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

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ALL SAINTS
31st October/1st November 2026

Liturgies this Week

STA: *St Thomas Aquinas Church*, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE
AS: *All Saints Church*, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

Saturday 31st October		**Vigil**
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
Monday 2nd November		**ALL SOULS**
AS	9.00am	Angelo & Abbondanza Del Grosso, RIP
STA	11.00am	Franco D'Luca, RIP; D'Luca Family, RIP
STA	7.30pm	All Souls
Tuesday 3rd November		*St Martin of Porres*
AS		No Mass
Thursday 5th November		*Feria*
AS	10.00am	Puzella Family, RIP; Bovino Family, RIP
Friday 6th November		*Feria*
STA	10.00am	Fr William Thomas, RIP; Fr Peter Merring, RIP; Deceased Missionaries, RIP
Saturday 7th November		*St Willibrord*
STA	9.30am	Stephen Flanagan, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.00pm	Kevin Dyer, Anniv. RIP
Sunday 8th November		**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Anna Maria Paolucci, RIP
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); and at call

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November:
For the Proper Use of Wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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:
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.

St Thomas Aquinas & All Saints Parish Fundraising

Christmas Prize Draw**.** Tickets £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book, to be sold after all weekend Masses. Cash only. Prizes: 1st £250; 2nd £150; 3rd £100. Draw to take place after Christmas Midnight Mass. Please support your Parish.

Second Collection This 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.

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

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.***

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

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Throughout the month of November, we remember in a special way all the Holy Souls at each Mass. In both churches before the Altar there is a box containing the names of our loved ones for whom we pray. If you would like your loved ones remembered, there are envelopes and sheets at the back of the churches, take one, fill it out and then place the envelope in the box.

Aid to the Church in Need '#RedWednesday 2026'

Established in 2016 the charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)'s #RedWednesday campaign is your opportunity to shine a light on the suffering of millions who are persecuted for their faith. Join us on the lead up to #RedWednesday, which this year is on 19th November, to raise awareness, advocate and fundraise. Together we can bring hope to those that need it most. We are looking for communities and individuals nationwide to take action by sharing our work, attending an event or fundraising. Will you put your faith in action?
Join #TeamRed and together help ACN raise £1 Million via #RedWednesday matched challenge. Your actions can make a difference to the lives of suffering and persecuted Christian children and families in some of the most dangerous places to practice their faith. See how you can help and support our persecuted and suffering Christian brothers and sisters by visiting: https://acnuk.org/redwednesday
There will be Mass on Wednesday 18th November at 7.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church to pray for persecuted and oppressed Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier

There will be a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Francis Xavier, on **Thursday 3rd of December** in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 7.00pm, followed by fellowship in the Parish Meeting Room.

May Christ bless you in this coming week. Fr Gerard