

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

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2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13th/14th January 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 13th January (Vigil Mass)

STA	6.00pm	Abdul Arogundade, Anniv., RIP Margaret Dougan, Anniv., RIP
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Sunday 14th January 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	John & Johanna Butler, Anniv., RIP Shirley Hargreaves, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Sister Joanna Kelly, RIP
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AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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Monday 15th January Feria

STA	10.00am	Francis & Margaret Cuerden, Anniv., RIP
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Tuesday 16th January Feria

AS	10.00am	John Scott, Int.
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STA	7.00pm	Niamh Crossan-King, RIP
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Wednesday 17th January St Anthony of Egypt

STA	10.00am	Maureen Redgwell, RIP
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Thursday 18th January Feria

AS	10.00am	Martin McGovern, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Maureen Redgwell, RIP, Gaire Family Int.
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Friday 19th January St Wulstan

STA	10.00am	Thanksgiving for the Paver Family, Int.
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Saturday 20th January St Sebastian

STA	9.30am	Thanksgiving for Peterson Family, Int. Holy Souls in Purgatory
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STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls
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Sunday 21st January 3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Mary Mills, 3 rd Anniv., RIP
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AS	11.00am	Michael McCarthy, 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 9.30am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays, 9.10am (STA)

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Wednesdays after 10.00am Mass (STA)

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: From 11.30am, Benediction at 6.45pm (STA)

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:

Elizabeth Bernadette McManus, whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church, 2.15pm on Monday 15th January.

Muriel Amelia Drupe, whose Funeral Service will be at All Saints Church, 12.30pm on Thursday 18th January.

Paula Clare Stimson, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12.30pm on Monday 22nd January.

Mary Curran, whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 10.00am on Wednesday 24th January.

Mary Conway, whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 12.30pm on Friday 2nd February.

*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

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; 4th March, 8th April, 13th May, 3th June, 8th July.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 22nd January** 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 Mondays 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 27th 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.

Youth Mass

Bishop David will celebrate Mass in St Augustine's, Heelands, MK13 7PL, **TODAY, 14th January at 6.30pm**. All young people aged 11 to 18 are encouraged to attend. After Mass Bishop David and NYMO will lead a session with the young people. Refreshments will be available after Mass. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Crib Offerings

This year's 'Crib Offerings' will go to the charity *Aid to the Church in Need* to assist persecuted Christians in the Middle East who daily face violence and death simply for professing their belief in Jesus. Please pray for the many persecuted Christians worldwide. Read more about this at www.acnuk.org

2nd Collection Today - White Flower Appeal 2024

White Flower Appeal 2024 - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

Pilgrims of Hope Tour

Bishop David is holding a series of meetings across the Diocese, during which he will pray and speak to those present and take questions before spending time socially with the community. The evenings are open to all, Catholics and non-Catholics alike; so come along and bring friends or family members who may be interested in our Catholic faith. We hope that people from across the local area will join us on **Monday 22nd January at St Thomas Aquinas Church**. For more information visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrims-of-hope-tour/>

CAFOD welcomes your unwanted gifts! Please place them in the box at the back of church.

Emergency Shelters

Help CAFOD be there quickly in a crisis particularly in the current Israeli/Palestine conflict. A donation towards an emergency shelter can make a life-saving difference to those in urgent need, providing essential shelter to a family who has lost absolutely everything, keeping them safe from adverse weather conditions and giving them a place that is their own in a time of crisis. Please go to cafod.org.uk/donate or use the CAFOD boxes in church. Check out how you have helped CAFOD this year at: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/international-news/2023-year-in-review>

Monday 29th January 2024 at 9:30am children of St Thomas Aquinas School invite parents and parishioners to Mass in the school hall to celebrate the feast day of our school and parish Patron Saint. Tea and biscuits served afterwards. (St Marys Avenue, Bletchley MK3 5DT)

Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 9:30am the children and staff of Bishop Parker School invite you to join them for Mass to celebrate the feast of St Don Bosco, the Patron Saint of the school, followed by tea and cake. (Hunter Drive, Bletchley MK2 3BT)

CAFOD School Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or call 07786 114 390

Tuesday Adoration

Please note that from this Tuesday, all day Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St Thomas Aquinas Church, beginning at 11.30am and concluding with Benediction at 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. The change has come about on account of concerns over the cost of heating and safety. As we begin a new year, I would encourage you to come along, even for 5 or 10 minutes, to pray before Our Lord for your families and for world peace.

May Christ bless you and your families abundantly in this coming week. Fr Gerard & Fr Jithu