

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

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Mr Nicola Martuccio, Anniv. RIP
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#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Bernadette Thompson, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Carmela Pozzuto, Anniv. RIP; Angelo & Libera Pozzuto, RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

STA		No Mass today
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#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May FERIA

AS		No Mass today
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#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April FERIA

AS		No Mass today
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#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May FERIA

STA		No Mass today
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#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May FERIA

STA		No morning Mass
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STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo
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#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Bernie Owens, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Charley John Sheriden, RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls
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### 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:** None this week

**Saturdays:** None this week

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for May:**

**That everyone might have food**

**Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.**

### 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**

### 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:

**Giorgio Palmiero**, whose Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10.30am, 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)

## 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.

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Appeal for volunteer welcomers West Bletchley Wellbeing Centre (WBWB)

Do you have any spare time to look after the Reception Desk, for a couple of hours per week at the West Bletchley Wellbeing Centre (adjacent to the Parish Council Offices) in Whaddon Way (opposite All Saints Church)? The premises are used for their Counselling sessions that are offered FREE to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford residents. If interested, please contact Diana on 01908 370860 and leave a message.

## The Month of May

In this month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we turn with deep devotion to our Blessed Mother and with renewed fervour we take up our Rosaries and pray for the needs of the Church and the world in these challenging times, we pray especially for peace in the world, in our hearts and in our homes.

## Xaverian Missionaries Appeal

We look forward to welcoming Fr Patrick Duffy of the Xaverian Missionaries to the parish next weekend. He will celebrate the Masses and make an appeal on behalf of his missionary order.

## Stand With Sudan

Although no longer in the headlines, the three-year long war in Sudan continues to devastate millions of lives. CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, Kayode Akintola, 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](http://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 push for an immediate ceasefire; to protect civilians and to secure rapid, safe and sustained humanitarian aid. You can sign online at:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/183860/-/1>

## Walsingham Pilgrimage

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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*



## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass or Confessions in St Thomas Aquinas Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, this is due to the First Holy Communion Masses for St Thomas Aquinas and Bishop Parker Schools being celebrated in All Saints Church. Please pray for the young people, as they prepare to take this important step in their spiritual journey, and for their families and teachers who help and support them.

## 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 – 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August this year.

For more information, you can find details on the

website: <http://catholicassociation.co.uk> or

Email: [contact@catholicassociation.co.uk](mailto: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*