

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

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## SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Libera & Francesco Del Grosso, RIP
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER &amp; PAUL</b>		
AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Kathleen Corrigan, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Cyril, Veda, Charmaine & Clifford Wright, RIP

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July St Oliver Plunkett

STA	10.00am	Mike Tassell, B'day Int; Angela White, B'day Int.
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#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July FERIA

AS	10.00am	Thanksgiving Int.
STA	7.00pm	Stuart Ball, RIP

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July St Elizabeth of Portugal

AS	9.00am	Cella D'Souza; Max D'Souza; Abel Carrasco, RIP
STA		No Mass this evening

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July St Anthony Zaccaria

STA	10.00am	Johnny Peterson, RIP; Angela White B'day Int; Peterson Family Int.
STA	7.00pm	Melvin Corby, RIP

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July PATRONAGE OF ST THOMAS BECKET

STA	9.30am	Asher Colaco, B'day Int.
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased Members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Families; Holy Souls

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Concetta & Antonio Zeolla, RIP
AS	11.00am	Carmen Rose Wilkinson, B'day Remembrance, 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)

**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**

### 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:** 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)**

## 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; 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December*

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

The next youth group will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** 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 13<sup>th</sup> July** 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.*

## 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.

## Multicultural & Family Fun Day

The St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society, Bletchley Branch is hosting a BRING & SHARE multicultural and family fun day on the **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bletchley. The starting time is 12noon and finishes at 5pm. Parishioners are invited to join us in their native clothes and encourage to come along with their special native food. Don't forget your comfortable shoes and your picnic mats and chairs.

Individuals and groups are invited to perform. Please we are encouraging everyone to be part of this programme to glory the Lord Almighty God and to foster unity among ourselves.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

## Happy Anniversary

On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1998, the Feast of St Peter & St Paul, Fr Gerard was ordained in the chapel of St Edmund's College, Ware. Please pray for him, as he does you.

**I recommend to Thee, O my God, my family, relatives and friends, who helped me to become a priest and to all who continue to support my vocation.**

## Free Widescreen TVs

Great, now I have your attention, I am looking for some help! A very small but dedicated band of volunteers regularly clean our two churches, and they do a great job. However, it is a lot to ask for them to do so every week. Therefore, I am appealing for some volunteers to assist, so we can draw up a rota. The more cleaners we have, the less frequently it will be your turn. Don't be shy, please volunteer and so help your parish. Thank you to those who have already signed up, welcome to 'The A Team'!

**Previous experience with a duster and mop is not essential!**

## Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence. This is the annual collection which is taken in Catholic Churches around the globe to assist the Holy Father help fund the Church in the poorest regions of the world.

## The Becket Festival

This year's Becket Festival, celebrating the secondary Patron of our Diocese, St Thomas Becket, will be held on the weekend of **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** in Northampton and will begin with Mass in the Cathedral at 11.00am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at which the Principal Celebrant will be Bishop David Oakley and will conclude on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July with Solemn Vespers and Benediction. Full details of all the events over the two-day festival are available on the diocesan website:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/relics/>

## Good News from Bishop Parker School

Bishop Parker School was named the "School of the Year" at the recent MK Dons presentation evening. Headteacher Robert Mundy was presented with the glass MK Dons Star trophy, and MK Dons said:

*"Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we celebrate excellence in education, and it's with great honour that we recognise Bishop Parker School as the recipient of the School of the Year award. Their commitment to fostering holistic development through targeted interventions, Premier League Primary Stars, and Joy of Moving programs is truly commendable. By prioritising the well-being and growth of their students, Bishop Parker School sets a shining example for educational institutions everywhere. Let us applaud their dedication to nurturing young minds and shaping a brighter future for generations to come. Congratulations to Bishop Parker School on this well-deserved accolade!"*

The school is having a great year. It was graded a strong GOOD by Ofsted and achieved the best SATs results in the school's history; recently upgrading their nursery to include two-year-olds. Go and see for yourself how good Bishop Parker is; call the school office on 01908 372129 for more information.

## Masses this Thursday

Please note that Fr Gerard will be attending a priests' meeting this coming Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, and so the **morning Mass in All Saints Church will be at the earlier time of 9.00am** and there will be **NO EVENING MASS in St Thomas Aquinas Church.**

## Next Weekend Retiring Collection for the SVP

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection to support the work of the local Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP), who do great work in our community, helping those in need in a variety of ways. Next week's collection is a chance for us to help the SVP in their invaluable work, which makes such a positive difference to people's lives.

## Polling Day This Thursday

The General Election takes place this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The threat of abortion being decriminalised was averted when the election was called, but these extreme proposals are sure to return. The next Parliament will also likely see a big push to legalise assisted suicide. It is therefore vital that we elect MPs who will oppose these threats to life. To contact our candidates, and to check on their voting intentions on pro-life issues, please go to: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024>  
We pray for all those who will be elected as MPs; may they work to promote respect for the dignity of all people from conception to natural death; and help to promote true justice and lasting peace for all people of the world.

## Grateful Thanks

Thank you to Fr Kevin Hughes, MHM for coming last weekend to make a mission appeal; and sincere thanks too to all of you for making him so welcome and looking after him. Through a red Missio box and our prayers, we can support the missions.

*Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard*