

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

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PALM SUNDAY

12th / 13th April 2025

Liturgies this Week

STA: St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE
AS: All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

Saturday 12th April Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Angelina, Domenico & Giuseppe Tomeo, RIP
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Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY

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

Monday 14th April Monday of Holy Week

STA	10.00am	Mary Read RIP
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Tuesday 15th April Tuesday of Holy Week

AS	10.00am	Saby Fernandes Family, RIP
STA		No Evening Mass

Thursday 17th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

AS		No Morning Mass
AS	7.30pm	Michael Byrne, Anniv. RIP

Friday 18th April GOOD FRIDAY

STA	10.00am	Station of the Cross, led by children
STA	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
AS	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 19th April HOLY SATURDAY

STA		No Morning Mass
AS	8.30pm	Pro Populo

Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY

STA	8.00am	Pro Populo
AS	9.00am	Mary Curran, RIP
AS	11.00am	Rose Bickerstaffe, Anniv. RIP
AS		No Evening Mass

Regular Devotions

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

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday: 6.30pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

7.30pm All Saints 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 soul of:

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

Eileen Payne, whose Funeral Service will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 12.30pm on Friday 30th May.

*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; 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.

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, which has its third reading in Parliament on Friday 25th April. The Bill 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.

1. Add this important intention to your daily Rosary
2. Send a postcard to our local MP: Mr Callum Anderson, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
3. Read an excellent article by Rev. Fr Thomas Crean, OP: <https://voiceofthefamily.com/our-ladys-sling-rosary-crusade-against-the-giant-of-euthanasia/>

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Saturday 14th 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.

Stations of the Cross Led by Children

At 10am on Good Friday at St Thomas Aquinas Church, there will be Stations of the Cross led by children from the parish. All are welcome to join us.

CAFOD Earthquake Appeal – Second Collection

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. You can give to CAFOD's Myanmar Appeal in church; donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday; leaflets with the Novena prayers are available at the back of the church.

The St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society – Bletchley

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

Tea & Coffee Morning

The St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society will serve tea and coffee after 11am Mass on every 2nd Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2025

This year's seminars will take place from May 13th to June 17th. Please see the poster with the dates and speakers below. The evenings will begin with teas/coffees/welcome at 6:45pm, followed by Praise and worship at 7pm and the talk at 7.30pm which will both be live streamed from the Cathedral followed by the small group discussions in the hubs. Our local venue is:

St Augustine's Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes. MK13 7PL

This year's Holy Spirit retreat day will be held on 7th June at St John the Apostle Church, 296 Sundon Park, Luton LU3 3AL. Information and the link to register can be found here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/northampton-diocese-life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/> which includes a video message from Bishop David (<https://youtu.be/kKt5g-M1qe8>)

A Prayer for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Heavenly Father, we ask you to be with those who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them the perseverance, courage and faith they need to be followers of you. We pray for their healing and ask that you bring your wisdom upon all leaders to work for peace among all peoples. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

For more information about the work of Aid to the Church in Need go to www.acnuk.org. Leaflets available at the back of church.

Extra Confessions in Holy Week

Monday: STA 9.00 – 9.50am

Tuesday: AS 9.00 – 9.50am; and STA 7.00pm

Saturday: STA 9.00 – 11.00am

*May Christ bless you and your families abundantly
in this Holy Week. Fr Gerard*