

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

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April Vigil

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| STA | 6.00pm | Philomena & Anna Rose O'Reilly, Anniv. RIP; |
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#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| AS | 9.00am  | Libby Conyers, RIP |
| AS | 11.00am | Thanksgiving Int.  |
| AS | 6.30pm  | Pro Populo         |

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April St John Baptiste de la Salle

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| STA | 10.00am | Special Intention |
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#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Lent Feria

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| AS  | 10.00am | John, De Silva & Kamalaneson Families, RIP |
| STA | 7.00pm  | Michael John Nevin, RIP                    |

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April Lent Feria

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| AS  | 10.00am | Members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul & Legion of Mary; Clergy, Int. |
| STA | 7.00pm  | Maria & Joseph Lawrence, RIP  |

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April St Stanislaus

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| STA | 10.00am | Winifred Amangbo, B'day Int.; Private Int. |
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#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April Lent Feria

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| STA | 9.30am | Elda Barabotti, RIP; Anna Maria Buttazzo, RIP |
| STA | 6.00pm | Angelina, Domenico & Giuseppe Tomeo, RIP      |

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April PALM SUNDAY

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| AS | 9.00am  | Pro Populo                                 |
| AS | 11.00am | Giorgio, Teresa & Mr Nicola Martuccio, RIP |
| AS | 6.30pm  | John Bosco Cullen, RIP; Ian McCabe, RIP    |

### 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:

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 souls of:

**Francesco Russo**, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 1.15pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**Maria Palmiero**, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10.00am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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; 7<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October.*

## Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.*

## CAFOD Quiz Night

On **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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/>

## 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.

## 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.

## Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025

Have you felt Our Lady's request to travel to Lourdes?

Northampton Diocese joins the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes each summer - 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August this year. The Pilgrimage needs Young Helpers (aged 16 to 25) to assist Pilgrims who need help getting around Lourdes and/or with their care needs in the Accueil (Hospital-like accommodation). You would not be asked to do anything you are not comfortable with and training is provided. It is highly likely that a number of places at £500 will be available on the Pilgrimage. This covers flights, accommodation and food! Lifelong friendships with other young people from across the country (and around the world) are made in Lourdes.

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 previously made the pilgrimage.

## Walsingham Pilgrimage 2025

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.** Departs All Saints Church 8:00am *sharp!*

*Returns circa 8:00 pm.* To book your seat please bring £21.70 (non-refundable fare) to Jo at the Parish Office or give it to Fr Gerard in an envelope clearly marked with your details and contact number.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection SEPO Lenten Appeal Today

At mass, this weekend there will be a short update from our Parish voluntary organisation supporting St. Agatha's Parish in Mongu, Zambia. If you can donate, volunteer or help in any way, please speak to one of the team after mass.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend Emergency CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

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

*Fr Gerard*