this weekend we will hear in the Gospel how faith requires us to be expectant both that God will hear us and that He will respond. In Monday's assembly we will explore how having gratitude for God's gifts to us, helps us to recognise that He is our Saviour.

***"And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."***  
Luke 17:19

Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Mr Stopps

### Important September/October dates:

14th/16th October— Parents Evenings  
17th October- Rock & Roll Bingo  
18th November- Sibling & Individual Photographs

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

RHA—St Valentine —**79.1%**

RRP—St Joseph —**80.4%**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska —**83.7%**

Yr1—St Bernadette —**78.4%**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta —Yr2—St Mary Magdalene —**84.8%**

Yr3—St Paul —**83.9%**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres —**86.2%**

Yr4—St Peter —**80%**

Yr4—St John-Bosco —**86%**

Yr5—St Thomas More —**85.2%**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi —**85.2%**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**86.6%**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita —**86%**

**Whole School—83.7%**



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## ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS



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

NURSERY-- **Lenny**

RHA—St Valentine—**Ryan**

RRP—St Joseph—**Mya**

Yr1RS—St Faustina Kowalska—**Max**

Yr1EH—St Bernadette—**Jaspreet**

Yr2SK—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Alice**

Yr2SS—St Mary Magadelene—**Mario**

Yr3MB—St Paul—**Iga**

Yr3CK—St Martin de Porres—**Tadiwa**

Yr4SS—St Peter—**Aoife**

Yr4RB—St John-Bosco—**Quincy**

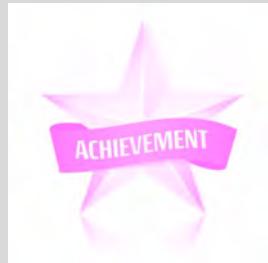
Yr5TH—St Thomas More—**Amber**

Yr5HH—St Clare of Assisi—**Cequoia**

Yr6JOK—St Maximilian—**Jacob**

Yr6SP—St Josephine Bakhita—**Ruby**

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



### This week's Love in Action awards go to:

NURSERY-- **Shannon**

RHA—St Valentine—**Sheldon**

RRP—St Joseph—**Alex**

Yr1RS—St Faustina Kowalska—**Jessica**

Yr1EH—St Bernadette—**Antonia**

Yr2SK—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Ronnie**

Yr2SS—St Mary Magadelene—**Lana**

Yr3MB—St Paul—**Albie**

Yr3CK—St Martin de Porres—**Whole Class**

Yr4SS—St Peter—**Hnery**

Yr4RB—St John-Bosco—**Jojo**

Yr5TH—St Thomas More—**Shanaya**

Yr5HH—St Clare of Assisi—**Martha**

Yr6JOK—St Maximilian—**Troy**

Yr6SP—St Josephine Bakhita—**Luca**

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## Contacts

### Office Contacts:

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**For Admissions please email Mrs K Clarke on**

**[admissions@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:admissions@olopprimary.co.uk)**

**For general administration queries including Parent Pay, Lunches, School Clubs(.ie sports & drama) and eSchools please contact:**

**[Post@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:Post@olopprimary.co.uk) / 01628 661866**

### Office Contacts:

**For Breakfast Club & After School Club queries- please contact:**

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**Forms are available from the Office.**



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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 ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

## OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2025

THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

9:15 - 10:15AM

In July 2025

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90% achieved the expected standard in Reading and Maths in Year 6

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*"Pupils thrive, feeling valued and secure. No matter what their starting point, pupils achieve highly." (Ofsted, April 2025)*



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## FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

### School Newsletter 10th October 2025

#### Dates for your diary

Rock & Roll Bingo - 17th October

Doughnut Sale - 23rd October

Little Recyclers Clothing Collection - 6th and 7th November

Santa Grotto tickets for sale - 14th November at drop off time

Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November - **SAVE THE DATE** 

#### *Rock & Roll Bingo*



Only a week left before our first ever Adult only event - our Rock & Roll Bingo - a fun-filled adult-only event with music and a little friendly competition - on Friday 17th October from 7.30pm at school. Feel free to bring a friend or family for a fun night out!

We'll be swapping numbers for great tunes as we play a lively twist on traditional bingo - and sing-alongs are definitely encouraged. We'll play clips of well-known songs and if the title is on your bingo card, you mark it off; there will be prizes up for grabs for a line and a full house.

Tickets are available through Ticket Tailor for £6 per person, which includes 4 games of Rock & Roll Bingo. <https://buytickets.at/friendsofolop/1870549>

Drinks and snacks will be available from our bar, so come along for an evening of fun and fundraising - all money raised will directly benefit the children in school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### *Little Recyclers*

Our next 'Little Recyclers' clothing collection will be on 6th and 7th November, we'll be collecting bags of clothes, shoes and accessories (in re-usable condition) at drop off time on both days - a great opportunity to declutter and raise some funds for school!

