

# The Catholic Parish of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints, Bletchley

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## Parish Safeguarding:

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**In Hospital?** Contact MK University Hospital Chaplaincy on 01908 996061. *Please inform them that you are a Catholic.*

## Local Catholic Schools:

Bishop Parker Primary School, MK2 3BT

01908 372129 [www.bishopparker.co.uk](http://www.bishopparker.co.uk)

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, MK3 5DT

01908 373977 [www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk](http://www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk)

St Paul's Secondary School, MK6 5EN

01908 669735 [www.st-pauls.org.uk](http://www.st-pauls.org.uk)

## Are You New? Have You Moved?

I am a new/existing\* parishioner. \*Delete as appropriate  
Please add me to the Parish Census.

NAME(s).....

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ADDRESS.....

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TEL.....

EMAIL.....

**Data Protection** – The personal details of yourself and family members given above will only be stored and used by the Parish for internal administrative and organisational purposes of the Parish. They will not be disclosed outside the parish. If statistics from the census are shared with the Diocese or anyone else, they will be strictly anonymised. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which may be viewed on the Parish Website or on the notice board at the back of Church.

**I confirm that all individuals whose information has been provided on this form have agreed for it to be provided to the Parish:**

Signed:.....

Name:.....

Date:.....

*Please cut out and return to the Parish Office*

## March: The Month of St Joseph

### For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## Liturgies this Week

**STA:** St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE

**AS:** All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26<sup>th</sup> March

6:00pm (STA) Vigil Mass of Sunday

[Saturday]

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

### Monday Lent Feria

27<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

### Tuesday Lent Feria

28<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

*followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00pm*

### Wednesday Lent Feria

29<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

*followed by Stations of the Cross*

### Thursday Lent Feria

30<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (AS) Confessions & Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

### Friday Lent Feria

31<sup>st</sup> March

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

2:00pm (AS) Stations of the Cross

6:30pm (STA) Stations of the Cross

### Saturday Solemnity of the Annunciation

1<sup>st</sup> April

9:30am (STA) Mass

*Followed by Adoration and devotions*

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

2<sup>nd</sup> April

6:00pm (STA) Vigil Mass of Sunday

[Saturday]

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

## If you need help...call the SVP

We are very blessed to have a Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) conference in our parish. If you or someone you know would benefit from their support please make contact by calling **07788796378**.

## The Angelus (said before the Vigil Mass)

*The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:*

**And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord:*

**Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...**

*And the Word was made Flesh:*

**And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...**

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,*

**that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Let us pray (said by the Priest only):*

*Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross † be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen*



## Second collection this Weekend For Church Flowers.

## Why We Veil Images from the 5th Sunday in Lent?

You will notice today that all statues and images in church are veiled. Bishop Elliott remarks, "The custom of veiling crosses and images...has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption." The historical origin of 'veiling' possibly derives from a ninth century German practice of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. The rule of limiting this veiling to Passiontide (that is, the final two weeks of Lent) is of seventh century origin; following the Second Vatican Council (AD 1962 to 1965) the veiling of crucifixes and images became optional.



## Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Dawn Roffey**, who died peacefully at the age of 96 on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. *Funeral details to follow.*

**Ann Cowling**, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself; may angels lead you to Abraham's side.**

**Receive their souls and present them to God the Most High**

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents / guardians only, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children.

**Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.**

## Stations of the Cross in Lent

*Wednesdays:* 10:45am St Thomas Aquinas Church

*Friday:* 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:30pm St Thomas Aquinas Church



## CAFOD Family Fast Day Breakfast

Friday 31st March after 10:00am Mass

at St Thomas Aquinas Church. All welcome!

## CAFOD Walk

This Lent you can help families around the world to cope with the climate crisis. Challenge yourself and gain sponsorship or sponsor Fr Jithu on a 5k walk around Caldecott Lake on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April starting at 2:00pm.

Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bletchley-parish-2023?newPage=true> to donate or use the CAFOD box in church. **Hope to see you there!**

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM Liturgies 2023

**STA:** St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE

**AS:** All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

### Holy Thursday - 6<sup>th</sup> April

11:00am Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral

**8:00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper (STA)**

### Good Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> April

10:30am Stations of the Cross for Children (STA)

**3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (STA)**

**3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (AS)**

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (STA)

8:00pm Stations of the Cross (AS)

### Holy Saturday - 8<sup>th</sup> April

**[NO 9:30am Mass]**

10:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets (STA)

10:45-11:30am Confessions (STA)

**[NO 6:00pm Mass]**

**8:30pm EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION (AS)**

### Easter Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Mass of Easter Sunday (AS)

10:00am Mass of Easter Sunday (STA)

11:00am Mass of Easter Sunday (AS)

**[NO 6:30pm Mass]**

## Thank you from SEPO to all who supported the Size

Nine event at the Irish Centre which raised an amazing **£1,550!**

Thanks too for those who donated the second collection on the first Sunday of Lent which raised **£614.52!**

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023** £15 per person. Coach leaving All Saints Church, Bletchley at 8:00am

Departing from Walsingham at 5:00pm.

**Please book through the Parish Office.**

## Sycamore Class Cancelled on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

March, Classes resume on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Every Blessing for the Lenten week ahead,  
**Fr Christopher & Fr Jithu**