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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
28th/29th November 2026

Liturgies this Week

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

Saturday 28th November Vigil		
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
Monday 30th November ST ANDREW		
STA	10.00am	Rachele & Francesco Lagioia, RIP; Lena & Maria Lagioia, RIP
Tuesday 1st December *St Edmund Campion*		
AS		No Mass
Wednesday 2nd December *Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent*		
STA	10.00am	Requiem: Adamo Gifoli, RIP
Thursday 3rd December St Francis Xavier		
AS	10.00am	Rosaline Pereira, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Joe & Marie Clifford, Int.
Friday 4th December *St John Damascene*		
STA	10.00am	Mrs Anamma Aaseervatham, RIP
Saturday 5th December *St Birinus*		
STA	9.30am	Aarav Dlima, Thanksgiving
STA	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 6th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
AS	9.00am	Andrew & Eileen Kennedy, Anniv. RIP
AS	11.00am	Antonio Santana Cardozo, Anniv. 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 December:

For single-parent families

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the faith during difficult times.

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)

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 7th December** 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.***

Second Collection Next Week

For flowers for the churches for Christmas.

Advent Giving Trees

From next weekend 'Giving Trees' in both our churches will have gift labels inviting you to either buy a named gift which will be distributed by the local SVP and SEPO for St Agatha's Parish and School in Mongu, Zambia. Please don't wrap any gifts just place them in the boxes provided located near the tree. Thank you!

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.

Walking with St Francis through Advent

Join the second week of the diocesan online Advent retreat with Canon John Udris to understand the Gospel through St Francis' teaching on creation. Available live via YouTube, or at any time after that suits you. For more information, or to register, visit: 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.

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.

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.

Under New Management

For as long as anyone can remember Angela White has done an amazing job of keeping the repository fully stocked with items that anyone might have needed.
However, times are changing and we have a new contact, so if you are looking for anything and you can't find it at the back of church, please get in touch with either Mags Holloway (07886 196804) or Jo in the office & we will do our very best to meet your requirements. It may take us a while to be as efficient as Angela, so please bear with us during this time of transition.
We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to Angela for managing the repository for so long & making sure that things have been there when needed.

Rosary Gathering

On **Tuesday 8th December**, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a Rosary Gathering outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2ES; at 6pm. All welcome.

Make Room For Hope

The charity **Life** invite us to join together this Advent in praying for the pregnant women and families supported by their work. You can scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church to receive weekly reflections and prayers.

Walk With Me – Advent 2026

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

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 Liturgies



Christmas Eve - 24th December
10.00am am MASS of the Day **(*not Christmas)***
All Saints Church

4.00 pm Children's Vigil MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church

7pm MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church

12 Christmas Midnight MASS
St Thomas Aquinas Church

Christmas Day - 25th December



8.00 am MASS of Christmas
St Thomas Aquinas Church

9.00am MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church

11.00 am MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church

Let us pray for one another this Advent. ***Fr Gerard***