Look out for the posters around the school, which will share what items 'Little Recyclers' will accept.

#### *Christmas Cards*

The children have been busy working on their Christmas Artwork designs and will be bringing home order forms in the next few days. There are a wide range of products that can be personalised with your child's Christmas design, from Christmas Cards to Gift Wraps, from Soft toys to key rings - all making wonderful gifts for friends and family.



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## Harvest Collection

The time has come for our annual Harvest collection. This is the third year the school's Mission Team are organising this event and as always, we will be very grateful to receive your kind donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our Lady of Peace School Mission Team.





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## Wear Red Day 2025

SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD

**The countdown has begun!**

Wear **Red Day 2025** is just around the corner and at **Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School** we're super excited to have so many amazing supporters on board to make it a grand day to remember.

**The 17th of October** will be a significant celebration for us again this year, **Wear Red Day** is our chance to show that we are united in our belief that **TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.**

**You can make a donation directly to [www.theredcard.org](http://www.theredcard.org)**

You can show your support by sending your child into school on the 17<sup>th</sup> by wearing 1 item from this list:

A red jumper instead of your school jumper

A pair of red socks

A red shirt instead of your school shirt (no sports tops please)

A red t shirt (no sports tops please)

red pair of trousers

A pair of red shorts

All other clothing needs to be the normal school uniform for that day.

**Thank you so much for your support and your commitment to our school community.**



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## Black History Month

### **Black History Month – Call for Family Contributions!**

Dear Families,

As part of our Black History Month celebrations this October, we are inviting all members of our school community to contribute to this important and inspiring time of learning.

We would love to hear from you! Whether it's a cherished family memory, a favourite recipe, a story passed down through generations, or an inspiring personal experience, your contributions can help bring Black History Month to life for our children. These stories and traditions help enrich their learning and deepen their understanding of the rich and diverse world we live in.

We warmly welcome submissions from *all families* – the strength of our school lies in the wonderful diversity of our community. By sharing your experiences, we can weave a tapestry of voices that will educate, inspire, and celebrate the many cultures that make up our school.

If you would like to take part, please send your contribution by email to the school office:

Thank you for helping to make this Black History Month a meaningful and memorable experience for our children.

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**



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# Local News





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## Local News

**IPRO FOOTBALL**  
**SATURDAY SOCCER SCHOOL**  
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**  
**BURNHAM JUNIOR FC**

Burnham Grammar School, Hogfair Lane,  
Burnham, SL1 7HG

**CALLING ALL KS1 FOOTBALLERS.**  
**START YOUR FOOTBALLING JOURNEY WITH US...**

**FIRST SESSION FREE!**

**Who for...**  
Boys & Girls in Reception, Year 1 & 2

**Session Time** 9:00-10:00am  
Every Saturday term time only

**Limited spaces**

**Opportunity to progress & play for Burnham Junior FC**

Book your child's session, email [office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk)

**CALL JULIE 07908 172175**



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## Half Term Activities

**£4 Per Session**  
or £12 for 3

# CURVE EXPLORERS

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

From 9.15am to 4pm

Ages 5+ years

Fun Filled 60 min Workshops:

- Arts and Crafts
- DJ Skills
- Drumming
- Animation
- Dance
- and more!

**The Comet**  
Ages 5+ Years

## THE COMET VR EXPERIENCE

Enter the world of The Comet in a free 15 min VR experience.

Thursday  
30 October  
2pm - 5pm

Tues 16 Dec - Wed 24 Dec

Based upon the book written and illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton

Priority booking for event ticket holders



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## Half Term Activities

**GRANDAD ANANSI**

**Tues 28 Oct 2pm**  
£12 | £10 under 16s  
£40 Family and friends offer (4 people)

*An uplifting tale of love, courage and letting go*

**Ages 4+ Years**

**GROOVE ONTO THE MOON**

**Thur 30 Oct 11am**  
£12 | £10 under 16s  
£40 Family and friends offer (4 people)

**Ages 3+ Years**

*a cosmic musical experience*

**Buy tickets here!**

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# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## CHURCH BULLETIN



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



## Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year (C)

