

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

Diocese of Northampton Registered charity No. 234091 / Pastoral Area of St Paul, Milton Keynes

Parish Priest: Fr Gerard Byrne

Parish Secretary: Mrs Jo Cerrone

Parish Office: 1 Sycamore Avenue, Bletchley MK2 2JE

Tel: 01908 372315

Office Hours for Telephone Enquiries: Monday to Friday: 11am – 2pm

Parish Email: parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org Parish Website: www.catholic-bletchley.com

Parish Safeguarding: (CONTACTS FOR SAFEGUARDING ISSUES ONLY)

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Marie - 07882 713797; Andrew - 07984 271499

safeguarding.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29th / 30th March 2025

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 29th March Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Margaret Dougan, Anniv. RIP; Abdul Arogundade, RIP
-----	--------	---

Sunday 30th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Sarah Jane Daoud, B'day Remem.; Johnny Vella, RIP; Bruce Wilkinson, RIP
AS	6.30pm	John Bosco Cullen, RIP; Anne Cullen, Int.; Sheila McCabe, Int.

Monday 31st March Lent Feria

STA		No Mass
-----	--	---------

Tuesday 1st April Lent Feria

AS		No Mass
STA		No Mass

Thursday 3rd April Lent Feria

AS		No Mass
STA		No Mass

Friday 4th April St Ididore

STA		No Mass
-----	--	---------

Saturday 5th April St Vincent Ferrer

STA		No Mass
STA	6.00pm	Philomena & Anna Rose O'Reilly, Anniv. RIP;

Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

AS	9.00am	Libby Conyers, RIP
AS	11.00am	Diane & Jeff, Thanksgiving Int.
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Regular Devotions

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: (NONE THIS WEEK AS FATHER GERARD IS AWAY)

Thursdays: 9.30am (AS)

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA); and at call

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

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:

Francesco Russo, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 1.15pm on Tuesday 8th April.

Maria Palmiero, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10.00am on Friday 25th April.

*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. All welcome.

2:00pm-3:30pm St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room

Future Dates; 7th April, 12th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 28th April** 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 April** 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.

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.

Talks on St Thérèse of Lisieux

Fr Gerard concludes his course 'Journeying Through Lent with Saint Thérèse of Lisieux,' looking at the life and spirituality of 'The Little Flower,' on **Thursday 10th April** 7.40pm to 8.40pm in St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room after Mass. All welcome.

Rosary Crusade Against Euthanasia

A Catholic pro-life, pro-family initiative *Voice of the Family* are calling on Catholics to take up their Rosaries to join in a Rosary Crusade to defeat the UK Parliament's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. MP Kim Leadbeater and her allies show a fearful determination to make this Bill pass at all costs, despite the increasing concerns caused by their flagrant disregard for all evidence which might jeopardise this goal and the rapid abandonment of virtually all apparent safeguards, which it was claimed would prevent abuse of the proposed legal provision to kill the innocent in a range of poorly defined circumstances. The Bill, which will shortly be entering the report stage, presents the greatest threat of euthanasia to the sick, elderly and disabled in British legal history. Valiant opposition is required, both politically and spiritually, for this iniquitous Bill to be defeated.

The faithful are asked to pray as many Rosaries as they are able. If possible, join the 54 Day Rosary Novena for this intention:
<https://returntotradition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/54-days-novena.pdf>

Read an excellent article by Rev. Fr Thomas Crean, OP here:
<https://voiceofthefamily.com/our-ladys-sling-rosary-crusade-against-the-giant-of-euthanasia/>

Mothering Sunday

We ask God to pour out an abundance of His grace and blessings on our Mothers on this special day; and may He grant eternal peace and rest to all Mothers who have died.

Knight of Saint Colomba 579 Quiz Night

Please join us for an exciting and fun filled Quiz Night on **Sunday 30th March 2025** at 6pm till 9pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, Bletchley. Contact Brother Sam on 07735552647. All Welcome.

New Offertory Envelopes

New sets of Offertory envelopes are available for collection. If you've had a set before, your box is named with the same number as last year. If you've not had a set before, but would like one, please contact Jo in the parish office by phone or email. Alternative methods of giving include Standing Order or via the DONA card machine. Thank you for your continued support.

Gentle Reminders

Every place of worship has particular dress codes to show reverence to the sacredness of the place. Whilst in church, gentlemen are asked to remove headwear to show respect to the Blessed Sacrament. This has been the Catholic custom for almost two thousand years.

If receiving Holy Communion in the hand, please ensure your palm is not covered by your clothing; and please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible before moving away and returning to your seat.

Attention all volunteers

As you know all volunteers have to do online training before they can commence volunteering or when their DBS is due for renewal.

Andrew and Marie will be running two training sessions followed by a short test that will take the place of the compulsory online learning for those who prefer face to face training.

The training will take place on 11th April at 10am and 7.00pm at the meeting room at St Thomas Aquinas. If anyone is interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact Marie or Andrew. Contact details are in this newsletter.

Broken Rosaries

Do you have any old unwanted broken Rosaries at home? Well, help is at hand! Angela White is collecting unwanted broken Rosaries to send out to St Agatha's Parish in Zambia. Please can leave your Rosaries in the sacristy. Thank you.

The St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society – Bletchley Branch

We invite all Ghanaian Catholic Women to join us on 2nd Sunday of every month at: All Saints Church – Bletchley @ 13:00 prompt. Aims: Our basic aim is to bring together all Ghanaian Catholic Women in church both communicants and non-communicants and to assist Parish Priests, Religious and the entire Roman Catholic Church wherever, whenever and however possible for the greater glory of God. Membership is open to all Ghanaian Catholic Women both young and old, communicants and non-communicants, literate and illiterate who shall abide by the rules and regulations of the society

Please contact for more information:

Opanin Evelyn Yeboah 07508807167

Opanin Ama Anima 07495414675

Onua Agatha Mensah 07951559449

2nd Collection Next Week for Sepo

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