

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

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## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls
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#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May St Philip Neri

STA	10.00am	Evelyn Sloan, RIP; Josie Keddie, RIP
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#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

AS	10.00am	Norma, Anita & Charles Holtz, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Bridie Dermody, Int.

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Vigil)

STA	7.00pm	Pro Populo
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#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

AS	10.00am	Shelia Hyatt, Int.
STA	11.30am	Josie Keddie, RIP
AS	7.30pm	Mr Nicola Bonitatibus, RIP

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May FERIA

STA	10.00am	Private Int.
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#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May FERIA

STA	9.30am	William Family, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Angelo & Salvatore Palmiero, RIP

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Therese Thomas, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Evelyn Sloan, RIP

### 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](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**

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Carmel Connor**, whose funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 11am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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; 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.*

## Seniors Save the Day!

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

Next Afternoon tea at the races on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.*

## Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.*

## Walsingham Pilgrimage

**Last few seats left! 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.

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Blessing of Graves

On **Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

## 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 new Holy Father, Pope Leo; for all who suffer the effects of spiritual or material hunger and for peace in the world.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Solemnity – A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass (Wed) 7:00pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

Mass 10:00am All Saints Church

Mass 11.30am St Thomas Aquinas Church

Mass 7:30pm All Saints Church

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we celebrate Catholic Communications Network Day, and we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication – through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Thank you for your support.

## Mass Commemorating Ven. Agnelo De Souza

Father Agnelo De Souza died on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was originally on 20 November in 1927. He was a priest of the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier, Pilar and had served the people of Goa for many years. He was a man of outstanding holiness and humility, and despite his own poor health worked tirelessly in his sacred and pastoral duties. He collapsed while preaching at Rachol, in Goa but insisted that Benediction should continue after which he then expired. The parish priest who buried him said: "Hanvem atanch eka Santak matiek Laila" which means "I have just laid a Saint to rest." His remains were taken to Pilar on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1939 and he was declared Venerable by the Vatican on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1986. The cause for his canonisation continues and every year in Bletchley we offer a Mass for this intention.

**This year we will offer Mass for the cause of his canonisation on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June) at 6:00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church. All welcome.**

***Prayer for the Canonisation of Venerable Agnelo:***

*O God of infinite mercy,  
we humbly prostrate at Your feet,  
we beg of You, with wholehearted trust,  
that if it be Your Holy Will,  
and if it serves our salvation,  
grant Venerable Agnelo the honours of the Altar,  
through the Solemn declaration  
of Our Provident Mother, the Church.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

31<sup>st</sup> May is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and there will be a Rosary gathering to mark the Feast on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025** at 6pm, praying outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes.

*May the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes this Easter Season. Fr Gerard*