

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 13th/14th December 2025

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 13th December Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Giuseppe Paolucci, Anniv. RIP; Anna Maria Paolucci, RIP
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Sunday 14th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AS	9.00am	Ann & Lucien Duranthon, Anniv. RIP
AS	11.00am	Michael McCarthy, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 15th December Third Monday of Advent

STA	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Antonio Pilla, RIP
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Tuesday 16th December Third Tuesday of Advent

AS	10.00am	Garry Pickford, RIP
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Thursday 18th December Third Thursday of Advent

AS	10.00am	Brendan & Julie Mc Crea, RIP; Rose Marie Mc Crea, Int.
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Friday 19th December Third Friday of Advent

AS	9.30am	Requiem Mass: Sinead O'Keeffe, RIP
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Saturday 20th December Third Saturday of Advent

STA	9.30am	Eileen McGouran, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls

Sunday 21st December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AS	9.00am	Peggy Golby, Anniv. RIP
AS	11.00am	Angelina, Domenico & Giuseppe Tomeo, RIP
STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo

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 December

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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 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:

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

Sinead O'Keeffe, whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church at 9.30am on Friday 19th December.

Sheila Hunt, whose Funeral Service will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10.30am on Tuesday 23rd 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)

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.

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

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>

Advent Giving Trees

The 'Giving Trees' are up in both our churches with gift labels attached, inviting you to either buy a named gift which will be distributed by the local SVP and SEPO for St Agatha's Parish and School in Mongu, Zambia. Please don't wrap any gifts just place them in the boxes located near the tree. Once you have brought in your gift, please return the labels to the trees. Thank you!

Christmas Carol Service for Parishioners

You are invited to join the pupils and staff of St Thomas Aquinas School, St Mary's Avenue, Bletchley on Thursday 18th December at 1:30pm for a carol service led by the children. All welcome.

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 5th January 2026** 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.**

Online Advent Retreat

Monday 15th December 7.30pm, Disrupted by Grace, for our final Advent Retreat, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Canon John Udris who will be speaking about Bathsheba and exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more information and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

The "O" Antiphons

The 7 antiphons sung at the Magnificat on the days before the vigil of Christmas, each beginning with the exclamation "O" and a plea for the Messiah to come.

December 17 O Sapientia O holy word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care: come and show your people the way to salvation.

December 18 O Adonai O Leader of the House of Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

December 19 O Radix Jesse O Root of Jesse, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

December 20 O Clavis David O Key of David, controlling at your will the Gate of Heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

December 21 O Oriens O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22 O Rex Gentium O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man: come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

December 23 O Emmanuel O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people: come and set us free, Lord our God.

Extra Confessions

Amidst the busy material preparations for Christmas, be sure to make a good spiritual preparation by going to Confession:

Thursday 18th December: 9.00am – 9.55am & 10.45am to 12noon (AS)

Friday 19th December: 6.00pm – 8.00pm (STA)

Saturday 20th December: 10.00am – 1.00pm (STA)

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve - 24th December

10.00am am MASS of the Day (*not Christmas*)

All Saints Church

4.00 pm Children's Vigil MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

7pm MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

12 Christmas Midnight MASS

St Thomas Aquinas Church

Christmas Day - 25th December



8.00 am MASS of Christmas

St Thomas Aquinas Church (No Hymns)

9.00am MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

11.00 am MASS of Christmas

All Saints Church

St Stephen's Day – 26th December Mass at 12 noon

All our Altar Servers are encouraged to attend this Mass of the Patron of the Servers Guild in St Thomas Aquinas Church. If you have been serving regularly for at least a year and are due your bronze medal, see Fr Gerard.

Walk With Me – Advent 2025

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

Be sure to make time for God and for one another at this busy time of year. Wishing you and your family a blessed week. Fr Gerard

