

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

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th/13th October 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 12th October Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Peter Killiney, RIP; Peter Doran, RIP; Maggie Nolan, RIP
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Sunday 13th October 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Antonio Pozzuto RIP
AS	11.00am	Audrey Leahy, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 14th October Feria

		No Mass
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Tuesday 15th October St Teresa of Avila

		No Mass
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Thursday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch

		No Mass
		No Mass

Friday 18th October ST LUKE

		No Mass
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Saturday 19th October St John Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions

		No morning Mass
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; For the Holy Souls

Sunday 20th October 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Diane & Jeff Thanksgiving Int.
AS	11.00am	Theresé Marie Daoud, Anniv. 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:

Teresa O'Keeffe, whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 11:00am on Monday 28th October.

*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 14th October** 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 26th October** 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.*

Message from Aid to the Church in Need

In the space of 12 years, Nigeria has seen 43,000 Christians killed by terrorists and 17,500 churches attacked. Nigeria's faithful need our prayers and support urgently. The terror that many Christians face is something hard to comprehend in the West. Around the world, countless numbers of Christians are kidnapped, attacked or killed – and all because of their faithfulness to Christ. Learn more and donate if you can on the *Aid to the Church in Need* website: <https://acnuk.org>

Home Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The visit last weekend of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, marked the launch of the Home Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the parish. Families are encouraged to take home a small statue of Our Lady of Fatima for a week, before which they are encouraged to kneel in prayer; entrusting to the loving care of Our Lady, the Mother of the Holy Family, all the struggles and difficulties, joys and sorrows, which they experience daily in their family. To arrange a week of the statue to your home please contact Liz Paver on 07425 132093; Archi Colaco on 07454 605655 or Othelia Fernandes on 07459 483045.

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an Adult? Want to learn more about your Catholic Faith? If any of these apply to you, then we invite you to join our 2024-2025 Journey in Faith Programme. The Course will begin on after Mass on **Thursday, 7th November 2024** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE) **7:40 to 9:00pm** and will continue Thursday evenings until Easter 2024. Weekly attendance at a Sunday Mass (which includes the Vigil) is essential for all who desire to be Baptised and Confirmed; it is also an obligation binding upon all Catholics. To express your interest email: parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

Fr Gerard will be away on Holiday

If you have booked a Mass whilst Fr Gerard is away on holiday, he will say the Mass privately whilst away.

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 national mandatory requirement and is non-negotiable, however, there are many benefits of increased understanding and confidence around safeguarding.

Cleaners Required in St Thomas Aquinas Church

Would you be willing and able to join the rota of cleaners in St Thomas Aquinas Church? The more the merrier and the less frequent it will be your turn. For more details or to volunteer, please contact Jo in the Parish Office on 01908 372315.

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.

Quiz 15th November 7pm STA Meeting Room

Calling all quiz teams to the CAFOD Quiz on Friday 15th November at 7pm in St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room. Tea/coffee will be available, or you can bring along a bottle! We hope teams from the SVP, Legion of Mary, Choir, Catechists, Children's Liturgy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, St Thera's Group and KSC will come (apologies for anyone left out). If you are not in a group, come along anyway – all are welcome. Please call Maggie on 01908 563277 to book your table/seat.

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day appeal. Your donations and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support, like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest

Silverstone Run Fest – Sunday November 24th

On Sunday 24 November you could line up on the iconic F1 circuit to run for CAFOD! Choose from a family mile, 5k, 10k or a half marathon. Do consider it. Just email events@cafod.org.uk for more information.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support *Missio*, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Car Parking at All Saints Church

A gentle reminder to all who use the car park at All Saints Church to please park with consideration for others; NOT to park in the designated Disabled Parking bays unless you have and display a Blue Badge; and not to park on the roadway in Corfe Crescent (that is resident ONLY parking). Thank you for your cooperation in helping to look after one another.

Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard