

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

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th/25th October 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 24th October Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 25th October 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
AS	9.00am	Solon Gurjao & Family, RIP; Gary Fernandes, B'day Int.
AS	11.00am	Audrey Leahy, B'day Remembrance, RIP; Joyce Nichols, RIP
STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families, RIP; Holy Souls

Monday 26th October SS Chad & Cedd

STA	10.00am	Peter Graham, RIP
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Tuesday 27th October Feria

AS		No Mass
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Thursday 29th October Feria

AS	10.00am	Collings Family, RIP
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Friday 30th October Feria

STA	10.00am	Macarrone Family, RIP; Puzella Family, RIP; Baby Salvatore Macarrone, RIP
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Saturday 31st October Saturday Mass of Our Lady

STA	9.30am	Virginio Daros, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo

Sunday 1st November All SAINTS

AS	9.00am	Cardozo Family, RIP; Alves Family, RIP; D'Mello Family RIP
AS	11.00am	Francesco & Giuseppina Pilla Anniv. RIP; George Martuccio, RIP
STA	6.30pm	Ian McCabe, RIP; John Bosco Cullen, RIP

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); and at call

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 souls of:

Richard Stewart, whose Funeral Service will be in All Saints Church at 12noon on Thursday 29th October.

Jim Coady, whose Funeral Service will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 2pm on Friday 30th October.

Monica Douglas, whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church at 10am on Monday 16th November.

Winifred Ann Foster, whose Funeral Service will be in All Saints Church at 1pm on Tuesday 17th November.

*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)

Mass Intentions

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: first, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, at the discretion of the Parish Clergy, please contact Jo in the office to check if the date you would like is available. Due to a very high demand and less available clergy it is unlikely that a Mass can be offered straight away, normally Mass Intentions are usually booked up for about three months at a time. We would advise you to organise Mass intentions as early as possible to avoid disappointment. We print the list of Mass Intentions every week in the newsletter and this is posted at the back of Church. Please note that funerals take priority and may occasionally cause the Mass schedule and intention to be said privately by Fr Gerard.

Why Is There Only One Intention Per Mass?

The Mass itself has **unlimited value**.

However: Church law allows a priest to accept **only one offering (stipend)** per Mass so only **one main intention** is assigned to each Mass. That intention may not be shared with other people's intentions. You are allowed up to 3 names on one Mass intention.

Suggested donation for Mass intentions is £5.00 for each Mass you have booked.

You can either book Masses through the Parish Office or by placing an envelope with your intention request in the Sunday collection. Please place your donation in an envelope with your name, the name of the person for whom the Mass is offered and what the Intention is for: for example: get well, thanksgiving, RIP etc and the date of the Mass if you have already arranged this with the Parish Office.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

CAFOD World Gifts

Share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift – from safe water to school supplies! A meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Collect a catalogue from church, call 0300 777 0030, or visit worldgifts.cafod.org.uk.

Second Collection Next Weekend

This will be for The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, which helps to support priests of the Diocese who through illness or old age are no longer able to remain in active ministry.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents/guardians who are requesting the sacrament of Baptism for their child will be at 7:00pm on **Monday 9th November** in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are not able, currently, to accommodate young children. **Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.**

All Hallows Eve Celebration

All Hallows Eve Celebration Join us this **Saturday, 31st October** in St Thomas Aquinas Church to celebrate All Hallows Eve (the traditional Vigil of All Saints Day) with Mass at 6.00pm and fun and games in the Meeting Room afterwards. This joyful, faith-filled event offers a wonderful Christian alternative to Halloween. **Children and adults alike are encouraged to come dressed as your favourite Saint** and to enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and celebration. Don't miss this inspiring and joy-filled event!

Mass for Our Departed Loved Ones

The Annual Mass for the repose of the soul of all whose funerals have been celebrated in our Parish over the past year will be on Monday 2nd November at **7.30pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church**. All Welcome. The times of other Masses that day are as follows:
9.00am All Saints Church
11.00am St Thomas Aquinas Church

Please pray for Pope Leo and for all who are sick

We pray for Pope Leo and for all who are sick at this time, and for those who care for them. We remember in a special way the members of our parish family, at home, in hospital or nursing homes. May Christ grant them strength, healing and peace.

The Saints on the Rosary: St Dominic

"One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world. The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, our Redeemer, who loves His Mother. If you wish to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Rosary. My dear children, let your heart hold fast to this gift of Our Lady. By this devotion, you shall conquer the enemies of God and draw down abundant graces for the conversion of sinners."

May Christ bless you in this coming week. Fr Gerard