

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

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th/27th September 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 26th September Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Mr Manuel Sathiyaseelan, RIP
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Sunday 27th September 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Maria & Novidade Fernandes, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Pro Populo
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STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls
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Monday 28th September St Wenceslaus

STA	10.00am	Francis Cuerden, Anniv. RIP Margaret Mary Cuerden, RIP
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Tuesday 29th September SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

AS		No Mass
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Thursday 1st October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

AS	10.00am	Mrs Ellisam Mariyampillai, RIP
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Friday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels

STA	10.00am	John Sharkey, RIP
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Saturday 3rd October SS Cosmas & Damian

STA	9.30am	Maureen Fleming, RIP
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STA	6.00pm	Teresa & Lionel Piacquardia, Int.
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Sunday 4th October 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Angelo Pozzuto, Anniv RIP, Carmela Pozzuto, RIP, Libera Pozzuto, RIP
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AS	11.00am	Nicandro Iannotta, Anniv. RIP
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STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo
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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: Thursday: 9.30am (AS)

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October: FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Alan Dodd, whose Funeral Service will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 2pm on Friday 2nd October.

Winston Dwarika, whose Funeral service will be in Crownhill Crematorium at 3pm on Monday 5th October.

*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)

Thank You from SVP

On behalf of the SVP Conference:

I want to THANK YOU ALL for your response to our recent Retiring Collection. Your contributions totalled a truly phenomenal £1596:00.

This together with your prayers and, at other times, your generous donations of household items enable us to support countless individuals and families to rebuild their fragmented lives as they recover from some trauma or another.

Finally, may you be blessed over the coming years with good health and well-being, supported by our prayers for you at each meeting we hold.

And if there is anyone who would like to find out more about the work of SVP, and consider joining us, please feel free to chat with myself or others after Mass at any time.

John Scott, SVP President

Journey in Faith (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an Adult? Want to learn more about your Catholic Faith? If any of these apply to you, then we invite you to join our 2026-2027 Journey in Faith Programme. The Course will begin on **Thursday, 5th November 2026** at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE) **6:30pm** and will continue Thursday evenings **7:00pm to 9:00pm** until Easter 2027. Weekly attendance at a Sunday Mass (which includes the Vigil) is essential for all who desire to be Baptised and Confirmed; it is also an obligation binding upon all Catholics. To express your interest email: parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

Annual Parish Mass Count

This weekend we continue the annual parish Mass count at all Sunday Masses.

St Paul's Catholic School Open Evening

There will be an Open Evening for prospective **Year 7 pupils and their parents** on Thursday 15th October, 6.00 – 8.00pm. All are welcome. For further details see the poster at the back of the Church or you can contact the school by phone on 01908 669735 or email: enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

This weekend we welcome Mr Patrick Cummings from the World Apostolate of Fatima – England and Wales as he brings the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CPVSIHM) to our parish. This beautiful statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal in 2018. On 10th December 1925, Our Lord and Our Lady requested the Communion of Reparation on the Five First Saturdays.

All Saints Church, Sunday 27th September 2026

9:00am & 11.00am Masses with Brief Talk on Fatima

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 2nd October

On this day we are asked to eat simply and give what we save to the CAFOD collection at Masses on 3rd and 4th October.

Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please use an envelope or visit cafod.org.uk/give

Family Fast Day Simple Breakfast after 10am Mass, Friday 2nd October, St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room; all welcome.

Safeguarding Course

The Diocese is running a conference at the St Thomas Centre in Northampton on Saturday 3rd October. Although it's primarily aimed towards our PSRS, we also welcome participation from clergy, parish secretaries, other parish volunteers, Trustees and any interested parishioners! We hope to make this day a success and would love to see as many of you there as possible. The agenda for the day is on the Diocese website. To register a place please email laura.lester@northamptondiocese.org

All Group Leaders

A gentle minder to all Group Leaders that all volunteers must have a current DBS certificate issued through the diocese for this parish before they can commence volunteering. If in doubt, please contact either the volunteer and ask for a copy of the certificate or contact your Parish Reps, Marie or Andrew who can check the status, and would be happy to help.

All/ Prospective Volunteers

The parish is grateful for those that volunteer within the Parish. If you wish to volunteer, please contact a Group Leader for information as well as the Parish Safeguarding Reps, so that they can guide you through the procedure to receive DBS clearance, if that volunteering includes working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Please note that the procedure to renew DBS certificates **must** commence prior to its expiry, so please make sure that you put the date in your diary. Without a current DBS certificate, you cannot volunteer with children or vulnerable adults. Any queries, please contact Marie or Andrew.

Blessing of Graves

A service of Blessing of Graves will take place in each of the three Bletchley cemeteries on 10th October 2026. Each one will begin with a short service, followed by the individual Blessing of Graves. If you know of people who cannot be there on the day, would you please point out the graves of their loved ones to Fr Gerard. The times on Saturday 11th October are:

12 noon at Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley.

2pm at Whalley Drive, Bletchley.

4pm at Manor Road, Fenny Stratford.

May Christ bless you in this coming week. Fr Gerard