

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

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September *Vigil*

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| STA | 6.00pm | Johnny Peterson, Anniv. RIP |
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#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September **23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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| AS | 9.00am | Peggy Murphy, RIP |
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| AS | 11.00am | Pro Populo |
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| STA | 6.30pm | Joseph Cullen, B'day Int.; Ian Mc Cabe, RIP;<br>John Bosco Cullen, RIP |
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#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September **THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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| STA | 10.00am | Patrick Cocoran, Anniv. RIP |
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#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September *St Peter Claver*

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| AS | 10.00am | Private Int. |
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#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September *Feria*

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| AS |  | No Mass |
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#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

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| AS |  | No Mass |
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#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September *St John Chrysostom*

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| STA |  | No morning Mass |
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| STA | 6.00pm | Zuzanna & Kazimierz Olkiewicz, RIP |
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#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

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| AS | 9.00am | Private Int.; SVP, Int.; Legion of Mary, Int. |
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| AS | 11.00am | Pasquale Del Grosso, Anniv. RIP |
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| STA | 6.30pm | Private Int |
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### 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:**

**NO CONFESSIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

#### The Pope's Prayer Intention for September

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### 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)**

## 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.

## Thank You for your Prayers and Support

Fr Gerard is tremendously grateful for your continued prayers and support after suffering a detached retina and during his ongoing recovery. His gradual return to parish duties will initially see some changes to the previous schedule of Masses and services. Thank you for your patience at this time.

## A Change to the Sunday Evening Mass

The 6.30pm Sunday Mass will be moved from All Saints Church to St Thomas Aquinas Church from this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## Rosary to Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lady

There will be a gathering to pray the Rosary on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6pm outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES. All welcome.

## Volunteers Required Today after 11am Mass

To tidy up the grounds of All Saints Church THIS SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September after the 11am Mass - please come prepared to pick up litter and help as required. Please see Maggie Osgathorp.

## Masses this week

There will be a Mass on Monday and Tuesday this week. Evening Masses on Tuesdays or Thursdays are currently suspended.

## SVP RAFFLE

A Big Thank You to all who bought tickets for the SVP National Raffle. We totally sold out our allocation and regret we have no more left. The proceeds of this raffle go mainly to support the expenses of running the National Office of SVP in Bradford.

Only a percentage is retained by us at local level to support our funds in helping those in need in Bletchley. Thank you, John Scott SVP President Bletchley Conference.

## Senior's Afternoon Tea

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1pm - 4.00pm at St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room. If you would like to attend this fun afternoon and to ascertain numbers, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. Please include your phone number. Everyone welcome.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day

This year is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This is when we are asked to have a simple meal and give what we save to CAFOD. The collection will be on the weekend of 4/5 October, envelopes will be provided the weekend before for your donations. You can also donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. There will be a simple breakfast after 10am Mass at All Saints church on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Thank you for your support.

## CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza are proving a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat the chronically ill. We helped 1,400 households buy supplies last month and are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people; and your ongoing support assists them to keep doing so. Find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your prayers and support for the people there.

## Changes to the DBS Update Service:

Subscribers to the Update Service will be emailed 30 days before their renewal date to ask if they wish to stay subscribed. 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.

## Parish First Holy Communion Programme

If your child will be in year 3 or above from **September 2025** and you would like to enrol them on the Parish 'First Holy Communion Programme' please e-mail the parish office as soon as possible at: [parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org) with you're the following details:

**Child's Full Name,**

**Childs Date of Birth,**

**School Year from September 2025.**

We will send you an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the parish office with a **copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate**. If your child was baptised in the parish at either St Thomas Aquinas or All Saints Church, we will already have your child's Baptism Certificate.

***If your child will be in year 3 at St Thomas Aquinas School or in year 3-6 at Bishop Parker School, there is a separate programme, and you do not need to enrol in this Parish Course.*** Children in school years 3 and 4 will join the Wednesday session 5:45pm – 7:00pm (Group One) children in years 5, 6, & 7+ will join the Saturday session 4:00pm-5:15pm (Group 2). The course will begin on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 respectively and will take place every Saturday / Wednesday thereafter in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE).

***Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is essential to complete the Programme.***

There will be an Introductory Meeting for Parents at 6:00pm on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at St Thomas Aquinas Church (MK2 2JE). The course also includes preparation for the Sacrament of First Confession. Further details will be sent with enrolment forms on application to the Parish Office.

## Two New Saints

This Sunday the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, will canonise Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: two new Saints! Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 at the age of 15 is called the *"cyber-apostle of the Eucharist."* Born in London, Carlo used his love of technology to spread devotion to Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and he carried out great research into Eucharistic miracles. His deep faith and holy way of life has inspired countless young people around the world.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925 at the age of 24 from polio, was noted for his zest for life, generosity to the poor, and devotion to prayer. Nicknamed *"the man of the Beatitudes"* by Pope John Paul II, he is a model of faith-filled action in the world. Loving Father, you call your sons and daughters to holiness in every time and place. We thank you for the shining witness of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**, who lived with joy, courage, and love for Christ. Through their example, inspire us to place the Eucharist at the heart of our lives, to serve the poor with generosity, and to live our faith with youthful zeal. Grant that, through their prayers, our families and communities may grow in holiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Let us pray for one another this week. Fr Gerard*