

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

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 2nd / 3rd March 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 2nd March

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

Monday 4th March *St Casimir, Confessor*

STA	10.00am	Lauretta Ofulue, Int.
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Tuesday 5th March *Lent Feria*

AS	10.00am	Private Int.
STA	7.00pm	Joseph, RIP; Paul Ukken Joseph, RIP

Wednesday 6th March *Lent Feria*

STA	10.00am	Thanksgiving Int.
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Thursday 7th March *SS Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

AS	10.00am	Cella D'Souza RIP; Private Int.
STA	7.00pm	Keith Paver RIP; Paver Family Int.

Friday 8th March *St John of God, Religious*

STA	10.00am	Tom McGlynn 12 th Anniv RIP; Parish Int; Private Int.
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Saturday 9th March *St Frances of Rome, Religious*

STA	9.30am	Michael Burke Int.
STA	6.00pm	(Vigil) Mr Jonis Mariyampillai, Anniv RIP; Andrew Chrysostom, RIP

Sunday 10th March **FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

AS	9.00am	Clarence Gill RIP; Gill Family, Int.
AS	11.00am	Ana Lucia Gamboa de Quintero, 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)

Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays: After 10am Mass St Thomas Aquinas

Fridays: 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

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, 3th June, 8th July.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 11th March** 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

Wednesdays: After 10am Mass St Thomas Aquinas

Fridays: 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

Stations of the Cross Led by Children

At 10am on Good Friday at St Thomas Aquinas Church, there will be Stations of the Cross led by children from the parish. All are welcome to join us.

Tuesday 5th March Morning Mass Time Change.

Please note that Mass will be at the earlier time of 9am at All Saints Church this Tuesday, 5th March.

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.

Next Weekend 9am Mass All Saints Church

At the 9.00am Mass next Sunday in All Saints Church, Fr Gerard will bless two new statues that have been gifted to the Church; one of St Francis Xavier, the Patron Saint of Goa and the other of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland and of Nigeria.

Feast of St Joseph, Tuesday 19th March

Mass will be celebrated at Northampton Cathedral at 11.00am on this day, which in our diocese is a double celebration as it is not only the Feast of St Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary but this year it is the 4th anniversary of Bishop David's Episcopal Ordination. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. All are welcome to join Bishop David at the Cathedral.

Please note that there will be no morning Mass in the parish that day.

Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. Next Friday after 10am Mass in St Thomas Aquinas until 12 noon, there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Northampton Diocese Life in the Spirit Seminars – 16th April to 21st May 2024

The seminars will be held in-person at the Cathedral in Northampton but will be live streamed to the selected hubs below. Parishioners will gather in their local hubs to listen to the talks and participate in small groups discussions which will be facilitated by local hub coordinators and small group leaders. This will enable more people to participate in the Seminars across the Diocese without the need to travel into Northampton each week. The Holy Spirit retreat day will however take place at the Cathedral for all participants including participants from the hubs who will join in person on that day.

The programme will begin with teas/coffees/welcome at 6:30pm, followed by Praise and worship from 7pm to 7:30pm with the talks starting at 7.30pm. The talks will last 30 minutes. The music and talk will be livestreamed from the Cathedral to the selected hubs and the small group sharing will also take place in the hubs. The Holy Spirit retreat day at the Cathedral is on 18th May from 2pm to 6pm followed by the Pentecost vigil mass which participants can join should they wish to do so. Hubs - We are very grateful and thankful to the Priests and Parishioners of the selected hubs below.

MILTON KEYNES – St Augustine's Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes. MK13 7PL

LUTON – St. John the Apostle, 296 Sundon Park Rd, Luton LU3 3AL

AYLESBURY – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 69 Camborne Ave, Bedgrove, Aylesbury HP21 7UE

SLOUGH/BURNHAM – Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Lower Britwell Rd, Burnham, Slough SL2 2NL

CORBY – Final location to be confirmed

CRANFIELD - Cranfield University Chapel, Building 33, College Road, Wharley End, Cranfield, MK43 0AL

BEDFORD - Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP

Information together with the link to register can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/> which also includes a video message from Bishop David: <https://youtu.be/kKt5g-M1qe8> encouraging parishioners to join the seminars. There is a poster at the back of church which has a QR code that parishioners can scan to access the registration page.

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