

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

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th/18th January 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 17th January Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Angelo & Maria Palmiero, RIP
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Sunday 18th January 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday 19th January St Wulstan

STA		No Mass today
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Tuesday 20th January St Sebastian

AS		No Mass today
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Thursday 22nd January St Vincent

AS		No Mass today
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Friday 23rd January Feria

STA		No Mass today
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Saturday 24th January St Francis de Sales

STA		No morning Mass
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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 25th January 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Audrey Leahy, RIP
AS	11.00am	Peter Francis, RIP; Nivivard Francis, RIP; Peter Payne, 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: None this week

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)

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 Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church at 10.30am on Friday 13th February.

Ida Marini, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10.00am on Monday 16th February.

*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

Next **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.

Fr Gerard – Visit to Ireland

There will be no weekday Masses this week as Fr Gerard will be in Ireland on his post-Christmas break. He's going home to top up his tan.

2nd Collection White Flower Appeal 2026

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal this weekend. 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. Our grateful thanks to Naomi McCormick for giving the talk about SPUC and their vital work.

Thursday 29th January 2026

A Mass to mark the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, the Patronal Saint of our parish and school will be held in St Thomas Aquinas School Hall on Thursday 29th January at 1.15pm. Parishioners and parents are invited to join children, staff and governors for the Mass to celebrate our beloved Patron, and will be followed by refreshments. (St Mary's Avenue, Bletchley MK3 5DT)

Friday 30th January 2026

A Mass in honour of the Feast of St John Bosco, the patron of Bishop Parker School will be held in Bishop Parker School Hall on Friday 30th January at 1.15. Parishioners are invited to join children, staff and governors for the Mass to celebrate this great and patron of young people. Refreshments will be available after the Mass. (Hunter Drive, Bletchley MK2 3BT)

CAFOD This Weekend

Coffee/Tea after 11am Mass PLUS new and exciting £1 stall.

Christian Unity Week

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Sunday, 18th January, the former date of the Feast of The Chair of St Peter and concludes next Sunday, 25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The theme this year is "One Body, One Spirit," and reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. Do pray for the Christian communities of our locality; for our many persecuted Christian brothers and sisters around the world; and for the unity of all Christians in accord with the Will of God.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

A special Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Thursday 5th February at 12noon in St Thomas Aquinas Church**, followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room. Those eligible to be anointed are the elderly, or those suffering from long-term illness or psychological disability. Please let people know that the Mass is taking place; and also, if you have transport and are able to come, then do please be a good neighbour by giving a lift to someone who hasn't got a car.

St Joseph Vaz Mass

Saint Joseph Vaz, the 'Apostle of Sri Lanka' (1651–1711), was canonized on 14 January 2015. A priest of the Oratory of St Philip Neri, he is greatly loved in Goa, southern India and Sri Lanka. During a time of fierce persecution, he followed the Oratorian way of life as far as possible, and established many small groups led by laymen to teach and encourage Catholics. We will commemorate this great Saint at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 31st January in St Thomas Aquinas Church; refreshments will be available afterwards in the Meeting Room. All are welcome.

We Need You

We are blessed to have an army of volunteers, who behind the scenes, make things happen in the Parish. This includes a small, dedicated team of volunteers who support families with the Baptism Programme. Recently some of our team have stepped down, so we are looking to recruit a few more volunteers who can support the Parents Introduction Evenings, usually held on the first Monday of each month & the actual Baptism Ceremony, which generally take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 3pm. New members of the team would join a rota, being partnered with an existing member, so you would not be on your own; and you would be asked to assist every 6 months. So, if you think you could spare some time, or want further information, please contact Jo at the office or Mags Holloway on magsholloway@outlook.com.

May Christ bless you and your families abundantly in this coming week. Fr Gerard