

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

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th/18th May 2025

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 17th May Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Anthony Arokiaswamy, Anniv. RIP; Pasquira Joseph, RIP
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Sunday 18th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Margaret, Harold & Robert Sains, RIP
AS	11.00am	Libera & Angelo Pozzuto, RIP; Aurelia Bianco, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 19th May St Dunstan

STA	10.00am	Tom McGlynn, RIP
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Tuesday 20th May St Bernadine of Siena

AS	10.00am	Sacramenta & Dominic Gurjao, Anniv, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Donna Clift, Anniv., RIP

Thursday 22nd May St Rita of Cascia

AS	10.00am	May McMahon, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Lynda Sutton, Anniv., RIP

Friday 23rd May Feria

STA	10.00am	Daisy Jones, Int.
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Saturday 24th May Feria

STA	9.30am	No Mass
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls

Sunday 25th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Private Int.
AS	11.00am	Francis D'Souza, Anniv., RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

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**

Regina Caeli (said before the Vigil Mass)

(This replaces the Angelus during Eastertide)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. 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:

Daniel Flanagan, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 2pm on Monday 2nd June.

Carmel Connor, whose funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 11am on Friday 20th June.

*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; 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October.

Habemus Papam!

We joyously welcome Pope Leo XIV as our newly named Holy Father. May his leadership be illuminated by the Holy Spirit as he takes on the mantle to guide, unite, and lead the Catholic Church. Bishop David writes:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Pope Leo XIV has been elected to become the next Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff of the Church. In this moment, we pray in gratitude for our Risen Saviour's abiding and generous love for His Body, the Church, in giving us the gift of a new Pope. Pope Leo lived his priesthood within the religious life of the Augustinian Order. And so, he will have drunk deeply from the spirituality of St Augustine. This great Saint is the Doctor of Grace.

Pope Leo will show us the power of God's gracious love at work in our lives and calling us to a deeper experience of this love for ourselves and through us, for others. He may share with us in time, why he chose the name Leo. The last Pope to choose this name is known for his pastoral solicitude towards the right of workers. He was able to draw upon the theological insights of St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas. He dedicated the world of his time to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the twentieth century to the Holy Spirit. May we see something of this in the ministry of Pope Leo XIV?

At this important moment in salvation history and in our troubled world, please join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, that he will show us how to become missionary evangelists of loving charity. Every person may be comforted by Pope Leo XIV's words on the occasion of his election. Greeting us with the words 'Peace be with you', he said, 'This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions.'

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+David

Seniors Save the Day!

Senior's Get Together on **Friday 13th June** has now been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Next Afternoon tea at the races on **Saturday 9th August** 1pm, in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 9th June** 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 Monday of the month.

Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 14th June** 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.

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.



Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on **Monday 2nd June** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children.

Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

Save the Date

There will be an opportunity for the parish to celebrate and mark Father's milestone birthday on **Thursday 12th June** in the Milton Keynes Irish Centre, Manor Fields, Watling Street, Fenny Stratford MK2 2HX to which you are all invited. Music will be provided by the legendary Irish folk band *The Kilkennys*. To give us an idea of numbers for catering, would you please sign up on the sheets at the back of the churches. Thank you.

The Month of May

In this month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we turn with deep devotion to our Blessed Mother and with renewed fervour we take up our Rosaries and pray for the needs of the Church and the world in these challenging times, we pray especially for the cardinals who this week will begin the conclave to elect a new Pope; and for peace in the world.

Second Collection This Weekend:

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Diocesan Bishop's Fund** each parish in the diocese contributes to support the costs of our Bishop in the exercise of his ministry amongst us. We thank God for his leadership and pray for him.

Congratulations and Prayers...

To children from our parish who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion this weekend. It was a prayerful and happy occasion in the life of our Parish, and we pray for our young people as they continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Blessing of Graves

On **Sunday June 1st** at 2pm we will gather at St Mary's Cemetery, Woburn Sands for an Easter blessing of graves. If you have a loved one buried at St Mary's and would like to pray for them and bless their grave during the Easter season, please come along.

Konkani Mass

MK Goan Community invites you to join in the celebration of the Holy Mass in Konkani on **Saturday, 31st May 2025** at **All Saints Church, Bletchley** at **4.30pm**, followed by fellowship after mass. All are invited.

May the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes this Easter Season. Please pray that God will grant Pope Leo XIV the graces necessary to be a prophetic voice in our world today, promoting peace, justice and the dignity of every human being. Fr Gerard