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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
21st/22nd November 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

Saturday 21st November	**Vigil**	
STA	6.00pm	Algernon Bannis, Anniv. RIP
Sunday 22nd November	**JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	
AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Martin McGovern, Anniv. RIP
STA	6.30pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Igweani & Gilmartin Families; Holy Souls
Monday 23rd November	*St Clement I*	
AS	10.00am	Othilia D'Souza, RIP
Tuesday 24th November	*St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions*	
AS		No Mass
Thursday 26th November	*Feria*	
AS	10.00am	John Scott, Junior, RIP; Rose Scott, RIP
Friday 27th November	*Feria*	
STA	10.00am	Sister Anthony Larkin, RIP; Sister Ann Jeffries, RIP; Holy Souls
Saturday 28th November	*Saturday Mass of Our Lady*	
STA	9.30am	Tim Kelly, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Fr Leslie McKenna, RIP; Fr Sean Gildea, RIP; Fr Dieter Thiel, RIP
Sunday 29th November	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	
AS	9.00am	Mary Curran, RIP
AS	11.00am	Teresa Martuccio, Anniv. RIP; Giorgio & Mr Nicola Martuccio, 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: 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:
Adamo Gifoli, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church at 10am on Wednesday 2nd December.
Madeline Cherry, whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church at 10am on Monday 7th December.

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.

Christ the King – World Youth Sunday

Today we celebrate World Youth Sunday, alongside the Feast of Christ the King. It is an opportunity to celebrate the young people in our parishes and give thanks for the gifts, enthusiasm, faith and hope they bring to the Church and society. We ask God's blessing and guidance on them and their families.

SEPO Christmas Fair: Saturday 28th November

All welcome to this event at St Thomas Aquinas School, 1pm - 3pm

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 at St Thomas Aquinas Church. Please support your Parish.

CAFOD Coffee After 11am Mass

Make an early start to Christmas and join the team of CAFOD volunteers for mulled wine and mince pies after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 6th December**. There will also be a £1 Stall and Raffle.

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.

Walking with St Francis through Advent

Four talks exploring different aspects of the life, spirituality and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, to mark the 800th anniversary of his death will form the basis of an online retreat beginning Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm. To register or sign up, use this link: https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier

The Milton Keynes Goan Community are pleased to announce the celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Francis Xavier, on **Thursday 3rd of December 2026** with Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church at 7.00pm, followed by fellowship in the Parish Meeting Room afterwards. For more details, please contact: Othelia 07459483045, Simon 07383097599 or Lee 07821645317.

Reception 2027 School Tours

Children starting school in September 2027 are now taking place at Bishop Parker Catholic Primary School. To book a place please call the school on 01908 372129 or office@bishopparker.co.uk

Seniors' Christmas Lunch on Friday 11th December

This event in St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room will include a soup and sandwich lunch, mince pies, bingo and horse racing. If you would like to attend this fun afternoon, and to ascertain numbers, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. Please include your phone number. All seniors welcome.

Walk With Me – Advent 2026

Copies are available at the back of church. Cost £1.

Appeal for Volunteer Welcomers (WBWB)

Do you have any spare time to look after the Reception Desk, for a couple of hours per week at the West Bletchley Wellbeing Centre (WBWC) (adjacent to the Parish Council Offices) in Whaddon Way (opposite All Saints Church)?
The premises are used for their Counselling sessions that are offered FREE to Bletchley and Fenny Stratford residents.
If interested, please contact Diana on 01908 370860 and leave a message.

CAFOD Advent Prayer Resources

Join us as we journey throughout the season of Advent with our global family. https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-prayers

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Support our less fortunate brothers and sisters by buying your cards/gifts from **Aid to the Church in Need**: shop@acnuk.org & **CAFOD**: worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/christmas-cards

May Christ bless you in this coming week. *Fr Gerard*