

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

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th/21st JULY 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 20th July Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls
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Sunday 21st July 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Joseph Colaco, B'day Int.
AS	11.00am	Mr Nicola Martuccio, Anniv. RIP; Teresa & Giorgio Martuccio, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE

STA		No Mass
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Tuesday 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

AS		No Mass
STA		No Mass

Thursday 25th July ST JAMES

AS		No Mass
STA		No Mass

Friday 26th July SS Anne & Joachim

STA		No Mass
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Saturday 27th July Our Lady on Saturday

STA		No Mass
STA	6.00pm	Johnny Peterson, RIP; Emmanuel Galloway, B'day Int.; Vocations to the Priesthood

Sunday 28th July 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Andrew Chrysostom, 1 st Anniv. RIP
AS	11.00am	Jacqueline & Michael Joyce, Anniv. RIP Adrian O'Donoghue, 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
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: 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; 2ndSeptember, 7thOctober, 4thNovember, 2ndDecember

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 12th August** 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 27th 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 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

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!**

Youth Worker Vacancy

The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Youth Worker to join the Youth Ministry Office. The role will be for 35 hours per week and will include evening and weekend work. Full information for the positions, including how to apply, can be found by visiting: <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

The closing date for applications is 10th August. Interview dates to be confirmed. The start date for the post will be Tuesday 10th September 2024. All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham

Please consider joining the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, on Saturday 3rd August, if possible in person, or online at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

The need for prayer to support life has been great since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. It is now increasingly needed as the pressures to allow abortion up to birth grow, along with a swelling campaign to introduce Assisted Suicide. Pope Saint John Paul II urged everyone to join in the 'great prayer for life'. This year the pilgrimage will be led by Bishop David. A coach is leaving from St Augustine's, Heelands at 7.30am and from All Saints Church, Bletchley MK3 6HG at 7.55am. Please contact Rosemary or Oma on 07852149225 to book a seat. The cost is £12 per seat, under 18 go free.

Welcome and Thank You

A very warm welcome to Fr Michael Chima who joins us to offer the Masses this weekend in our churches of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints, thereby enabling Fr Gerard to get away to Ireland (where this Sunday it is the Blessing of Graves in the cemetery where Fr Gerard's parents and grandparents are buried). Thank you, Fr Michael, it is great to have you with us.

Chinese Language Mass in Milton Keynes

On Wednesday 24th July Bishop Joseph Ha, the Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong, will celebrate Mass in the Church of St Edward the Confessor, Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End, MK5 6DX. All are welcome to join the local Chinese community for the Rosary at 6.00pm; Mass at 6.30pm; followed by a bring-and-share meal together from 7.30pm. For more details please ring: 07393 582776 or email: mk.chinese.catholic@gmail.com

Chinese Catholics Milton Keynes (CCMK) are pleased to share a new a new WhatsApp Community link:

歡迎加入MK華人天主教會WhatsApp 社群接收更多資訊主佑
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/F9DBF0JWyc5HvkBYRIMq1C>

Holiday Time is Here

Please note that Fr Gerard was away last week and he will be away again this week, on holiday (topping up his tan on the sun-drenched beaches of Ireland). If he can tear himself away from all that sun and the bacon, cabbage and spuds, he will be back to celebrate the 6.00pm Mass in St Thomas Aquinas next Saturday. Thank you to Fr Michael Chima who is very kindly supplying for him in his absence.

If you are travelling over the holiday period, we wish you a safe journey, a restful break and a safe return; and if you are a visitor to the Parish, then we hope you have a pleasant stay in the area and we look forward to seeing you back here again soon.

PLEASE NOTE there will be NO weekday Masses this coming week; and also the Parish Office will be closed until Monday 22nd July and on Thursday 25th July.

Angela's on the Case

Do you have unwanted cases at home? Angela White is looking for any redundant luggage, preferably in reasonable condition to withstand a plane journey which can be filled with items to help vulnerable people in deprived areas of Zambia. The last time we had such an appeal earlier this year, you came up trumps and when the Sisters and young people came over in May they were able to take 38 suitcases full of useful and necessary things back with them, which has made a huge difference to the lives of so many people. It would be fantastic if we could surpass that total and make it 40, or even 50 suitcases!

Pilgrimage to Northern France

You are invited to join Bishop David on pilgrimage to Northern France from Tuesday 15th – Tuesday 22nd October 2024. The pilgrimage begins with a 3 night stay in Lisieux, followed by an overnight stay in Chartres and 3 nights in Paris. The pilgrimage will be led by Canon John Udris. For more information visit <https://www.jcjourneys.com/northampton-diocese-pilgrimage-retreat> or email neil.roseman@northamptondiocese.org.

Saints and Sinners

Monday is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, the once great sinner who is now a beautiful Saint in Heaven; a reminder that we are all called to be Saints. If we do God's Will and are open to His grace in our life, then one day we can be a Saint in Heaven. On Friday we celebrate the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Our Lord. It is a special day of prayer for grandparents; do please pray for all who live this vocation and for the great work they do in passing on the Faith.

Our Parish Schools

As our Parish primary schools come to the end of the academic year and prepare for a well-earned break, we wish all the staff and pupils a good holiday and we ask God's Blessing on them all, especially those moving on to secondary school.

Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard