

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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10th/11th January 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 10th January Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Eileen & Andrew Kennedy, Anniv. RIP
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Sunday 11th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

AS	9.00am	George Martuccio, Anniv. RIP; Antonio Martuccio, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Giuseppe Tomeo, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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Monday 12th January St Aelred of Rievaulx

STA	10.00am	Franco D'Luca, Anniv. RIP
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Tuesday 13th January St Hilary of Poitiers

AS		No Mass today
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Thursday 15th January Feria

AS	10.00am	John Scott, Int.; John & Rose Scott, RIP
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Friday 16th January Feria

STA	10.00am	Margaret Mary Cuerden, Anniv. RIP; Francis Cuerden RIP
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Saturday 17th January St Anthony of Egypt

STA	9.30am	Mary Mills, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.00pm	Angelo & Maria Palmiero, RIP
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Sunday 18th January

AS	9.00am	Johanna Butler, Anniv. RIP; Shirley Hargreaves, RIP; John Butler, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Maureen Lowe, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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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 January

For Prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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:

Farideh Sylvia El-Charif, whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church at 10am on Friday 6th February.

Bernie Owens, whose funeral details are yet to be announced.

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)

Crib Offerings

This year we will support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land through the charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). The help provided by ACN in the Holy Land since October 2023 has included emergency aid, food, housing, school fees, medical assistance to hundreds of Christian families, also job creation programmes, pastoral projects and support for Christian-run organisations. ACN also provides subsistence aid, Mass stipends, transportation, support for church construction projects and help with the formation of priests and religious congregations.

"Jesus is Lord" Awakening Catholic Mega Convention

On **Saturday, 24th January 2026** at Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham. There will be about 3000 people from different nationalities gathering in Jesus' name. The day will include Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sharing of the Word of God, Praise & Worship, Confession, 1 to 1 spiritual sharing and praying, powerful testimonies, and more. Price per person £15.00 for the coach leaving from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leadenhall & St Augustine's Church, Heelands. For more details, contact: Wilson Olakkengil on 07956 381337 or Sajin Simon on 07760 898977.

A New Term

As a new year begins, it also marks the start of a new term for the staff, governors and students at educational establishments. Do please keep them all in your prayers, and we pray especially for our local Catholic schools of St Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Parker and St Pauls, remembering too the young people who will be returning to their places of study to start a new term at university or college. May Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for them all.

White Flower Appeal 2026

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal next weekend, 17th/18th January. In the space of one week in June 2025, MPs voted to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. **Life is under attack at every stage.** The fight is not over on either bill but whatever happens we must rise up and fight back. **Will you join us? Every life matters!** Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC in their work.

Epiphany House Blessing

Within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany, it is traditional to ask God's Blessing on our homes and those who live there or visit. Taking blessed chalk (*available in the sacristy*) write the following above the home's entrance, 20+C+M+B+26. The letters C, M, B are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior and Balthazar; and they are also an abbreviation of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, (May Christ bless this house).

Using blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 26

while saying the following:

The Three Wise Men Casper, Melchior and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-six years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for The New Year

O Most Holy Trinity, during the coming year, bless the Catholic Church: convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thee; grant peace to the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends and relatives; assist the poor and the sick; and have pity on the faithful departed. May all our actions begin and likewise end through Thee. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAFOD

Give your unwanted Christmas Gifts to CAFOD - a box is available at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

SEPO – Thank You

The SEPO Group wish to thank all who attended and supported their recent Christmas Fair which raised £1400.00. Thank You.

Mass on Tuesdays

The Tuesday morning Mass in All Saints Church will be suspended for the foreseeable future. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause, but it is hoped that this will help to improve Fr Gerard's long-term vision.

The Baptism of the Lord

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; and it is an ideal opportunity for each one of us to reflect on our own Baptism, when through the grace of the Sacrament we were washed clean of Original Sin, we became a member of the Church founded by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and we began our life of faith, receiving sacramental grace in the first of the Sacraments. Daily we are called to be faithful to the commitment made on our behalf by parents and godparents at our Baptism by living as a faithful follower of Christ. At the start of a new year pray for the grace to know and live your vocation to the full. Seek to be a faithful Child of God by being in a state of grace, ready to one day enter your heavenly home. Have frequent recourse to the Sacraments, especially Penance which restores us to the life of grace which we damage or destroy by our sins; and the Holy Eucharist where at Mass Our Lord becomes truly present upon the Altar and Who comes to us sacramentally in Holy Communion.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes in the New Year. Fr Gerard