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Mass Times & Intentions					
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	Youth of the Parish INT (Maria Rawling)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Margaret Walsh RIP (O'Donnell) Thanksgiving for Corcoran Family INT Thanksgiving for Mr & Mrs Bonaventure De Azevedo INT <b>For Peace in the World</b>	
			<b>St. A</b> <b>11.30</b>	Carmel Karunaratna RIP (Karunaratna Family) Caroline Tembe RIP (Bridget McGarry)	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>13 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Maria Rawling INT (Edward) Liam & Kieran Cooper RIP (Boundy Family)	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>14 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Thanksgiving for Cedrica Lobo INT (Lobo Family)	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Ellen Sansom RIP (Maria Rawling) Youth of the Parish INT (Maria Rawling)	
<b>Thur</b>	<b>16 Oct</b>	<b>St. A</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Thanksgiving for Rosario Family INT Fr. Liam INT (Kay)	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>17 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Thanksgiving for Lana Mascarenhas Birthday INT (Zina & Family) Thanksgiving for Sinica Cardoso Birthday INT (Cardoso) Thanksgiving for Ricaena Coutinho Birthday INT (Coutinho Family)	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>18 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>10.00</b>	Eleonore Kempson INT (Maria Rawling) Deceased Members of Reilly Family (Boundy Family)	
			<b>6 pm</b>	Ann & Angela INT (Kay)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>OLOP</b>	<b>9.30</b>	Simplicio Antonio Rodrigues RIP Birthday Remembrance (Christina Rodrigues) Thanksgiving for Sam Ali Birthday INT (Ali Family) Mairin Comfort & Family INT (Maria Rawling)	
			<b>St. A</b> <b>11.30</b>	Zibia Mabela RIP (Bridget McGarry) Manuel J.C. Fernandes RIP (Fernandes Family) Sheeba Martin & Family INT Good Health for Coutinho Family INT	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £742.12  
Wednesday T & Coffee: £39.71  
Sunday Tea & Coffee: £15.90  
DONA Plate: £177.12



### MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays – Wednesdays & Fridays  
OLOP @ 9:30am  
Thursdays St Andrews @ 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

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

The Parish Pastoral Council **serves to support the life and mission of our parish** by listening to the concerns, questions, and suggestions of parishioners.

**We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused** to parishioners who recently sent emails to the old email address. Unfortunately, our Chairperson, Mr. Cijo Joseph, could not access that email account in order to respond to your emails.

**Please note: The previous email address is now permanently closed.**

If you would like to raise any matters for consideration, please contact our Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson, Mr. Cijo Joseph, via our **new email address** at: [ppc.ourladyofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.ourladyofpeace@gmail.com)

For matters that are **urgent**, you may also send a **text message** to the parish mobile number: **07514 699730**. Your participation and insights are greatly valued as we work together to strengthen and nurture our parish community.



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Henry David Carter & Frank Paul Carter who will be baptised on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please keep Henry & Frank, their parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

## USING ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

### IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

We kindly remind all parishioners who hire St. Andrew's Church Hall for family parties or gatherings to observe the following guidelines:

**Vacating Time:** Parities or Gatherings must conclude by 10 pm, and the premises must be fully vacated by 11 pm.

**Set-Up and Clear-Away:** Hirers are responsible for returning all furniture (tables, chairs, etc) to its original places and ensuring it is in good condition.

**Cleanliness and Rubbish:** Please ensure all rubbish is placed in bins or taken off the premises if bins are full. **Food or drink must not be left on the ground outside or in the car park.**

We thank all hirers for their cooperation in maintaining the beauty and safety of our church premises for everyone's benefit.

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

**10TH RETREAT (ENGLISH)**

**On the Road to EMMAUS**

**RETREAT FOR MEN**

**24-26 OCTOBER 2025**

**THE ORATORY SCHOOL**

**READING**

**CHECK-IN: FRI 5PM**

**CHECK-OUT: SUN 7PM**

**"WERE NOT OUR HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US WHILE HE TALKED WITH US ON THE ROAD AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US"**  
LUKE 24:32

FR DAVID RUSSELL ABOUT EMMAUS.

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### UPCOMING KEY DATE

14 Dec Parish Annual

Bank: NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11

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

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Next weekend, a retiring collection will be held for World Mission Sunday 'Missio' at the end of all Masses.

Retiring collection for the CAFOD was £800.05. We are very grateful for your continued support.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support **Missio** - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation where you are able.

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** A Liturgy of the word will be held **this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, at OLOP** for all children in Reception to Year 3 during the 9:30 am Mass.

### VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A CATECHIST

We're looking for new catechists to help guide our children and youth on their faith journey.

Becoming a catechist is a great way to deepen your own faith while building a stronger sense of community. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office at [office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org). We'd love to hear from you.

**300 CLUB:** The 300 Club Autumn draw was held during a CWL meeting last Monday. Congratulations to our winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Evelyn Sepala £60 **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Maria Rawling £40

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** Ted & Shirley Godly £25.

