

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

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th /18th AUGUST 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 17th August Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family; Holy Souls
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Sunday 18th August 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Cheryle Wall, RIP
AS	6.30pm	James Crossan, Anniv. RIP

Monday 19th August St John Eudes

STA	10.00am	Bernie Gibson, Int.
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Tuesday 20th August St Bernard

AS	10.00am	Bill Leahy, RIP
STA	7.00pm	John, Kamalaneson & De Silva Families, RIP

Wednesday 21st August St Pius X

STA	10.00am	Private Intention
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Thursday 22nd August The Queenship of the BVM

AS	10.00am	Antonio Pozzuto, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Susan Cuizon, RIP; Elsie Igtos, RIP; Aileen Igtos, RIP

Friday 23rd August St Rose of Lima

STA	10.00am	Margaret Russell, RIP
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Saturday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW

STA	9.30am	Valerie Peterson, B'day Int.
STA	6.00pm	Yasuro Taki, RIP

Sunday 25th August 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Bridget Long, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Teresa Klimaeiciene, 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

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 26th 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!**

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. It would be fantastic if we could surpass last times total and make it 40, or even 50 suitcases!

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

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

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.

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

We need more volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy, especially at the 9am Mass in All Saints. If you are willing to help, please contact Jo in the Parish Office and we will pass your details on to the Safeguarding Team to arrange a DBS check and see about training to prepare you to join our team of helpers.

Rosary Gathering This Thursday

On Thursday to honour the Queenship of Mary, there will be a Rosary Gathering outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2ES at 6pm.

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 2nd September** 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.**

Please Note No Masses

There will be no Masses on Tuesday 27th or Thursday 29th August as Fr Gerard will be on a walking pilgrimage.

Wishing you and your family a blessed week.

Fr Gerard