

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

Diocese of Northampton Registered charity No. 234091 / Pastoral Area of St Paul, Milton Keynes

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd/4th October 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 3rd October Vigil

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
AS	11.00am	Nicandro Iannotta, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 5th October St Faustina Kowalska

STA	10.00am	Keith Paver, Primitiva Galamiton and Blesila Faburada, RIP
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Tuesday 6th October St Bruno

AS		No Mass
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Thursday 8th October Feria

AS	9.00am	Norma, Liseby & Brigitte Holtz, RIP
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Friday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

STA	10.00am	Donato & Carmela Puzella, RIP; Baby Salvatore Maccarone, RIP
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Saturday 10th October SS Paulinus of York

STA	9.30am	Letitia Pires, Thanksgiving
STA	6.00pm	Francesco Del Grosso, Anniv. RIP

Sunday 11th October 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS	9.00am	Percy Golby, Anniv. RIP
AS	11.00am	Angelo Pilla, Anniv. RIP; Maria Libera, RIP; Paolo Pilla, 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: Thursday: None this week

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA)

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:

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)

Vacancies at Bletchley Catholic Schools

Nursery and Wraparound Care Administrator

Bletchley Catholic Schools' Federation Pay – £9,200 per annum (actual) 15 hours per week 8.30am to 11.30am (term time only) across both schools. Start Date: ASAP. FTC to 31st August 2027.

Maternity Leave Cover Early Years Practitioner

St Thomas Aquinas School Pay – £18,400 per annum (actual) 30 hours per week (term time only).

Start Date: ASAP. FTC to 31st August 2027.

Cleaner

St Thomas Aquinas School Pay – £6,400 per annum (actual) 10 hours per week – Monday to Friday 2 hours between 3.00pm to 6.00pm (term time, training days plus two weeks equivalent in the summer holidays) Start Date: ASAP. FTC to 31st August 2027. Details can be found at

<https://www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk/vacancies/>

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 annual parish Mass count continues at all Sunday Masses.

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 10th October are:

12 noon at Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley.

2pm at Whalley Drive, Bletchley.

4pm at Manor Road, Fenny Stratford.

Milton Keynes Pastoral Area Mass

On Saturday 10th October there will be a Mass for the whole of our Pastoral Area of Milton Keynes, in St Paul's Catholic School, Phoenix Drive Leadenhall, MK6 5EN. Arrivals from 9.30am with Mass at 10.00am. There will be a special themed children's liturgy for younger members of the congregation. After Mass there will be an opportunity to meet with others and enjoy a finger food buffet. At 12.30pm there will be an interactive talk by Mr Brian Purfield: *Walking in the Footsteps of St Francis*. The programme will end at 1.30pm and people are asked to help with clearing up. Full details on the poster at the back of church. All are welcome.

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

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God. If you wish peace to reign in your homes, pray the family Rosary. If you wish for the conversion of sinners, offer the Rosary. It is the chain that links Heaven and earth, binding hearts to the heart of the Immaculate. By this holy prayer, Mary protects the Church and her children, even in the darkest of times."

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection this Weekend

Following CAFOD Family Fast Day last Friday, there will be a short talk about the work of CAFOD at all the Masses this weekend and a second collection to assist them in their work; envelopes are available for your donations. If you can consider starting a monthly gift, you'll be committing to helping more of our neighbours in need around the world for the long term. If you are a UK taxpayer, you may consider Gift Aiding your donation. Details of both are on the envelope available at the back of the Church. You can also donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. Thank you for your support.

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.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Join us to pray the Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary outside Christ the Cornerstone Church, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES on Tuesday 6th October at 6pm. All welcome.

May Christ bless you in this coming week. Fr Gerard