If you would like to join the 300 Club, or if current members would like to purchase additional shares, please contact Shelagh on **07941 432706**. It's only £1 per month, with half of the contributions supporting the upkeep of St Andrew's and the other half paid out in prize money. Many thanks to all our current supporters!

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## Prayer and Liturgy News - October 2025

Our October prayer resources explore faith, forgiveness and perseverance in prayer. We can be sure that God loves us and longs for us to grow in deeper friendship with Him.

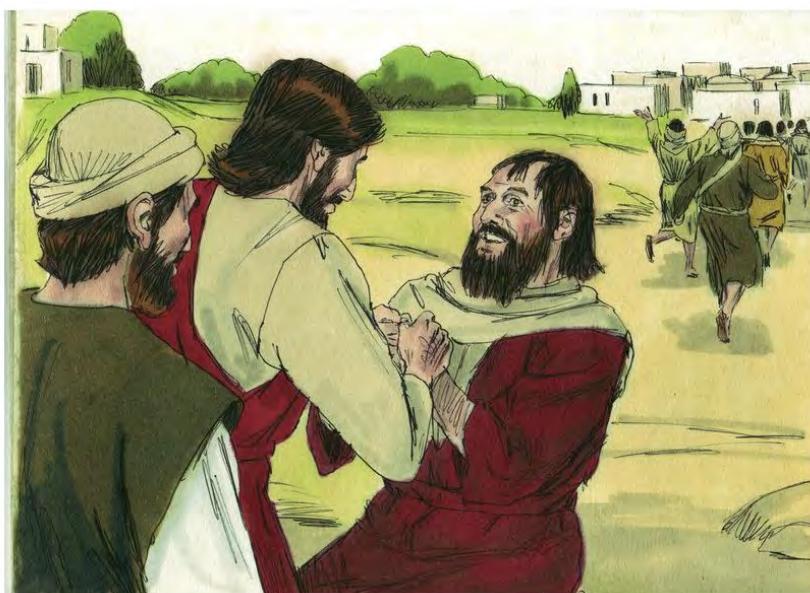
One way of growing our friendship with God is by praying the Rosary, where we meditate and reflect on the life, ministry and death of Jesus and also His Blessed Mother, Mary. The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, and children will be given opportunities to engage with this traditional prayer.



Image by [Fleepik](#)

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout October, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

### RESPOND WITH FAITH





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## Prayer and Liturgy News - October 2025

God longs to hear and answer our prayers! Children are encouraged to keep going with prayer, even when it may seem difficult.

*With your child/ren, you may also like to ...*

*Share a time when you were tempted to give up but were encouraged to keep going. Then together, think of encouraging words that might help others.*

*Discuss how praying helps us to grow closer in our friendship with God. You may also like to talk about what may prevent us from praying, and how we always have the Holy Spirit to encourage us and remind us to pray!*

## MYSTERIES OF LIGHT



[The Baptism of Christ](#) by Juan Sánchez Cotán via Wikimedia Commons.  
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In the week of the 6th of October, children will learn more about Jesus by praying the Rosary. Children will invite the Holy Spirit to open their hearts and minds as they reflect on the set of five stories and events called the Luminous Mysteries - the Mysteries of Light!



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If you would like some guidance in praying the Rosary with your child/ren, our Rosary resource is available to parents via the [Parent Portal](#) to support your family prayer time.

You could begin your prayer time by asking for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit using the following:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
**Open our hearts to love.**  
**Open our minds to God's Word.**  
**Help us to grow in love and faith.**  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

The assembly for the second week in October focuses on thankfulness and faith. Having faith in God, who is generous and loving, requires us to be expectant both that God will hear us and that He will respond. Through a dramatisation of the healing of 'The Ten Lepers', children explore what it means to have gratitude for God's gifts to us.

Children will learn that by saying 'thank you' to God, we acknowledge Him as our Saviour. God does not expect our gratitude, but He always gives us an opportunity to respond with faith.

*With your child/ren, you may also like to ...*

*Read together and discuss the story of '[The Ten Lepers](#)'. What made the Samaritan return to say, 'Thank you'?*

*Talk about why we say 'Please' and 'Thank you'. Do we say the words with real gratitude and appreciation? Maybe you could challenge your child/ren to count how many times over a day they say these words of politeness!*

*Invite children to think, and maybe make a list, of things they would like to thank God for. The list could become part of their prayers, perhaps with a simple repeating phrase - 'We thank you, O Lord'.*

## KEEP GOING!

The assembly for the third week of October focuses on persistence, and especially persistence in prayer. Through explorations of the parable of 'The Persistent Widow' and the fable, 'The Tortoise and the Hare', children will discover that prayer leads to a deeper friendship with God.

**Amen**