

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

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th/16th February 2025

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 15th February Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Bridget Shockledge, Anniv. RIP
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Sunday 16th February 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
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AS	11.00am	Libera & Angelo Pozzuto, RIP; Aurelia Bianco RIP
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AS	6.30pm	Jackie Nally, RIP
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Monday 17th February The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order

STA	10.00am	Emilio & Antonio Folgheraiter, RIP; Paolo Pilla, Anniv. RIP
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Tuesday 18th February Feria

AS	10.00am	Colaco Family, RIP; Fernandes Family RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Gerry Lynch, Int.
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Thursday 20th February Feria

AS	10.00am	Brendan & Julie McCrea, RIP
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STA	7.00pm	Bill Leahy, RIP
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Friday 21st February St Peter Damian

STA	10.00am	Ann & Peter Horgan, Anniv. RIP
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Saturday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

STA	9.30am	Dolores O'Reilly, Anniv. RIP; Mary O'Riordan, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; For the Holy Souls
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Sunday 23rd February 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
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AS	11.00am	George Daoud, Anniv. RIP
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AS	6.30pm	John Bosco Cullen, RIP; Ian McCabe RIP; James Roohan, 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

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:

Ron Flanagan, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church, 10.00am on Monday 24th 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 24th 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 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.*

Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 8th March** 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.*

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 3rd March** 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.**

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.

'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 3rd 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 3rd February, 7.30-8.30pm:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1506153>

Seniors' Lunch and Afternoon of Entertainment

On **Friday 7th March** from 12 noon to 3.00pm we will be hosting a lunch and afternoon of entertainment for older parishioners in St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room. Invitations are available at the back of church. Once completed, please return them to the box provided. We look forward to welcoming you.

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. 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.

CAFOD The Big Lent Walk

Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Details on the CAFOD website: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

CAFOD Quiz Night

On **Friday 25th April** at 7.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room there will be a parish quiz, with proceeds from the night going to support the work of CAFOD. You have a few weeks to cram in some revision before the quiz. All are welcome.

CAFOD

There is so much going on at CAFOD at the moment - to get all the latest news please see the CAFOD page on our website.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025

As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes this week, have you felt Our Lady's request to travel to Lourdes?

Northampton Diocese joins the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes each summer - 22nd to 29th August this year. The Pilgrimage is fully medically supported with Doctors, Nurses, HCAs, Paramedics, Pharmacist and other allied health professionals. There are many roles on the Pilgrimage: Young helpers (16 to 25), Mature helpers (26+), Medically trained volunteers and Pilgrims (able-bodied or who require assistance in a hotel or the "Accueil" - similar to hospital wards). Independent pilgrims, who make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, are also welcome (This often suits families best). For more information, you can find details on the website: <http://catholicassociation.co.uk> or you could have an informal chat with people from the parish who have attended in the past. Please leave your name at the parish office if you would like to speak to parishioners who have made the pilgrimage in the past.

Old Missals

Do you have any old hand missals at home? Have you purchased a new missal, or perhaps someone bought you a new one for Christmas and you simply don't know what to do with your old one? Well, help is at hand! Angela White is collecting old missals to send out to St Agatha's Parish in Zambia, where they still use the Jerusalem Bible translation of the Scriptures, in use in the UK until last Advent. You can leave your old missals in the sacristy.

Praise Night

On Saturday 22nd February from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, St Pauls School, Leadenhall. For more details, please contact mkprayers@outlook.com All welcome.

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

On Saturday we keep the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. The chair a Bishop sits on to teach the people of his diocese is known as his *cathedra*, from where we get our word cathedral: the place where the cathedra is kept. The Chair of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, has a special significance for Catholics around the world which is why we celebrate this Feast. We pray for Pope Francis.

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