

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

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 18th/19th April 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 18th April Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Bernadette Thompson, RIP; Janet Stimpson, RIP; Holy Souls
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Sunday 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Mary Curran, RIP
AS	11.00am	Pro Populo
STA	6.30pm	Demetrio Iero, RIP & Agata Porcino, RIP

Monday 20th April *Feria*

STA	10.00am	David Fernando, RIP
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Tuesday 21st April *St Anselm*

AS		No Mass today
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Thursday 23rd April ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

AS	10.30am	Requiem: Dr Thelma John, RIP
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Friday 24th April *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

STA	10.00am	Margaret O'Connell, RIP
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Saturday 25th April ST MARK

STA	9.30am	Mary Dowd, RIP
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STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, B'day Remem., RIP
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Sunday 19th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Giorgio Martuccio, Anniv. RIP; Teresa & Libera Martuccio, RIP
AS	11.00am	Rose Bickerstaffe, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Regular Devotions

The Holy Rosary: Daily, 30mins before morning Mass, Monday to Friday; Saturdays, after 9.30am Mass

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

After 10.00am Mass on Mondays, followed by Benediction

Confessions:

Thursdays: 9.30am (AS);

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA) and at call

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:
For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding

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**

Regina Caeli (*said before the Vigil Mass*)

(This replaces the Angelus during Eastertide)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. 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:

Dr Thelma Marie John, whose Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 10.30am, All Saints 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)

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.

New Offertory Envelopes

New sets of Offertory envelopes are available for collection. If you've had a set before, your box is named with the same number as last year. If you've not had a set before, but would like one, please contact Jo in the parish office by phone or email. Alternative methods of giving include Standing Order or via the DONA card machine. Thank you for your continued support.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo

26th 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

CAFOD Quiz Night

On **Friday 1st May** at 7.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room there will be a parish quiz, with proceeds from the night going to support the work of CAFOD. You have a few weeks to cram in some revision before the quiz. All are welcome.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on **Monday 11th May** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children.

Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Diocesan Priests' Training Fund**, that supports our diocesan candidates for the priesthood. We currently have 3 candidates in formation for the priesthood for our Diocese; one of whom, **Rev. Christopher Colaco**, is due to be ordained a priest in Northampton Cathedral on 20th June. Please keep him, **Oliver Patton** and **Renver Pena** in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

Stand With Sudan

This month marks the third anniversary of the war in Sudan. It is a crisis that is no longer in the headlines, but it continues to devastate millions of lives. With your help, CAFOD is still there, working with the local Catholic Church to provide food, safe water and vital support to families fleeing violence. Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa asks for our help: *"So many of our brothers and sisters in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying. We will not abandon you; we will stand with you until peace is restored."*

You can donate either by scanning the QR code on the poster at the back of Church or by making your donation online at:

www.cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan

We are also asked to sign a petition to the Foreign Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Yvette Cooper, calling on the government to scale up diplomatic efforts including calling on the UN to push for an immediate nationwide ceasefire; to protect civilians and aid workers; to secure rapid, safe and sustained humanitarian aid; and to prevent the conflict from spreading further. You can sign online at: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/183860/-/1>

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Saturday 13th June. Departs All Saints Church 8:00am *sharp!* Returns circa 8:00 pm. To book your seat please bring £17.90 (non-refundable fare) to Jo at the Parish Office or give it to Fr Gerard in an envelope clearly marked with your details and contact number. *We always have a lovely time at Walsingham ~ England's Nazareth*



Called & Equipped 2026-27

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/>

or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

Have you felt Our Lady's request to travel to Lourdes? Northampton Diocese joins the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes each summer – 21st to 28th August this year.

For more information, you can find details on the website: <http://catholicassociation.co.uk> or

Email: contact@catholicassociation.co.uk or Call: 01732886666

*May the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ reign
in your hearts and in your homes this Easter Season.*

Fr Gerard