

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

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## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Mrs Sebamaalai Sathiyaseelan, RIP
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#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

AS	9.00am	Gerardina Gravina, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Sean Flanagan, Anniv. RIP
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AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February St Blaise

STA	10.00am	Margaret Cuerden, Anniv. RIP; Francis Cuerden, RIP
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#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February Feria

AS	10.00am	Patrick Kennedy, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Joan Goam, Int.
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#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February St Paul Miki & Companions

AS	10.00am	Vivienne Smith, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Maria Grazia Lembo-Bianco, RIP
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#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February Feria

STA	10.00am	Jackie Nally, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Demetrio Iero, Anniv. RIP; Agata Borcino, Anniv. RIP
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#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February St Jerome Emiliani

STA	9.30am	Julie Hattle, Int.
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STA	6.00pm	Marie Galloway, Anniv. RIP; Johnny Peterson, RIP; In Thanksgiving
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#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Callaghan Family, Int.
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AS	11.00am	Pro Populo
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AS	6.30pm	Zuzanna & Kazimierz Olkiewicz, RIP
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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:**

After 10.00am Mass on Mondays, followed by Benediction

**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](http://www.bishopparker.co.uk)

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, MK3 5DT

01908 373977

[www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk](http://www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk)

St Paul's Secondary School, MK6 5EN

01908 669735

[www.st-pauls.org.uk](http://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:

**Keith Hyatt**, whose Funeral service will be in Crownhill Crematorium, 12.15pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Ron Flanagan**, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church, 10.00am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

*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 10<sup>th</sup> February** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month.*

## Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.*

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 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.***

## Crib Offerings

This year we will support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land through the charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). The help provided by ACN in the Holy Land since October 2023 has included emergency aid, food, housing, school fees, medical assistance to hundreds of Christian families, also job creation programmes, pastoral projects and support for Christian-run organisations. ACN also provides subsistence aid, Mass stipends, transportation, support for church construction projects and help with the formation of priests and religious congregations.

## Confirmation Volunteers

Our team of Confirmation catechists is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping to lead sessions for Confirmation candidates as part of our new Parish Confirmation Programme. We are particularly interested to hear from any young adults in the parish (20 years of age or older) who feel they could help in this important part of the life of the parish as younger adults in the parish are not currently as well represented on the team.

Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in volunteering your time to help with this.

## Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Rosary gathering on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6pm, praying outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes. All welcome.

## Mass with Anointing of the Sick

A special Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon in St Thomas Aquinas Church**, followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room. Those eligible to be anointed are the elderly, or those suffering from long-term illness or psychological disability. Please let people know that the Mass is taking place; and also, if you have transport and are able to come, then do please be a good neighbour by giving a lift to someone who hasn't got a car.

## CAFOD

Give your unwanted Christmas Gifts to CAFOD - a box is available at the back of the Church. Many thanks

## 'A Journey of Hope' Lenten Accompaniment Prayer

For the Jubilee Year this Lent, there is an opportunity of a retreat in daily life, on Mondays from 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. You will receive weekly one-to-one support from an experienced prayer guide on zoom. To find out more, sign up to our introductory webinar on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7.30-8.30pm:  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

## A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational video](#); find it and other Jubilee resources at [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](http://cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as 'Pilgrims of Hope' this Holy Year.

## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Mgr Kevin McGinnell who is very kindly offering the Saturday evening Mass for us this week in St Thomas Aquinas Church, enabling Fr Gerard to take part in a conference in Ireland where he is speaking. Fr Gerard will be back to offer the Sunday Masses, Ryanair permitting! Mgr Kevin is Parish Priest of Holy Ghost Parish in Luton and was for many years the Episcopal Vicar for Education. Do please pray for him and for the people of his parish.

## Blessing of Throats

The Feast of St Blaise, which is kept on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, falls on Monday of this week. Those who wish to receive the traditional Blessing of Throats on that day can do so after the 10.00am Mass in St Thomas Aquinas Church.

## The Presentation of the Lord

This weekend the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord, a Feast which commemorates the event when Our Lady and St Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth to perform the ritual of purification. This Feast, formerly called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was often referred to as Candlemas since traditionally on this day the candles that were to be used in Church for the coming year were blessed, and there was often a procession; it also marked the end of the Christmas Season. This Feast is an ideal opportunity for us all to reflect on our Faith and how through Baptism we are called to be 'a light to others' by the example of our lives. We ask the blessing of Our Lord on all our families and may the prayers of Our Lady and St Joseph assist us all to be beacons of light, hope and joy helping to share the love of Christ with everyone we meet.

*May Christ bless you and your family abundantly  
in this coming week. Fr Gerard*