

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

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Mary Curran, RIP
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#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

AS	9.00am	Gerardina Gravina, Anniv. RIP
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AS	11.00am	Martin McGovern, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November St Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions

STA	10.00am	Bovino, Puzzella & Collings Families, RIP
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#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November St Catherine of Alexandria

AS	9.00am	Norma, Henry & Brigitte Holtz, RIP
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#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November Feria

AS	10.00am	Requiem: Bernardette Griffiths, RIP
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#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November Feria

STA	10.00am	Mathew Panikulam, Anniv. RIP
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#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November Saturday Mass of Our Lady

STA	9.30am	Philomina Onyebuchi, RIP
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STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Families; Holy Souls
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#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
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AS	11.00am	Teresa Martuccio, Anniv. RIP; Giorgio & Mr Nicola Martuccio, RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Ian McCabe, RIP; John Bosco Cullen, RIP
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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: Thursday:** 9.30am (AS)

**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](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)**

## Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

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

**George Coakley**, whose Funeral Service will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 12.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Antonio Pilla**, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

*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.

## 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)

## SEPO Christmas Fair

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

## Senior's Special Christmas Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** 11-2 (after 10am Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church). Signup sheets are now available at the back of both churches.

## St Thomas Aquinas & All Saints Parish Fundraising

New Years Prize Draw. Tickets £1.00 each to be sold after all Masses at the weekend. Cash only. Please support your Parish.

## 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.

## Tours for Parents

Who have a child starting school or nursery 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/>

## 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](mailto:shop@acnuk.org) & **CAFOD**: [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/christmas-cards](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/christmas-cards)

## Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Throughout the month of November, we remember in a special way all the Holy Souls at each Mass. In both churches before the Altar there is a box containing the names of our loved ones for whom we pray. If you would like your loved ones remembered, there are envelopes and sheets at the back of the churches, take one, fill it out and then place the envelope in the box.

## Tuesday Morning Mass & Benediction

Please note that this Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, Mass in All Saints Church will be at the earlier time of 9.00am and there will be no Benediction this week. This is due to Fr Gerard attending the funeral of a friend of his. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Kearney.

## CAFOD Advent Prayer Resources

Join us as we journey throughout the season of Advent with our global family. <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-prayers>

## CAFOD Quiz Night

The recent Quiz Night held to support CAFOD raised the sum of £206. Many thanks for your continued support for the charity.

## 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](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

## KSC Provincial Quiz Night

The Brothers of the Knights of St Columba Province 38 - Northampton would like to invite you to our Provincial Quiz Night & Social Evening holding on **Friday 5th December 2025** from 7.30 pm. At St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The Quiz Night is a fundraising event dedicated to supporting Vocations in the Diocese. All monies raised will go towards this cause. There will be a £3 table charge per person. The evening will feature a variety of engaging activities. Tea, coffee, drinks and snacks will be available. All Welcome

## Online Advent Retreat: 24th November at 7:30pm

*Disrupted by Grace*, week 1, with Dr Jessie Rogers and Dr Avril Baigent. This Advent, we will explore the theme "*Disrupted by Grace*" by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' ancestors in Matthew 1. We begin on at 7.30pm on Monday 24th November by unpacking the story of Tamar and exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

## First Saturday Devotion and Advent Retreat

Celebrate the liturgical season of Advent and the First Saturday Devotion at Crystal Grand, Slough on 6<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am to 4.00pm. A coach is going from Bletchley, leaving outside All Saints Church at 7.30am and returning at 5.30pm. More details on the church noticeboard or contact Joe on 07463841188; Linda on 0744003363; or Arshi on 07454605655.

## Christ the King Sunday

As the Church's liturgical year draws to its conclusion this week children from our parish schools will be joining in with the music and prayers at the 11:00am Mass. We thank them for their contribution and participation.

## Rosary Gathering

On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a Rosary Gathering outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2ES; at 6pm. All welcome.

## Walk With Me – Advent 2025

Copies are available at the back of church. Cost £1.

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