

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

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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

8th / 9th November 2025

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 8th November Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Johnny Peterson, RIP; Peterson Family, RIP; Galloway Family, RIP
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Sunday 9th November DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Kevin Dyer, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	In Thanksgiving; James Gilmartin, B'day Int.; Olivia Gilmartin-Igweani, B'day Int.

Monday 10th November St Leo the Great

STA		No Mass
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Tuesday 11th November St Martin of Tours

AS		No Mass
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Thursday 13th November Feria

AS		No Mass
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Friday 14th November Feria

STA		No Mass
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Saturday 15th November St Albert the Great

STA	9.30am	Giovanni Antonio Pilla, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.00pm	Algernon Bannis, Anniv. RIP

Sunday 16th November 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Robin Redrup, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	Theresé Marie Daoud, Birthday Remembrance, 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:

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Home Visits

Do you have a loved one confined to their home or a care home who can no longer attend Mass? Would he/she like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the Legion of Mary or the Knights of St Columba? 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~~ 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:

Declan Charles Mann, whose Funeral Service will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 1.15pm on Monday 17th November.
Patricia Healey, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 1.15pm on Tuesday 18th November.

Garry Pickford, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 2pm on Thursday 20th November.

Bernadette Griffiths, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10am on Thursday 27th November.

*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.

Aid to the Church in Need '#RedWednesday 2025'

Established in 2016 the charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)'s #RedWednesday campaign is your opportunity to shine a light on the suffering of millions who are persecuted for their faith. Join us on the lead up to #RedWednesday, which this year is on 19th November, to raise awareness, advocate and fundraise. Together we can bring hope to those that need it most. We are looking for communities and individuals nationwide to take action by sharing our work, attending an event or fundraising. Will you put your faith in action? Join #TeamRed and together help ACN raise £500k4HOPE via #RedWednesday matched challenge. Your actions can make a difference to the lives of suffering and persecuted Christian children and families in some of the most dangerous places to practice their faith. See how you can help and support our persecuted and suffering Christian brothers and sisters by visiting: <https://acnuk.org/redwednesday>

Our Lady of Fatima Home Visitation Information

A Blessed Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for families to take home on a Sunday or Saturday and returned the following week for another family to share the blessings in their home for a whole week. To request and book a visit of the Blessed Statue in your home, please contact one of the Custodians:

Arshi Colaco – 07454605655 (All Saints Church)

Othelia Fernandes – 07459483045 (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents/guardians who are requesting the sacrament of Baptism for their child will be at 7:00pm on **Monday 10th November** in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are not able, currently, to accommodate young children. **Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.**

Second Collection This Weekend

This is for The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, which helps to support priests of the Diocese who through illness or old age are no longer able to remain in active ministry.

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Throughout November, we remember all the Holy Souls at each Mass. Before the Altar in both churches is a box containing the names of our loved ones for whom we pray. If you wish your loved ones to be remembered, please take a sheet and envelope from the back of church, fill it out and then return it to us.

Save the Dates

CAFOD Quiz St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room on **Friday**

14th November starting at 7.30pm. To book your table ring Maggie on 01908 563277. £3 entry tea & coffee will be served please bring your own drink and nibbles.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – Sunday 16th November,

Awareness talk at 11am Mass followed by coffee in the All Saints Meeting Room. (CAFOD coffee morning has been moved to the following Sunday **23rd November** after 11am Mass)

SEPO Christmas Fair, on **Saturday 29th November**, 1pm to 3pm at St. Thomas Aquinas School. All welcome

SENIOR'S SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING – Tuesday

9th December 11-2 (after 10am Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church). Look out for the signup sheets, available soon.

Tours for Parents

Who have a child starting school in September 2026 are now taking place at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School. To book your place please call the school office on 01908 373977. <https://www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk/school-newsletters/>

Meeting Room Tidy Up

Our parish meeting rooms have become increasingly cluttered with a growing number of items being left behind. A tidy up and removal of unwanted or unused items will take in St Thomas Aquinas on **Friday 14th November**. If your group regularly use this room, please label your items clearly, so they don't get binned.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Support our less fortunate brothers and sisters by buying your cards/gifts from **Aid to the Church in Need**: shop@acnuk.org & **CAFOD**: worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/christmas-cards

Strategic Lead for Caritas Social Action

We're seeking a passionate individual to lead Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton. This part-time role (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton.

If you are committed to Catholic Social Teaching and have experience in project leadership and community outreach, we'd love to hear from you! Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting

<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

and candidates should email a completed application form to hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

ACN is asking people to sign a petition to world leaders to:

1. Publicly condemn all forms of religious persecution
2. Make religious freedom a priority in foreign policy and diplomatic relations
3. Enforce appropriate measures against regimes that repeatedly violate this fundamental right
4. Take concrete steps, including educational and legal initiatives, to prevent violations, ensure effective protection of this right, and promote the socio-economic development of religious minorities

<https://acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege>

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier

The Milton Keynes Goan Community are pleased to announce the celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Francis Xavier, on **Wednesday 3rd of December 2025** with Mass at All Saints Church at 6.30pm, followed by fellowship in the Parish Meeting Room afterwards. For more details, please contact one of the following members: Othelia 07459483045, Simon 07383097599 or Lee 07821645317.

Let us pray for one another this week. Fr Gerard