

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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Bridget Shockledge, Anniv. RIP
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#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

AS	9.00am	Beatrice Cardoso, Anniv. RIP
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AS	11.00am	John Bickerstaffe, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Lent Feria

STA	10.00am	Raymond Hevey, RIP; Christopher Hevey, Anniv. RIP
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#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Lent Feria

AS		No Mass today
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#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

AS	9.00am	Bernie Owens, RIP
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#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

STA	10.00am	Bridie Lynch, RIP; Bernie Owens, RIP
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#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March SS Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

STA	9.30am	Williams Int.
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STA	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving; Johnny Peterson, RIP; Marie Galloway, Anniv. RIP
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#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

AS	9.00am	Michael Walsh, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Pro Populo
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STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Families; Holy Souls
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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); and at call

**Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent:**

2:00pm All Saints Church

6:15pm St Thomas Aquinas Church

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for March:  
For disarmament and peace**

### 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](http://www.bishopparker.co.uk)

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, MK3 5DT

01908 373977

[www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk](http://www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk)

St Paul's Secondary School, MK6 5EN

01908 669735

[www.st-pauls.org.uk](http://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:

**John Storey**, whose Funeral service will be in Crownhill Crematorium, 2.45pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

*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)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## CAFOD The Big Lent Walk

Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! walking 200km over the 40 days of Lent and raise money to help people bring clean water to their communities. Details on the CAFOD website: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> Details of a local walk (not 200km!) will follow.

## CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Collection

Following CAFOD Lent Fast Day last Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February; there will be a short talk on the work of CAFOD at all Masses this weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> February/1st March and a second collection will be taken to assist them in their work. If you are a UK taxpayer, and would like to Gift Aid your donation please use an envelope available at the back of church. Alternatively, if you would like to donate monthly or to give online then please go to the website: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your generous support.

## 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.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Full information for the posts and application forms can be found here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

## The Holy Season of Lent

Please pray for those people from across our Diocese who will be baptised or received into communion with the Church this Easter, especially those from our parish.

As a beautiful way to mark this holy season, I would encourage you to make every effort to attend weekday Masses when you can; and also to attend the Stations of the Cross devotion held in both churches on the Fridays of Lent.

## St Thomas Aquinas School Nursery

The nursery is now open and welcomes children age 3-4 years. The nursery operates from 8:30 -3:00pm and provides a valuable opportunity for children to prepare for school in a nurturing and engaging environment. In addition, they host a free stay and play session in partnership with Daisy Chain Children's Centre every Tuesday during term time, at 1:30pm.

If you would like to visit the nursery and learn more about what they offer, please contact the school to arrange a visit; the staff would be delighted to welcome you and to show you around.

**"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven." St. Rose of Lima**

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