

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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Monday to Friday: 11am – 2pm

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Parish Safeguarding Marie - 07882 713797

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safeguarding.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

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

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, MK3 5DT

01908 373977 www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk

St Paul's Secondary School, MK6 5EN

01908 669735 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

Quotes from Pope St Leo the Great (Feast Day 10th November)

“Peace is the first thing the angels sang. Peace is the mark of the children of God. Peace is the nurse of love. Peace is the mother of unity. Peace is the rest of the blessed souls. Peace is the dwelling place of eternity.”

“No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.”

Liturgies this Week

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

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

5th November

6:00pm (STA) Vigil Mass of Sunday

[Saturday]

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday *Feria*

6th November

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

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

Tuesday *St Willibrord*

7th November

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00pm

7:00pm (AS) Confirmation Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

8th November

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Thursday DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9th November

9:30am (AS) Confessions & Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

7:00pm (STA) Mass

Friday *St Leo the Great*

10th November

9:10am (STA) Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *St Martin of Tours*

11th November

9:30am (STA) Mass

Followed by Devotions (No Eucharistic Adoration today)

5:00pm – 5:30pm (STA) Confessions

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

12th November

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.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patricia Ann Baxter, whose funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12.30pm on Monday 6th November.

Mary D'Costa, whose funeral Service will be at All Saints Church, 12.30pm on Thursday 9th November.

Cella D'Souza, whose Memorial Mass will be at All Saints Church, 12 Noon on Saturday 25th November.

*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

Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on Saturday 11th November from 2pm to 3pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room. Come along for games, activities, music, movies, art, fun learning about Jesus, snacks and much more. All welcome.

Youth Group is always held on 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an Adult? Want to learn more about your Catholic Faith? If any of these apply to you, then we invite you to join our 2023-2024 Journey in Faith Programme.

The Course will begin on after Mass on **Thursday, 9th November 2023** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE)

7:40 to 9:00pm and will continue Thursday evenings until Easter 2024. Weekly attendance at a Sunday Mass (which includes the Vigil) is essential for all who desire to be Baptised and Confirmed; it is also an obligation binding upon all Catholics. To express your interest email:

parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

Starting from Monday 13th November from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. A new Youth Group for children in years 4,5 & 6 at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room. All Welcome.

Junior Youth Group is held on 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

Prayer of St Gertrude for the Holy Souls

Jesus appeared to St. Gertrude the Great and promised her the release of 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time this prayer is prayed:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

Remember to pray for the Holy Souls every day

Bereavement Support Group

Do you miss someone? Would you like to talk about it? Our Parish Bereavement Group gives you the safe space to share your grief following the loss of a loved one. We listen and talk about those who are gone and reflect on our faith to guide us through. All welcome.

2:00pm-3:30pm St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room

Future Dates; 6th November; 4th December; 8th January

Home Visits

Do you have a loved one confined to home or care home who can no longer attend Mass? Would he/she like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the Legion of Mary?

If so, please contact Maggie on 01908 563277.

Venerable Fr Agnello's Day in London

Milton Keynes Goan Community is organising transport to St. George's Cathedral, London for a solemn High Mass on Sunday 19th November 2023 @3pm.

Coach will be leaving from St Thomas Aquinas Church (MK2 2JE) car park at 12 noon. The cost is £18 per person, please confirm by 1st November to book please contact: Lee 07821 645317 or Anne 07432 573461.

Second Collection This Weekend:

Bishop's Maintenance Fund Each parish in the diocese contributes to support the costs of our Bishop in the exercise of his ministry amongst us.

Baptism Preparation Evening

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7:00pm on Monday, 6th November at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE). The meeting is **for parents and guardians only**, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children (only one parent needs to attend). Email the Parish Office to book a place.

Second Collection Next Weekend:

Diocesan Priests' Fund This helps to provide care for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese.

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Throughout the month of November, we pray more intently for the Holy Souls at each Mass. In each church before the Altar there is a box containing the names of our loved ones for whom we pray. If you would like to place names in the box, there are envelopes and prayer sheets at the back of each Church. You can fill these out and then place the envelope in the box.

Please DO NOT include money with your request.

Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please pray for the 26 young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at a Mass celebrated by Bishop David at All Saints Church, Bletchley on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm. Thank you to our catechists, parents and sponsors who continue to support them on their journey of faith.

Feast of St Francis Xavier

The Milton Keynes Goan Community are looking forward to celebrate the Feast Day of their beloved Patron, St Francis Xavier, on Sunday 3rd December with Mass in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 11am followed by fellowship in the parish Meeting Room afterwards. For more details, please contact one of the following: Othelia 07459 483045; Simon 07383 097599; Arshi 07454 605655 or Lee 07821 645317.

*Wishing God's Blessing on you and your family,
Fr Gerard & Fr Jithu*