

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

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## PENTECOST 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May Vigil		
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls..
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May PENTECOST		
AS	9.00am	Mary Curran, B'day Anniversary RIP
AS	11.00am	Giovanna Colantonio, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May Mary, Mother of the Church		
STA		No Mass
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May Feria		
AS		No Mass
STA		No Mass
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest		
AS	10.00am	James Sherwood, Anniv RIP
STA	7.00pm	Thresiamma Karauvely, RIP; Cherian Thomas, RIP; Alex Family, Int.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Feria		
AS	10.00am	Requiem: Nicola Bonitatibus, RIP
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May St Bede the Venerable		
STA	9.30am	Ernesto Paolucci, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Marie Galloway, RIP; Cecilia Arogundade, Int; Private Int.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		
AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Mario Colantonio, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Deceased family members of Gary Fernandes, RIP

### 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:**

Combined with Eucharistic Adoration after 10.00am Mass on Mondays

**Confessions:**

**Thursdays:** 9.30am, (AS)

**Saturdays:** 10.00am to 11.00am (STA); and at call.

### 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**

### Regina Caeli (said before the Vigil Mass)

*(This replaces the Angelus during Eastertide)*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

**For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

**Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

**R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Mondays:** After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

**Tuesdays:** After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (AS);

**Saturdays:** After 9.30am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

**Time spent before the Blessed Sacrament in the best time you will spend on earth. (St Teresa of Calcutta)**

## Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Mr Nicola Bonitatibus** whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church, 10.00am on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Annie Rourke** whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church, 10.00am on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Frank Conway** whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church, 10.00am on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

*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; 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July.*

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

The next youth group will be on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May** 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 25<sup>th</sup> May** 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.*

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents/guardians who are requesting the sacrament of Baptism for their child will be at 7:00pm on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** 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.**

## Women in Ministry – The Gathering 3

Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own webpage: <https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on **June 8<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm**. This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the Catholic Church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information please email [helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org).

## Permanent Diaconate

Fr Tony Brennan, Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, invites men interested in finding out more about the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese to attend St Mary's Catholic Church in Dunstable on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** from 10 am-12noon.

## The Seniors' Afternoon Tea Party

On **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** at St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room, from 2pm till 5pm. If you would like to attend, please complete one of the invites and place it in the box both of which you can find at the back of church. Completed forms should be received by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please note places are limited and are filled on a first come first serve basis. For any further information or offers of help please contact Maggie on 01908 563277.

## Thank You

We offer a warm welcome to Fr Andrew Coy and Fr Michael Chima who are offering the Masses this weekend, enabling Fr Gerard to join the Chartres Pilgrimage. We thank them for their time with us and assure them of our prayers for their ministry.

## Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024 - Coach Now Full

### Masses this Week

No Masses on:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 10am & 7pm,

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am

## Congratulations and Prayers...

To children from our parish who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion this weekend. It was a prayerful and happy occasion in the life of our Parish and we pray for our young people as they continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

## Children's Liturgy Groups Training

Training has been arranged for all volunteers in our Children's Liturgy groups. The training has been arranged for **10am at 1st June 2024** and will take place at St Thomas Aquinas Church meeting room. It is strongly advised that all volunteers attend the meeting. The aim of the meeting is to provide information on your roles and responsibilities and the new compulsory training that will need to be undertaken. Andrew and Marie look forward to seeing you there.

## The Cause for the Canonisation of the Ven. Agnelo De Souza

Father Agnelo De Souza died on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was originally on 20 November in 1927. He was a priest of the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier, Pilar and had served the people of Goa. He was a man of outstanding holiness and humility, and despite his own poor health worked tirelessly in his sacred and pastoral duties. He collapsed while preaching at Rachol, in Goa but insisted that benediction should continue after which he then expired. The parish priest who buried him said: "Hanvem atanch eka Santak matiek Laila" which means "I have just laid a saint to rest". His remains were taken to Pilar on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1939 and he was declared Venerable by the Vatican on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1986. The cause for his canonisation continues and every year in Bletchley we offer a Mass for this intention.

**This year we will offer Mass for the cause of his canonisation on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June) at 7:00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church.**

### Prayer for the Canonisation of Venerable Agnelo:

*O God of infinite mercy,  
we humbly prostrate at Your feet,  
we beg of You, with wholehearted trust,  
that if it be Your Holy Will,  
and if it serves our salvation,  
grant Venerable Agnelo the honours of the Altar,  
through the Solemn declaration  
of Our Provident Mother, the Church.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy  
Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew  
the face of the earth.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!*