

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

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th/8th September 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 7 th September Vigil		
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family; Holy Souls
Sunday 8 th September 23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
AS	9.00am	Private Intention
AS	11.00am	Kathleen Purcell, Thanksgiving
STA	4.00pm	Pro Populo
AS	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 9 th September St Peter Claver		
STA	10.00am	Thanksgiving Int.
Tuesday 10 th September Feria		
AS	10.00am	Tony Hill, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Carl Kirkham, RIP
Thursday 12 th September The Most Holy Name of Mary		
AS	10.00am	Mary O'Riordan, Anniv. RIP; Dolores O'Reilly, Anniv. RIP
STA	7.00pm	June Young, RIP
Friday 13 th September St John Chrysostom		
STA	10.00am	David Bellamy, RIP
Saturday 14 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		
STA	9.30am	Ann Terrey, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.00pm	Johnnie Peterson, Anniv. RIP; Peterson Family, Int.
Sunday 15 th September 24 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
AS	9.00am	Cornelius Griffin, RIP
AS	11.00am	Pasquale Del Grosso, 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 soul of:

Kenneth Hinds, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 2.45pm on Friday 13th September.

*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. The group are taking a break from in person meetings until the spring, but they are still available should you wish them to visit or to speak over the phone. Contact can be made through Jo in the Parish Office on 01908 372315.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 9th September** 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.

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. Thank you for your support.

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

If you are willing to volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy, especially at the 9am Mass in All Saints, please contact Jo in the Parish Office to arrange a DBS check and see about training to prepare you to join our team of helpers.

Safeguarding Training

There have been changes to the requirements when volunteering for the first time or when renewing your DBS certificate. From 1st August 2024 all new volunteers are expected to have completed the new safeguarding training PRIOR to their commencement in role and prior to the production of the clearance letter.

All existing volunteers are expected to complete the training before the point of their next DBS renewal. The training level that you need to complete is: Volunteer Level 3/ Advanced DBS with barred list check. This is a mandatory requirement and a national non-negotiable, however, there are many benefits of increased understanding and confidence around safeguarding.

CAFOD and Safeguarding - New Partnership

From September, one or both of the Safeguarding Reps will be joining the CAFOD coffee sessions after Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Marie and Andrew will be there for any queries you might have regarding volunteering, safeguarding or just for a friendly chat. These meetings are a good way to meet people, everyone is welcome, and you can learn more about CAFOD. We would love to see you there.

Our Lady of Vailankanni, Nativity Feast Day

To celebrate Our Lady's Birthday, there will be Mass at 4.00pm THIS Sunday, 8th September, in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Bletchley. This will be followed by fellowship in the Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome.

Rosary Gathering

On Monday 9th September, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary there will be a Rosary Gathering outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2ES; starting at 6pm. All welcome.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

NEXT WEEKEND, 14th/15th September, the World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing to our parish the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CPVSIHM), as approved by Bishop David Oakley. This beautiful statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal in 2018 to prepare the faithful for the Centenary of the Pontevedra apparition. On 10th December 1925, Our Lord and Our Lady requested the communion of Reparation on the Five First Saturdays. Pope St John Paul II said the Fatima message "is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary." All are invited and encouraged to come and see this beautiful CPVSIHM with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

New Beginnings

Please remember in your prayers all staff and students beginning a new term at school, college or university. We pray especially for the pupils, staff and governors of our local Catholic schools, St Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Parker and St Paul's; as well as the young people who start Year 7 in a new school and those moving on to further education or work. May Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, intercede for them all.

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.

Blessing of Graves

A service of Blessing of Graves will take place in each of the three Bletchley cemeteries in the coming weeks. Each one will begin with a short service, followed by the individual Blessing of Graves. If you know of people who cannot be there on the day, would you please point out the graves of their loved ones to Fr Gerard. The dates and times are:

Saturday 21st September 12 noon at Manor Road

Saturday 21st September 2pm at Whalley Drive

Saturday 28th September 12 noon at Selbourne Avenue

Second Collection – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a special collection for 'Evangelii Gaudium Sunday,' a title which means 'Joy of the Gospel,' and which replaces the former 'Home Mission Sunday.' The celebration seeks to promote the teaching of the Catholic Faith and the spreading of the Gospel here in Britain. When we speak of 'mission' it is easy to think that this only refers to taking the Faith to others overseas, but we are called to be missionaries wherever we are and that includes here in Britain. Please keep this important intention in your prayers

Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard