

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

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th/8th 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	Zuzanna & Kazimierz Olkiewicz, RIP
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Sunday 8th 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

Monday 9th February Feria

STA		No Mass Today
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Tuesday 10th February St Scholastica

AS		No Mass today
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Thursday 12th February Feria

AS		No Mass today
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Friday 13th February Feria

AS	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Bernie Owens, RIP
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Saturday 14th February SS CYRIL & METHODIUS

STA	9.30am	Marie Galloway Anniv. RIP; Johnny Peterson, RIP; Peterson Family, Int.
STA	6.00pm	Mrs Clare Burrows, RIP

Sunday 15th February 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Paolo Pilla, Anniv. RIP; Emilio & Antonio Folghrtaiter, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	George Daoud, Anniv. RIP

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

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

After 10.00am Mass on Mondays, followed by Benediction

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~~ 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:

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

Thank you for your crib donations we raised £571.56 for 'Aid for the Church in Need'.

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

Lent Walk with Me

Now for sale for £1.00 at the back of church.

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 9th March 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. Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in volunteering your time to help with this.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. A second collection for CAFOD FAMILY FAST will be taken on 28th February/1st March.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Rosary gathering on **Tuesday 10th February 2026** at 6pm, praying outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes. All welcome.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

The Diocese is looking to recruit 3 Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. These will be for full-time, 12-month fixed-term contracts, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. Closing date for applications is Friday 7th March 2026. Full information for the posts and application forms can be found here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

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