

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

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls
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#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Clarence Gill, RIP; Gill Family, Int.
STA	6.30pm	Vito Colucci, Anniv. RIP; Teresa Bianco, Anniv RIP

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Lent Feria

STA	10.00am	Molly Mathew, RIP; K C Thomas, RIP; Chinnamma Thomas, RIP;
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#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

AS		No Mass today
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#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

AS	10.00am	James Dingre, RIP; Andrew D'Souza, RIP
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#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Lent Feria

STA	10.00am	Mrs Jayamoney Arulanantham, RIP
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#### Saturday 28<sup>st</sup> March Lent Feria

STA	9.30am	Michael Leahy, B'day Remem., RIP
STA	6.00pm	Abdul Arogundade, Anniv. RIP; Margaret Dougan, Anniv. RIP; Arogundade Family, Int.

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY

AS	9.00am	Roger Tan, RIP
AS	11.00am	Sarah-Jane Daoud, B'day Remem., RIP; Johnny Vella, RIP; Bruce Wilkinson, 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

**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:

**Maureen Fleming**, whose Funeral service will be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 at 12:30pm St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

*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)

## 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)

## Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. £999.00 pps. Price includes flight from Heathrow or Luton, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Irish music nightly. Cooking demonstration. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

## CAFOD The Big Lent Walk

A parishioner, Uju Onyebirchi, is walking 200km over 40 days this Lent, please sponsor Uju for the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of church or go to her JustGiving page [Uju Onyebuchi's fundraising for CAFOD](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Uju-Onyebuchi's-fundraising-for-CAFOD)

## Save the Dates

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** Seniors Light Lunch after 11am Mass St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room. Sign Up sheets at back of Church

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** Quiz Night at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, 7.00pm.

## CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent. PS It's not too late to donate – pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

## Confessions

In addition to **Thursday:** 9.30am (AS) and **Saturdays:** 10.00am to 11.00am (STA); there will be additional opportunities for Confession on the Monday (STA) and Tuesday (AS) of Holy Week 9.00 – 9.50am; and on Holy Saturday: (STA) 9.00 – 11.00am

## 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.

## Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Rosary gathering on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at 6pm, praying outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes.

## Easter Celebration

The MK Goan Community is organizing an Easter Celebration on Monday, 6th April 2026 at Millmead Community Hall, Wolverton (MK12 5TN). Parishioners are warmly invited to come together with their families to celebrate in the true spirit of community and enjoy an afternoon filled with entertainment and activities for all ages. Please see posters at back of church.

For more details, please contact:

Othelia – 07459 483045, Simon – 07383 097599,

Melissa – 07448 482525, Lee – 07821 645317

## Holy Week & Easter Services

### St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue

#### **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

10:00am Stations of the Cross for Children  
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord  
*Collection for the Holy Land Shrines*  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

#### **Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

9am to 11.00am Confessions  
**NO** Morning Mass  
12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets  
**NO** Evening Mass

#### **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

8:00am Mass of Easter Sunday  
**NO** Evening Mass

**Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April** 12:00 Noon Mass

### All Saints Church, Shenley Road

#### **Tuesday in Holy Week 31<sup>st</sup> March**

9am to 9.50am Confessions before 10am Mass

#### **Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**NO** Morning Mass  
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by watching until midnight

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3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord  
*Collection for the Holy Land Shrines*  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

#### **Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

#### **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

9:00am Mass of Easter Sunday  
11:00am Mass of Easter Sunday

*May Christ bless us all in this coming week. Fr Gerard*