

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

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SS PETER & PAUL

28th/29th June 2025

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 28th June Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls
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Sunday 29th June SS PETER & PAUL

AS	9.00am	Mr Angel Jorge Pozzuto, RIP
AS	11.00am	Pro Populo
AS	6.30pm	Ian McCabe, RIP; Private Int.; John Bosco Cullen, RIP

Monday 30th June The First Martyrs of Rome

STA		No Mass
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Tuesday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett

AS		No Mass
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Thursday 3rd July ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

AS		No Mass
STA		No Mass

Friday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal

STA		No Mass
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Saturday 5th July PATRONAGE OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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

Sunday 6th July 14th SUNDAY IN ORDAINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Vincenzo Collura, Anniv. RIP
AS	11.00am	Service of Word & Communion
AS		No Mass

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

NO CONFESSIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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:

Pier (Carlo) Antonini, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 2pm on Tuesday 8th July.

*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

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
(Matthew 5:4).

Either one-to-one or (depending on future demand) in group meetings, our volunteers are here to listen to you, support you and reflect on our faith to guide us through difficult times. Please contact us via the Parish office.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 14th July** 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 12th July** 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.

2nd Collection This Weekend: 'Peters Pence'

This weekend there will be a special collection for Peter's Pence. This is the annual collection which is taken in Catholic Churches around the globe to assist the Holy Father help fund the Church in the poorest regions of the world.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you were unable to renew your commitment to serve in the parish on Maundy Thursday, would you please do so at either the 9am or the 11am Masses on **Sunday 28th September**.

Apologies for the change of date, but this due to Fr Gerard currently being off sick. Thank you.

Medical Update on Fr Gerard

Fr Gerard saw the consultant in London on Tuesday, who detected complications with his condition which required further surgery to the eye, which Fr Gerard underwent on Wednesday. Thank you all for your ongoing prayers for him.

We Dare to Hope

We Dare to Hope is a five-week faith sharing programme published by the Bishops of England and Wales exploring the theme of Christian Hope. The theme of this Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' The programme will run at St. Edward's MK5 6DX and online at the following times:

St. Edward's - Thursdays after morning Mass - 10.45am to 12 noon - starts on **19th June**, finishes on 17th July

Online - Tuesday evenings - 7pm to 8pm - starts on 1st July, finishes on 29th July - please email:

pastoral.stbarnabascluster@northamptondiocese.org to receive the link.

You can find out more about 'We Dare to Hope' and download the material at this link: We Dare to Hope | Northampton Diocese. You are most welcome to join us for this faith-enriching programme.

Weekday Masses

It has not been possible to arrange a supply priest to cover the weekday Masses for the coming weeks. Any Mass intentions booked for these weeks will be offered privately.

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham

The Rt. Rev. John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley will lead this year's pilgrimage which will commence with the Pilgrim's Mass at 12 noon in the Chapel of Reconciliation on **Saturday, 2nd August 2025**. A coach will leave from St Augustine's Church, Heelands at 7.30am and from All Saints Church, Bletchley at 7.55am. Cost will be £15 per seat; under 18s, please call for price. Contact Rosemary 07852 149225 or Oma 07533 053010 to book a seat. All welcome.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

There will be a gathering to pray the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **Tuesday 15th July 2025** at 6pm, outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES. All welcome.

Changes to the DBS Update Service:

From Sunday 8th December 2024, subscribers to the Update Service will be emailed 30 days before their renewal date to ask if they wish to stay subscribed. Renewal dates are based on original joining dates. In preparation for this change, DBS advises volunteers to check that the email address attached to their subscription is linked to the individual who is subscribed. The renewal email will ask volunteers to access their Update Service Account and confirm that they wish to continue with the service. For those who confirm, this request will be repeated annually. If no confirmation is made, their volunteer subscription will automatically be cancelled.

Thank You for your Support

A huge thank you to Fr Emmanuel Osei-Akoto, Canon Francis Higgins and Deacon Klaus Reidel who are very kindly covering all the Masses and services in the Parish whilst Fr Gerard continues to recover from surgery on his eye. We are very grateful for their support at such short notice. Please pray for them all and for their Parishes.

Mass Cover

In the light of Fr Gerard's two emergency eye operations in St Thomas's Hospital in London; Jo, the Parish Secretary together with the local Dean Canon Francis Higgins have been working hard to try and arrange cover for the coming weeks. The simple fact is that there are now no available priests outside the locality who can cover the Masses in the Parish. As we enter the holiday period, this situation is becoming even more acute. We are tremendously grateful to the priests from the local Pastoral Area for their generosity in helping us at this time; and so, from next weekend until the end of August, when please God, Fr Gerard will be able to return to active ministry, the following schedule will be in place here in the Parish:

Saturday,	STA 6.00pm
Sunday,	AS 9.00am
	AS 11.00am <i>Service of Word & Communion</i>
	There will be NO 6.30pm on Sundays

Whilst realising that this is a radical change to the normal Mass schedule, we kindly ask for your patience and support at this time. One Mass is available in each of the Parish Churches over the weekend, but for those who wish to attend a Mass later on Sunday, the times in neighbouring Churches are as follows:

St Edward's, Shenley Church End: Sunday 10.00am

St Mary's, Woburn Sands: Sunday 11.00am

St Augustine's, Heelands: Sunday 6.30pm

*May God bless you all in the coming week,
as we keep each other in prayer. Fr Gerard*