

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

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15th/16th August 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 15th August Vigil

STA	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving; Peterson Family, Int.; Fr Gerard Byrne, Int.
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Sunday 16th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AS	9.00am	Risham Pereira, Special Int.
AS	11.00am	Bill Leahy, B'day Remembrance RIP
STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 17th August Feria

STA		No Mass
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Tuesday 18th August Feria

AS		No Mass
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Thursday 20th August St Bernard

AS		No Mass
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Friday 21st August St Pius X

STA		No Mass
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Saturday 22nd August Feria

STA		No morning Mass
STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo

Sunday 23rd August 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Chatterton Family in Vienna, Thanksgiving
AS	11.00am	Giuseppe & Maria Martuccio RIP; Angela Palumbo RIP
STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Family 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: None This Week

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For Evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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**

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)

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)

Diocesan Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Family Life:

All are welcome to the Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families at Northampton Cathedral on **5th September at 12 noon**. An opportunity to celebrate marriage and family and for married couples to renew their commitment to one another. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/43Qkt0u> to tell us if you have a milestone anniversary this year, and if you would like to book for refreshments. If you need help to access the form or for more information, please contact Fran Watson by emailing frances@marriagecare.org.uk or ask at the Parish Office for a paper copy of the form.

Car Parking at All Saints

We received complaints both from parishioners and residents due to poor parking in the car park at All Saints Church at the 9am and 11am Masses. Please remember to fill up the bays **closest** to the Church first. By parking on the perimeter before other bays have been filled it prevents access to free bays. Please Park considerately and don't simply abandon a vehicle in a rush to get into Mass.

Please do not park in bays marked "Resident Only" or on the double yellow lines in Corfe Crescent.

The local authority has been informed about parking infringements and action will be taken in the way of fines etc if people park illegally.

If you need to drive away quickly after Mass, it is best to arrive early and park legally and considerately on the roads around the Church rather than using the car park which takes time to clear after Mass.

Parish Seniors are invited to Afternoon Tea

On **Saturday 22nd August** 2-4.30pm at the St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room. Come along and enjoy a delicious tea, a game of bingo and a 'day at the races'. Signup sheets are at the back of church. All Welcome.

Holiday Time

At a time when many people take a summer break we keep in our prayers those who are absent from our parish on holiday, that they may find Christ in their new experiences; and we pray too that those who join us as visitors may find a welcome in our community.

Fr Gerard's Eye Surgery

Fr Gerard's eye surgery went ahead on Friday as planned and he is currently recovering. He will be taking things a bit easier this week as the eye heals. Any Mass intentions booked whilst he is recuperating will be offered privately. Thank you all for keeping him in your prayers; he is very grateful for your support.

SVP National Summer Raffle

On behalf of the Members of the local Conference of SVP and those who they help in the community a big THANK YOU for supporting the Raffle so generously.

You bought 1000 tickets which will provide £450 in funds for local needs.

Thank You all and hopefully some of you will win one or more of the prizes on offer.

Parish First Holy Communion Programme

If your child will be in Year 3 or above from **September 2026** and you wish to enrol them in the Parish 'First Holy Communion Programme' please e-mail the parish office as soon as possible at: parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org with the following details:

Child's Full Name

Child's Date of Birth

School Year from September 2026

We will send you an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the parish office with a **copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate**.

If your child was baptised in the parish at either St Thomas Aquinas or All Saints Church, we will already have your child's Baptismal Certificate.

If your child will be in year 3 at St Thomas Aquinas School or in year 3-6 at Bishop Parker School, there is a separate programme, and you do not need to enrol in this Parish Course.

Children in school years 3 and 4 will join the Wednesday session 5:45pm – 7:00pm (Group One) children in years 5, 6, & 7+ will join the Saturday session 4:00pm-5:15pm (Group 2). The course will begin on Wednesday, 16th September and Saturday, 19th September 2026 respectively and will take place every Saturday / Wednesday thereafter in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE).

Weekly participation at the Sunday Mass and full course attendance is essential to complete the Programme.

There will be an Introductory Meeting for Parents and children to attend. Dates will be notified on application. The course also includes preparation for the Sacrament of First Confession. Further details will be sent with enrolment forms on application to the Parish Office.

Message from Aid to the Church in Need

After two years of conflict, economic hardship and collapse of tourism, Christian communities in the Holy Land are experiencing rising unemployment and poverty. Sadly, some Christians are also questioning whether they have a future in their homeland. For others, leaving feels like their only option. This reality should concern all of us. What will happen if Christians leave the Holy Land? Please give today to preserve a thriving Christian presence in the Holy Land. acnuk.org

Rosary to Celebrate Feasts of Our Lady

There will be a gathering to pray the Rosary for the following Feasts of Our Lady outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES. All welcome.

The Assumption of Our Lady, Monday 17th August 2026 at 6pm

The Queenship of Our Lady, Monday 24th August at 6pm.

Next Week: Second Collection for SEPO

Next week there will be a second collection for SEPO, who with your continued generosity support the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters in Zambia. There will be a short update on the recent visit to the projects you are supporting. Thank you.

May Christ bless the families of the Parish and all who worship in our Churches this coming week. Fr Gerard