

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

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

10<sup>th</sup>/11<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 10<sup>th</sup> February

STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Zuzanna & Kazimierz Olkiewicz, RIP
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#### 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

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February *Feria*

STA	10.00am	Mariam George, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv RIP
STA	12 Noon	For the Sick, Int.

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February *Feria*

AS	10.00am	Patsy & Gérard Magill, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv RIP.
STA	7.00pm	Keith Paver, Int; Amado Clarus, RIP; Deceased members of the Pelibino Family, RIP.

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February *ASH WEDNESDAY*

STA	10.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Lucia, Antonio & Emelio Folgheraiter RIP
AS	7.00pm	Private Int.

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

AS	10.00am	Antonetta Fernandes, B'day Int.
	7.00pm	No Mass

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

STA	10.00am	Barbara Hockley, RIP
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#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

STA	9.30am	Mary O'Sullivan, RIP
STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Bridget Shockledge, Anniv RIP

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Olga Pinto, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv RIP
AS	6.30pm	John & Caron Callaghan, Int.

### 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)

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays: 2.00pm (AS); 6.15pm (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 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 24<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.*

## “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.

## 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.

## 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)

## Youth Hangout

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 12pm to 3.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, St Paul's School, Leadenhall, MK6 5NA. All Welcome

## 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/>

## 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:

Although not a Holyday of Obligation, it is a great way to start Lent by attending Mass on this day. Times of Masses in the parish on Ash Wednesday are:

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

## Governors for Bletchley Catholic Schools Federation

The Bletchley Catholic Schools Federation that supports Bishop Parker School and St Thomas Aquinas School is looking for a new Foundation Governor for the Governing Board. We are looking for governors who are practising Catholics who can express an opinion and ask questions in 6 meetings per year to help to provide professional challenge and support to our schools in the role of a critical friend. Ideal for those who are retired or semi-retired looking for a rewarding voluntary opportunity.

If you have a background that includes buildings and health and safety that would be a bonus. Please get in touch with our school offices for more information.

We would be delighted to hear from you.

## Second Collection Next Weekend: Lent Appeal for “SEPO”

SEPO, meaning hope, is set up for the public benefit, the relief and assistance of people in need of education and entrepreneurial skills in Mongu, Zambia, helping them to break the chains of poverty. SEPO will provide assistance to the Parish of St Agatha, Mongu by supporting the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters, Zambia. Financial aid will be provided to help empower women through entrepreneurial and literacy programmes as well as sponsorship of children's education. SEPO seeks to support children, families and their communities in their educational and skills goals and to work alongside the existing Comboni Missionary Sisters, who provide leadership in the local community. SEPO will provide resources and support to meet the identified needs and assist individuals in gaining access to education and skills needs.

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 7pm Mass Cancelled

There will be **no Mass** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church, due to First Confessions.

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