

Notices:

Warm Wishes: This week Chris Colaco will be leaving us and we wish him all the best as he continues his ministry in the seminary towards the priesthood.

Fr. Biju will be joining us on 2nd February, please give him a warm welcome when you see him next.

Old Palms: In preparation for Ash Wednesday, please bring any old palms you might have at home and put them in the box at the back of the church. These will be burnt and the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday.

2024 Pilgrimage: We are hoping to have a 10-day Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and San Giovanni in October 2024 (subject to numbers). The dates are likely to be 21st October – 31st October 2024, the cost £1250 sharing a room or £1500 for a single room. If you are interested in going please put your name and contact details down on the list at the back of the church.

Youth Meeting & Youth Mass: The monthly youth meeting will take place on Saturday, 3rd February at 12pm and the youth mass on Sunday, 4th February at 11am. Parents, please encourage your young ones to attend.

First Holy Communion Group: A themed mass on Sunday 28th January will take place at 11am which the children are required to attend.

The next meeting for the First Holy Communion group will take place on Saturday, 3rd February at 10.30am Parents, please ensure that your child arrives in good time.

Little Friends of Jesus (LFG): The Little Friends of Jesus will meet on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at 12.30pm. Parents, please bring your young children aged 1 year – 10 years to come and adore the Lord.

Children's Books Reading While in Church: We have books provided for young children to use while at mass on Sunday's which we are very grateful for. The plastic box containing these will be under the table at the back of the church. Parents, feel free to allow your child to use these during the service but please remember, these need to be returned to the plastic box before you leave the church and **must not** be taken home.

CAFOD School Volunteers needed: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or call 07786 114 390

We have published our Annual Report which can be found [on our website](#). It contains features on our core values; hope, dignity, compassion and solidarity along with a summary of our income and expenditure, an update of our key commitments and stories from our work around the world and here in England and Wales.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP): The next meeting for anyone interested will be on **Thursday 8th Feb at 7.30 pm in Holy Redeemer Church Wexham Road, Slough SL2 5RQ**. We hope to see you there. In the meantime, have a look on our [website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel for more information.

Light up Lent 29th Feb – 7th March *Light Up Lent* is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more here and at our introductory webinar on 1st February <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

Retrouvaille: A lifeline for Marriage, further information & latest programme details available on the church notice board.

LUX Weekend Lux is a residential for young people organised by our diocesan youth ministry team, NYMO. From the evening of Friday 9th February - the afternoon of Sunday 11th February, those in school years 7-13, will gather in Northampton. The cost for the weekend is £125pp and this includes all program activities, all meals and accommodation. Transport to and from the venue is not included. For more information visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> or email info@nymo.org

Diocesan Vacancy: We are currently recruiting for a Pastoral Development Worker to help our pastoral areas and parishes identify mission and community needs and to work with local groups to discern and implement their local vision.

The role will be for 37.5 hours per week on a three-year fixed term contract, involving weekend and evening work. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> The closing date for applications will be Friday 16th February. Interview dates to be confirmed. All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org