

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

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd /4th AUGUST 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 3rd August Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Valerie Peterson, 80 th B'day Int; Thanksgiving Int; Private Int.
Sunday 4th August 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
AS	9.00am	Cella D'Souza, RIP; Abel Carrasco, RIP; Tom McGlynn, RIP
AS	11.00am	Private Int.
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 5th August The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

STA	10.00am	Private Int.
Tuesday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD		
AS	10.00am	Richard Anderson, 1 st Anniv. RIP
STA	7.00pm	Kieran Mc Carthy, RIP

Thursday 8th August St Dominic

AS	10.00am	Ngozi Igweani-Gilmartin, B'day Int; Coco Gilmartin, B'day Int.
STA	7.00pm	Michael O'Sullivan, RIP

Friday 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

STA	10.00am	Marguerite Matthews, RIP
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Saturday 10th August ST LAWRENCE

STA	9.30am	Natalina Cura, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Donal O'Sullivan, Anniv. RIP

Sunday 11th August 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Cathy Stayne, RIP
AS	11.00am	Jean McBride, 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)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Anne Too-Chung, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Laurence's Church, Market Square, Winslow, MK18 3DB, 2.00pm on Wednesday 7th August.

Franca Amoroso, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 10:00am on Tuesday 13th August.

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; 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December

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 14th September** 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

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!

A Quote from St Dominic

I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.

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.icjourneys.com/northampton-diocese-pilgrimage-retreat> or email neil.roseman@northamptondiocese.org.

Thank you from SVP

A message from John Scott;

'On behalf of the SVP Conference (and also the people we endeavour to support) I want to THANK YOU ALL for your response to our recent Retiring Collection at all Masses. Your contributions totalled a truly phenomenal £1186:51. This together with your prayers and at other times your generous donations of household items from bedding: and kitchenware to sofas and beds enable us to support countless individuals and families to rebuild their fragmented lives as they recover from some trauma or another. Finally, may you be blessed over the coming years with good health and well-being, supported by our prayers for you at each meeting we hold.

And if there is anyone who would like to find out more about the work of SVP, and consider joining us, please feel free to chat with myself or others after Mass at any time.

Not being sexist but we would welcome interest from some youthful members of the male gender.'

March for Life UK

This year's March for Life will be on Saturday 7th September in London. There will be a series of events from 10.00am to 1.00pm in The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW and also Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 11.00am; the march begins at The Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm. The theme of this year's March is "Abortion isn't Healthcare."

The damage abortion inflicts on women alone should be enough to make us pro-life. Around 90% of abortions are through pills and studies have shown as many as 1 in 17 women using these abortion pills end up in hospital due to complications. If this doesn't sound like healthcare to you, that's because it isn't and this is why we march. Pregnancy isn't a disease and pre-born children aren't disposable. There are many reasons why abortion isn't healthcare, the primary one being that healthcare doesn't kill. For more details see the website: www.marchforlife.co.uk

Can You Help Please?

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards calling on the Government to end the two-child benefit cap. BPAS, one of Britain's biggest abortion providers has identified that the government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is "a significant factor" in many women deciding to abort their child. The two-child family credit cap is causing unnecessary suffering and is not worthy of a caring society. Please sign one of the cards today, or if you take one home with you be sure to return it next week. Thank you for your support.

Thank You and Congratulations

Once again, a most sincere 'Thank You' to Fr Michael Chima who very kindly covered the Masses in St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints last weekend, enabling Fr Gerard to be chaplain to a group on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Covadonga in Spain. Our congratulations too to Fr Michael on his recent appointment as priest in charge of the parish of Our Lady of Charity and St Augustine in Daventry. The parishioners there are very blessed. Thank you, Fr Michael, it was great to have you say Mass here.

Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard