

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

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st January / 1st February 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 31st January Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 1st February 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
AS	9.00am	Michael Walsh, RIP
AS	11.00am	Bill Fagan, Anniv. RIP; Maureen & Oliver McKenna, RIP
STA	6.30pm	Sean Flanagan, Anniv. RIP; Daniel Flanagan, RIP

Monday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

STA	10.00am	Rachele & Francesco Lagioia & Family, RIP
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Tuesday 3rd February FERIA

AS		No Mass today
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Thursday 5th February St Agatha

AS	10.00	Angelica Faburada, B'day Int.; Hermelito Galamiton, B'day Int.; Keith Paver, RIP;
STA	12Noon	For the Sick

Friday 6th February St Paul Miki & Companions

AS	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Farideh Sylvia El-Charif, RIP
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Saturday 7th February Our Lady on Saturday

STA	9.30am	Bill Leahy, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Zuzanna & Kazimierz Olkiewicz, RIP

Sunday 1st February 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Thanksgiving Int. For Dianne & Geoff
STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani Gilmartin Families; Holy Souls

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)

Confessions: Saturday 10.00am to 11.00am

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength 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)

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.

Domenico Adorno, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10.00am on Friday 20th 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.

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. 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.

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.

Come and See – Discernment Day for Men

Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to "Come and See" a day of prayer, reflection, and questions for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Date: Saturday 28th March, 2026

Programme: A day including prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open Q&A,

Who is it for? Men who are exploring, questioning, or discerning a call to the priesthood

Where? Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney

This day offers a relaxed and supportive opportunity to reflect on God's call, to learn more about priestly life, and to ask honest questions in a prayerful setting. To register your interest or for more information, please contact Fr Pius on 01753 523147 or email: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org

Journey with Jesus through Lent

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering you the opportunity for weekly online small-group sessions (various days & times are available) to help individuals deepen their relationship with Jesus through Scripture. Using St Beuno's Outreach Prego resources, each 45-minute session invites you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. The course runs once a week for 6 weeks, starting the week of 16th February Sign up at <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

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 2nd February 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.**

Lent is Approaching

Please return any palm crosses you have to the basket at the back of Church so we can burn them to make ash for Ash Wednesday, which is on the **18th February**. Times of Masses on:

Ash Wednesday are as follows:

10:00am Mass St Thomas Aquinas Church

11:30am Mass All Saints Church

7:30pm Mass All Saints Church

Stations of the Cross in Lent:

Fridays: 2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

Confirmation Volunteers

Our team of Confirmation catechists is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping to lead sessions for Confirmation candidates as part of our new Parish Confirmation Programme. We are particularly interested to hear from any young adults in the parish (20 years of age or older) who feel they could help in this important part of the life of the parish as younger adults in the parish are not currently as well represented on the team. Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in volunteering your time to help with this.

Unwanted Rosaries

A parishioner who is a Yr 12 pupil has recently started a Rosary Club at school but has run out of Rosaries, so would be grateful for donations of any spare Rosaries you may have. You can hand them into the sacristy after Mass or drop them in with Jo in the Parish Office. Thank you for your help.

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