

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

Diocese of Northampton Registered charity No. 234091 / Pastoral Area of St Paul, Milton Keynes

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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*

**August:** The Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary  
*Pope Francis' Prayer intention for August:*

## For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## Liturgies this Week

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

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

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

13<sup>th</sup> August

6:00pm (STA) Vigil Mass of Sunday [Saturday]

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

**Monday** Memoria: St Maximilian Kolbe

14<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

*followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:55am*

7:00pm (AS) Vigil Mass Assumption of the BVM

**Tuesday** ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM – Holy Day of Obligation 15<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

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

7:00pm (STA) Mass

**Wednesday** Feria

16<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

*followed by The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour*

**Thursday** Feria

17<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am (AS) Confessions & Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

**Friday** Feria

18<sup>th</sup> August

9:10am (STA) Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

**Saturday** Our Lady on Saturday

19<sup>th</sup> August

9:30am (STA) Mass

*Followed by Adoration and devotions*

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

20<sup>th</sup> August

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

If you or someone you know would benefit from their support, please make contact by calling **07788796378**.

If you want to make a financial donation to the work of the SVP via Bank Transfer, please use the following details: -

Account Name: **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Sort Code: **60-60-04** Account No: **46084789**

## 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.*

*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*

## Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Andrew Chrysostom**, whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 12 Noon on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**Margaret (Rita) Eardley**, whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 10am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

**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**



## Farewell to Fr Christopher

After ten years of serving us as the parish priest Fr. Christopher is leaving us. We thank Fr.

Christopher for his hard work, love and for everything he contributed to the Catholic life in Bletchley. As he leaves for Corby to Our lady of Walsingham and St. John Ogilvie parishes with our love and prayers.

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish by Bishop David on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7:00 pm**. Places are open to those in academic school years **9-11** at the start of the new academic year in September 2023.

We are limited this year to 25 places so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Children will need to attend every Confirmation session and the rehearsal, and already attend Mass in the parish every weekend.

The evening sessions will take place in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room 6:00pm-7:30pm. Dates of the sessions are below. Please email the Parish Office for an application form: [parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Session 1

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Session 2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Session 3

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Session 4

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – No Session as Half Term

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Session 5

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 7 :00pm

Rehearsal for Confirmation at All Saints Church

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00pm

Mass of Confirmation with Bishop David  
at All Saints Church

## Parish First Holy Communion Programme

If your child will be in year 3 or above from *September 2023* and you would like to enrol them on the Parish 'First Holy Communion Programme' please e-mail the parish office as soon as possible at:

[parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org). We will send you an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the parish office with a copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate. If your child was baptised in the parish at either St Thomas Aquinas or All Saints Church, we will already have your child's Holy Baptism Certificate.

**If your child will be in year 3 at St Thomas Aquinas School or in year 3 or 4 at Bishop Parker School, there is a separate programme and you do not need to enrol in this Parish Course.**

Children in school years 3 and 4 will join the Wednesday session 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Group One) children in years 5 & 6 will join the Saturday session 3:00pm-4:00pm (Group 2). The course will begin on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 respectively and will take place every Saturday / Wednesday thereafter in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE). Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is essential to complete the Programme. There will be an Introductory Meeting for Parents at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at St Thomas Aquinas Church (MK2 2JE). The course also includes preparation for the Sacrament of First Confession (Reconciliation). Further details will be sent with enrolment forms on application to the Parish Office.

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm All Saints Church. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 10am & 7pm both Masses at St Thomas Aquinas Church. **Tuesday Mass 10am & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** has been moved from All Saints Church to **St Thomas Aquinas Church** due to the roadworks along Shenley Road, Bletchley. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Welcome Fr Gerard

We look forward to welcoming our new parish priest Fr. Gerard Byrne as he joins us this week. We pray that Fr. Gerard will have a happy and fruitful ministry here in Bletchley. Fr. Gerard is coming from Corby to join us where he served for the last sixteen years.

## Holy Communion Plate...

The communion paten/plate is a simple and subtle way of underlining that communion is no mere symbolic token of communal belonging but a genuine participation in the Redeemer's divine flesh. A Communion paten is a small plate that is held by an altar server or acolyte during the distribution of Holy Communion. It is placed under the chin or the hands of the communicant to ensure that the host, or particles of the host do not fall to the ground.

*"The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ." (CCC 1377; cf. Council of Trent, Session XIII, Canon III)*

*With every blessing this Ordinary Time,  
Fr Christopher & Fr Jithu*