The Catholic Parish of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints, Bletchley
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1st SUNDAY OF LENT
17th/18th February 2024

Liturgies this Week
STA: St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE
AS: All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

Saturday 17th February
STA  6.00pm  (Vigil) Bridget Shockledge, Anniv RIP

Sunday 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
AS  9.00am  Pro Populo
AS  11.00am  Olga Pinto, 1st Anniv RIP
AS  6.30pm  John & Caron Callaghan, Int.

Monday 19th February Lent Feria
STA  10.00am  Deceased members of the John, Kamalaneson & De Silva Families RIP

Tuesday 20th February Lent Feria
AS  10.00am  Olga Pinto, 1st Anniv RIP
STA  7.00pm  George Daoud, RIP

Wednesday 21st February St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
STA  10.00am  Ann & Peter Horgan, Anniv, RIP

Thursday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
AS  10.00am  Norma Holtz, RIP; Colette & Claude Herbu, RIP
STA  7.00pm  Mary ‘Babs’ Hurst RIP; Margaret & Phliomena O’Reilly, Anniv RIP

Friday 23rd February St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
STA  10.00am  Deloris Wogan, RIP

Saturday 24th February Lent Feria
STA  9.30am  Dolores O’Reilly Anniv, RIP; Mary O’Riordan Anniv RIP
STA  6.00pm  (Vigil) Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls

Sunday 25th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
AS  9.00am  John Scott Int.
AS  11.00am  Mike & Viv Smith 40th Wedding Anniv Int.
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)
Stations of the Cross: See opposite page

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:
Michael Mansfield Heron, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 11:30am on Thursday 7th March.
John Gregory, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:30pm on Monday 11th March.

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, 3rd June, 8th July.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6
The next youth group will be on Monday 26th 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 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+
The next meeting will be on Saturday 24th 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 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

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 prayer 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/

Stations of the Cross in Lent
Wednesdays: After 10am Mass St Thomas Aquinas
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.

SVP THANK YOU
For the anonymous generous donation of £85 in an envelope left at the back of St Thomas Aquinas Church last Saturday morning 10th February at 9.30am Mass.

Second Collection This 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.

Chinese Catholics Milton Keynes (CCMK)
Lunar New Year is round the corner. The Chinese Catholics Milton Keynes (CCMK) will organize a celebration with Dinner, Games and a lot of fun!!! Do come and join us for this joyful event! Bring along your friends and families as well. Please find the poster and links for registration below.
Date: 24 Feb 2024 (Sat), Time: 6.30-9.30pm, Venue: Mary Adams Hall @ St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Woburn Sands. Fees: Adults & Children above 5 - £18; Children 5 and below - Free; Seniors 65 or above - £9 (We will not leave anyone behind. Financial support will be offered to those in need. Email us at mk.chinese.catholic@gmail.com)

Power of Attorney
To protect yourself and your family, have you considered having a Power of Attorney for both Health and Welfare, and Financial Management. The information and forms are readily accessible on the Government web site at: https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney
Without a Power of Attorney, in the situation where a person may be deemed incapable of making a decision e.g. through ill health or accident, the authorities will then have the power to make decisions on your behalf.
As Safeguarding Representatives this issue re-surfaces from time to time and we have been unable to provide the support needed. We would suggest that parishioners consider whether the Powers of Attorney would be of benefit to you and your family.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Simple Breakfast
Please join the CAFOD team after 10am Mass on 23rd February for a simple breakfast –coffee/tea/croissants etc. Hear more about how you can help hardworking fishermen get home safely and feed their families.

“Walk with Me” Lent Booklets
Available from the back of church for £1

The Holy Season of Lent
How heartening it was to see so many of you assisting at Mass on Ash Wednesday, beginning Lent in the best spiritual way possible. I pray that as we continue through this holy season, as many of you as possible will attend daily Mass, make a good Confession and join us for the Stations of the Cross.

Second Collection NEXT weekend:
CAFOD Family Fast Day is this Friday, 23rd February. You can give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk

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