

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

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls
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#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Cella D'Souza, RIP; Pet McGlynn, Int.
AS	11.00am	Sean Flannagan, Anniv.RIP;
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

STA	10.00am	Thanksgiving Int.
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#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February St Paul Miki & Comp., Martyrs of Japan

AS	10.00am	Private Int.
STA	7.00pm	Robert White, RIP

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Feria

AS	10.00am	Paul Hughes, RIP; Martin Quill, RIP; Bridget Kickham, RIP
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#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February St Jerome Emiliani

AS	10.00am	Blesilo Faburada, RIP; Minda Camilotes, RIP; Manuela Redulmi, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Keith Paver, Int; Rev Fr Odilon Galamiton, B'day Int; Hermilito Galamiton, B'day Int.

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Feria

STA	10.00am	Mrs Sebamaalai Sathiyaseelan, RIP
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#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February St Scholastica, Virgin

STA	9.30am	Remy Garcia, B'day Int; Marie Galloway, RIP; Thanksgiving Int.
STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Zuzanna & Kazimierz Olkiewicz, RIP

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Edward Bryk, RIP
AS	11.00am	Martin McGovern, RIP; Tom Simpson, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

### 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](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)

### 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:

**Janet Katherine Clarke**, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 12:15pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mavis Rosina Campbell**, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 10:45am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**Yu Kai Lawrence Ng**, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 11.15am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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; 4<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July.*

## Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.*

## Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.*

## 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](https://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>

## 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](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390

## Tuesday Adoration

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.

## "Walk with Me" Lent Booklets

Available from the back of church for £1

## Mass with Anointing of the Sick

A special Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon in St Thomas Aquinas Church**, followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room. Those eligible to be anointed are the elderly, or those suffering from long-term illness or psychological disability. Please let people know that the Mass is taking place; and also, if you have transport and are able to come, then do please be a good neighbour by giving a lift to someone who hasn't got a car.

## Job Vacancy at Northampton Diocese

We are currently recruiting for a Pastoral Development Worker to help our pastoral areas and parishes identify mission and community needs and to work with local groups to discern and implement their local vision. The role will be for 37.5 hours per week on a three-year fixed term contract, involving weekend and evening work.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

The closing date for applications will be **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**.

Interview dates to be confirmed.

All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

## Light up Lent - 29th Feb – 7th March

Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide.

Find out more here and at our introductory webinar on 1st February 7:30-8:30pm.

<https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Rosary gathering on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm, praying outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes.

## Time to bring back your old Palm Crosses

With Lent approaching please return any palm crosses you have to the basket at the back of Church so we can burn them to make ash for Ash Wednesday.

## Ash Wednesday – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024:

10:00am Mass St Thomas Aquinas Church

11:00am Mass All Saints Church

7:00pm Mass All Saints Church

## Stations of the Cross in Lent

*Fridays:* 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents/guardians who are requesting the sacrament of Baptism for their child will be at 7:00pm **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are not able, currently, to accommodate young children. *Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.*

## A Prayer for the Sick

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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