

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9th/10th December 2023

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 9th December (Vigil Mass)

STA	6.00pm	Peter Beschizza, RIP; Rosanna Wootton, RIP
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Sunday 10th December 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AS	9.00am	Antonio Cardozo, RIP (8 th Ann.)
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AS	11.00am	Giuseppe Paolucci, RIP (Ann.)
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AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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Monday 11th December St Damasus

STA	10.00am	Patricia Baxter, RIP; Bernie Owens, B'day Int.
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Tuesday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe

AS	10.00am	Sangeerth Girirathan, RIP (2 nd Ann.)
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AS	7.00pm	Kevin Dyer, RIP
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Wednesday 13th December St Lucy

STA	10.00am	Angela Devanney, RIP
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Thursday 14th December St John of the Cross

AS	10.00am	Cella D'Souza, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Anne Barry, Wellbeing Int.
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Friday 15th December Second Friday of Advent

STA	10.00am	Julie Christanne Crocker, RIP
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Saturday 16th December Second Saturday of Advent

STA	9.30am	Mrs Rosie Dawson, RIP; Dr Felix Soosay, RIP; Louis Family, RIP
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STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Angelina & Domenico Tomeo, RIP; Giuseppe Tomeo, RIP
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Sunday 17th December 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AS	9.00am	Thanksgiving for Dianne & Jeff
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AS	11.00am	John Gerard Scott Junior, RIP
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AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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Regular Devotions

The Holy Rosary:

Daily, 30mins before morning Mass, Monday to Friday

Saturdays, after 10.00am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays, 9.10am (STA)

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Wednesdays after 10.00am Mass (STA)

"In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved." St John of the Cross

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.

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

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays: After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

Tuesdays: After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 6.50pm (AS)

Saturdays: After 9.30am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

Confessions

Thursdays: 9.30am, (AS)

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA); and at call.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Thomas Simpson, whose funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 11.30am on Tuesday 12th December.

Martin McGovern, whose funeral Mass will be at St Mary's Church, Woburn Sands, 12.30pm on Thursday 14th December.

*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

Hymn Chorus at 9am Mass:

Awake awake! For the Lord is coming
Awake awake! There's no time to sleep
Awake awake! For the Lord is coming
the King is coming in glory.

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; 8th January

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on Monday 11th December from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Youth Group is 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.

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School / Bishop Parker School Reception Class 2024 - Application Deadline

If you have a child who is due to start school in Reception class in September 2024, you should apply online to Milton Keynes Council/School Admissions. This is for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020. In addition to applying online, you must complete a Supplementary form which is available on St Thomas Aquinas School website or Bishop Parker School website and return it to the school office along with your child's Baptismal Certificate (original) and Certificate of Catholic Practice. The deadline for all applications is 15th January 2024.

Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on Saturday 13th January 2024 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.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Second Collection This Weekend:

Church Flowers for Christmas

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve - 24th December

9.00am am MASS of the Day (*not Christmas*)

All Saints Church

11.00am am MASS of the Day (*not Christmas*)

All Saints Church

4.00 pm Children's Vigil MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

9.30pm Carols and 10pm MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

12 Christmas Midnight MASS

St Thomas Aquinas Church



Christmas Day - 25th December

9.00 am MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

10.00am MASS of Christmas

St Thomas Aquinas Church

11.00 am MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church



St Stephen's Day – 26th December

12 noon - *St Thomas Aquinas Church*

All our Altar Servers are encouraged to attend this Mass of the Patron of the Servers Guild. If you have been serving regularly for at least a year and are due your bronze medal, please speak to Fr Gerard or Mr Bernard Guina.

Advent Giving Trees

'Giving Trees' in both our churches have gift labels inviting you to either buy a named gift which will be distributed locally by the SVP or to make a financial contribution for a gift which SEPO will purchase for St Agatha's Parish and School in Mongu, Zambia. Please don't wrap any gifts just place them in the boxes provided located near the tree. Thank you!

Confessions and Advent Holy Hour

Amidst the busy material preparations for Christmas, it is all too easy to overlook the need to make a good spiritual preparation for this beautiful Feast. There will be additional opportunities for Confession as well as the regular times in our churches:

Wednesday 20th December: 9.30am – 11.30am (STA)

Thursday 21st December: 9.30am – 11.30am (AS)

Friday 22nd December: 7.00pm – 8.00pm Advent Holy Hour (AS)

Saturday 23rd December: 10.00am – 1.00pm (STA)

Christmas Performance – The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All – St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

This year, children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will perform 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All'. A dress rehearsal performance will take place in the school hall on **Monday 18th December** at 1.30pm. The school gate will be open from 1.00pm and mince pies and mulled wine will be served before the performance. Tickets cost £1 each and can be reserved by contacting the school on 01908 373977.

Thank You to Liam Hennigan

Our grateful thanks to Liam Hennigan for the great job he and his team did in repairing the tarmac in the car park at All Saints Church. They have filled in the potholes; a much needed work, especially at this time of year. Many thanks for your hard work.

*May the Advent Season be a time of great grace and
of spiritual growth for you and your family,
Fr Gerard & Fr Jithu*