

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

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## PENTECOST 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Liturgies this Week

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

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

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo
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#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May PENTECOST

AS	9.00am	Concecao Colaco, RIP
AS	11.00am	Jozef, Veronica & Michael Rog, RIP
STA	6.30pm	Russel Rances, RIP

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

STA		No Mass today
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#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May *St Philip Neri*

AS		No Mass today
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#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

AS	10.00am	Varayilan Family, RIP
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#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May *Feria*

STA	10.00am	Joseph Cullen, Int.; Private Int.; Sheila McCabe, Birthday Int.
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#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> *Feria*

STA	9.30am	Ernesto Paolucci, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

AS	9.00am	Mary Howley, Int.
AS	11.00am	Diane & Geoff, Thanksgiving
STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls

### 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:**

**Thursday:** 9.30am (AS)

**Saturdays:** 10.00am to 11.00am (STA)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May:

That everyone might have access to quality 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)**

## 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)

## Canonization of the Ven. Agnelo De Souza

Father Agnelo De Souza died on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was originally on 20<sup>th</sup> November in 1927. He was a priest of the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier, Pilar and had served the people of Goa. He was a man of outstanding holiness and humility, and despite his own poor health worked tirelessly in his sacred and pastoral duties. He collapsed while preaching at Rachol, in Goa but insisted that Benediction should continue after which he then expired. The parish priest who buried him said: "I have just laid a saint to rest." His remains were taken to Pilar on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1939 and he was declared a Venerable by the Vatican on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1986. The cause for his canonization continues and every year in Bletchley we offer a Mass for this intention.

This year we will offer Mass for the cause of his canonization on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on Friday, 12th June 2026 at 7pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church. Refreshments after Mass. All Welcome.

### Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Agnelo:

*O God of infinite mercy, we humbly prostrate at your feet, we beg of You, with wholehearted trust, that if it be Your Holy Will, and if it serves our salvation, grant Venerable Agnelo the honours of the Altar, through the Solemn declaration of Our Provident Mother, the Church.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## 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. If you would like to visit the nursery, please contact the school on 01908 373977.

## Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Redemptorist priests will be visiting the parish with relics of St Gerard Majella. The relics will be available for veneration in St Thomas Aquinas Church from 6pm and there will be Mass at 7pm. There will be blessings with the relics after Mass. St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work and for help in making a good Confession. This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of this great Saint.

## 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.

## 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*



## 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 our introductory webinar on Wednesday 24th June, 7:30-8:30pm: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/>

## 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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Bishop's Fund which helps to support the running of the Diocese including the various curial offices and the work they undertake on behalf of the Bishop. Thank you in advance for your support for this special collection.

## Chartres Pilgrimage

This weekend, the Feast of Pentecost, Fr Gerard is joining the annual Chartres Pilgrimage in France. Over the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Pentecost weekend, thousands of pilgrims are making their way from the Church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris to the Cathedral of Our Lady in Chartres, which is approximately 70 miles. Along the way the pilgrims pray the Holy Rosary and other devotions, sing hymns, listen to spiritual talks and have the opportunity to go to Confession. Fr Gerard is leading a group, under the patronage of Our Lady of Walsingham. Do please pray for the pilgrims and be assured of Fr Gerard's prayers for you all along the route.

We are very grateful to Fr Benedetto D'Autilia for celebrating the Masses in the parish this weekend.

## Coach Trip to Bournemouth

Thursday 11th June to Bournemouth leaving All Saints Church 8.30am. Cost £22.10 per person.

*To book your seat phone Michael Smith on 01908 507184.*

*\*\*Disclaimer – This trip is not organised by the Parish; the Parish therefore takes no responsibility for it.*

## Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE.

**Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.**

*May you be filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, today and always. Fr Gerard*

## **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)**