

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**CAKE SALE This Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, we are relying on you to support us by buying all those delicious goodies. It is all for a very worthy cause!


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

**HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH : CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at Wexham Parish Hall, Norway Drive, Slough, from 3.00pm to 6.00pm, Admission £1 per child, proceeds to buy new toys and games for the Children's Ward at Wexham Park Hospital. All families welcome. Further information contact Janice on 07710 270028.

**FEED THE SOUL** would like to invite you to a Christmas event of International Dance music and entertainment, on 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm – 11.00pm. The venue will be St Anne's Hall, Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough. SL3 7UD. There will also be a delicious buffet, prize draw and fun for all the family. Tickets : Adult £12, Child under ten £3. Free Parking. For tickets please contact Margaret on 07878 851787 or Nabs on 07432 152933.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION** for Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick, will be held in Our Lady of Peace on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am – 2.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Please let Fr Andy or Yvonne know if you are attending.

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

 **CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING** This will take place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.30am. Please come along and try and spare an hour to help clean the Church in preparation for our Christmas services. ***Mince pies and tea/coffee will be supplied!!***

**POLISH CAROL SERVICE** Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm at Holy Family Church, Langley. All welcome for an evening of traditional Polish Carols – please also invite your Christmas visitors and friends to join us at 7.00pm-8.00pm (after the 5.30pm evening Mass).

**LUX.GOLD** A fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11-18 years from 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. Please contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) for more information.

**THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON** is first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019! Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St Thomas. Further details to follow.



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 (PARISH MASS BOOK PAGE 84)

**ST GILBERT'S, ETON WICK** The Bishop has issued the following announcement : "Following extended deliberations at Pastoral Area level, and consultations with the Diocesan Trustees and the Property Committee, I have had to make the difficult decision that St Gilbert's Church should be closed. The reasons for the decision include, first and foremost, the life and mission of the local parishes with fewer Priests, whilst Fr Emmanuel is with you at present this is only a temporary arrangement, and one Priest serving three centres long term is not sustainable. Another issue is that there are significant repairs and maintenance required to the Church with costs estimated at £35,000, and the Diocese cannot spend that money on a Church which only has a Sunday Mass once a month, therefore the Trustees have decided that the Diocese cannot allocate any money to Churches which do not have a long term future. I am conscious of how painful this decision will be for the community at St Gilbert's, especially those who have given such support and loyalty over the past years. I hope and pray that they can make this sacrifice with the best possible grace in the service of Christ and his Church".

**PARISH FINANCES** Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> December : Loose £863.74. Envelopes £264. Standing Orders £446. Total £1,573.74. Many thanks for your generosity.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** There will be a second collection **THIS** weekend (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ST BERNARD'S CHAPEL** Mass will be said in St Bernard's Chapel on Friday's during Advent 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES** leaflets are available in the Church porches which give details of all the Christmas Service times.

**'HELP' AT THE CHRISTMAS MASSES** sheets will be available from **NEXT** weekend where you can sign up to help at the Christmas Masses. Extraordinary Ministers, welcomers, ushers and collectors will be needed.

