

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

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd/3rd November 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 2nd November Vigil

STA	6.00pm	James & Olivia Gilmartin, B'day Int.
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Sunday 3rd November 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Steve Flannagan, Anniv. RIP
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AS	11.00am	Virginio Daros, Anniv. RIP
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AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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Monday 4th November St Charles Borromeo

STA	10.00am	Sister Anthony Larkin, RIP; Sister Anne Jeffries, RIP; Noreen Herring, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Holy Souls
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Tuesday 5th November Feria

		No morning Mass
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		No evening Mass
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Thursday 7th November St Willibrord

		No morning Mass
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		No evening Mass
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Friday 8th November Blessed John Duns Scotus

		No morning Mass
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Saturday 9th November DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

AS	9.30am	Giovanni Pilla, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.00pm	Hazel Sinnamon, Anniv. RIP
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Sunday 10th November 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Francesco & Giuseppina Pilla, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Carmen Rose Wilkinson, Anniv. RIP; Jeanie Farag, Anniv. RIP
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AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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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: No Confessions this Saturday

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:

Gerald ('Gerry') Hogan, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church, 11.00am on Monday 11th November.

*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 11th November** 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 9th November** 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.*

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.

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 Theresia'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.

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 11th November** 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.***

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Throughout the month of November, we remember in a special way all the Holy Souls at each Mass. In both churches before the Altar there is a box containing the names of our loved ones for whom we pray. If you would like your loved ones remembered, there are envelopes and sheets at the back of the churches, take one, fill it out and then place the envelope in the box.

Mass for Our Departed Loved Ones

The Annual Mass for the repose of the soul of all whose funerals have been celebrated in our Parish over the past year will be this Monday 4th November at 7pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church, and we remember too all those who feel the pain of their loss.

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 **Tuesday, 5th November 2024** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE) **7:40 to 9:00pm** and will continue **Tuesday 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

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.

Save the Day!

Senior's Autumn Get Together on Monday 25th November, St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, 12noon-3pm. Come and join us for a lovely afternoon where you can enjoy some delicious soup, sandwiches and mince pies and join in some games of Bingo and a fun quiz with some great prizes. Please take an invitation from the back of church and return it to the box provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Learning Management system (LMS)

A new course is available through the LMS entitled, 'Dementia Awareness in the Catholic Church'. The modules takes under an hour to complete: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/>

National Safeguarding Adults Week

A week of learning opportunities is available to us all through the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) which will coincide with the National Safeguarding Adults week between 18th and 22nd November. Events are free and delivered via Microsoft Teams. Each session is 1 hour in length providing a bite-sized learning opportunity to support our knowledge and practice around safeguarding. Many topics are available including trauma informed practice, managing risk and self-neglect. To Book a place on any of the sessions, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/nsab-35443277293> Certificate are available from the NSAB upon completion of an evaluation form. No need to worry if you cannot attend the sessions as with other years, recordings of the training will be available on the NSAB website later.

CAFOD Silverstone 10k run 24th November

One of our parishioners, André Brady, has offered to run the Silverstone 10k for CAFOD! André, who is a family mediator, was motivated to run this race by his children and all the children of separated families. Please support André by donating via his JustGiving page at justgiving.com/page/run-andre-run or by completing a sponsorship form available at the back of the church. Thank you André, for undertaking this athletic feat.

Collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

There will be a collection for the local SVP conference on the weekend of 16th/17th November to assist their great work.

Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard