

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

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 24th/25th February 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 24th February

STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls
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Sunday 25th February **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

AS	9.00am	John Scott, Int.
AS	11.00am	Mike & Viv Smith, 40 th Wedding Anniv Int.
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 26th February *Lent Feria*

STA	10.00am	Maria Jorgia Velasco, RIP
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Tuesday 27th February *Lent Feria*

AS	10.00am	Ann Cowling, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Aurelia Bianco, 1 st Anniv RIP; Angelo Pozzuto, 1 st Anniv RIP

Wednesday 28th February *Lent Feria*

STA	10.00am	Rose Agnes Scott, RIP
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Thursday 29th February *Lent Feria*

AS	10.00am	Alan & Teresa Hartley, 60 th Wedding Anniv Int.
STA	7.00pm	Keith Paver RIP; Michael Heron RIP; John Gregory RIP

Friday 1st March *ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES*

STA	10.00am	Pet McGlynn & Carmel Hevey B'day Int; Johnny Peterson RIP
STA	7.00pm	Maddalena Distazio, Anniv RIP

Saturday 2nd March *Lent Feria*

STA	9.30am	Christy Nevin, RIP
STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls

Sunday 3rd March **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

AS	9.00am	Liam Hennigan Int.; Hennigan Family Int.
AS	11.00am	John Bickerstaffe, Anniv 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)

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:

Keith Paver, whose Requiem Funeral Mass was on Saturday 24th February.

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, 3th 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 9th March** 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 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/>

Stations of the Cross in Lent

The Stations of the Cross devotion in which we recall Our Lord's journey from the Praetorium where He was condemned to death, to His tomb, originated in Jerusalem where pilgrims walked 'the Way of the Cross.' St Francis had the idea of recreating 'the Way' so that the faithful could unite themselves spiritually with Our Lord on His sorrowful journey. The 'Stations' are stops along 'the Way,' from the Latin *statio* which means a stopping place; and they recall moments on the journey which include Our Lord meeting His Holy Mother and being helped by Simon of Cyrene.

Wednesdays: After 10am Mass St Thomas Aquinas

Fridays: 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

Second Collection This Weekend:

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

"Walk with Me" Lent Booklets

Available from the back of church for £1

Message from Aid to the Church in Need

Christians living in the Holy Land have been caught up in the deepening crisis which has engulfed the region. The war has resulted in a humanitarian catastrophe with thousands upon thousands dead, mounting casualties and hostages still in captivity. Please go to www.acnuk.org for more details on how you can offer support or take a leaflet from the back of church.

Tuesday 5th March Morning Mass Time Change.

Please note that Mass will be at the earlier time of 9am at All Saints Church.

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.

Music for Willen

An Evening of Uplifting and Heartwarming music in aid of Willen Hospice. Featuring The Big Fiddle Band, Hart & Soul Community Choir Directed by Ian Riley, Jenny Newman & Andy Glass (fiddle & guitar) on **Friday 8th March at 7:30pm at Christ the King Church, Kents Hill, MK7 6HQ**

Tickets : £ 10 Adults (£5 under 18's from Jim and Jo Ballesty at 07967 195474 email: j_ballesty@hotmail.co.uk Tickets also available at the door on the night. All Welcome

Little Fighters Campaign

Right to Life UK are asking us to write to our local MP urging him to support an amendment to reduce the UK abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Postcards are available at the back of church for this; please take one, complete it and send it our local MP urgently as the debate discussing the amendment will take place shortly. Please send the completed postcards to our local MP:

Mr Iain Stewart, MP

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Spiritual Quotes for Lent

May the Saints inspire us on our Lenten journey:

"Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and he never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart." *St. Charles Borromeo*

"If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendour of the Saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men." *St. Clare of Assisi*

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