

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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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

Are You New? Have You Moved?

I am a new/existing* parishioner. *Delete as appropriate
Please add me to the Parish Census.

NAME(s).....

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ADDRESS.....

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TEL.....

EMAIL.....

Data Protection – The personal details of yourself and family members given above will only be stored and used by the Parish for internal administrative and organisational purposes of the Parish. They will not be disclosed outside the parish. If statistics from the census are shared with the Diocese or anyone else, they will be strictly anonymised. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which may be viewed on the Parish Website or on the notice board at the back of Church.

I confirm that all individuals whose information has been provided on this form have agreed for it to be provided to the Parish:

Signed:.....

Name:.....

Date:.....

Please cut out and return to the Parish Office

August: The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary *Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month:*

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

The Year of St Joseph AD 2021 Liturgies this Week

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 8th August

Ordinary Time, Year B

6:00pm (STA) (Saturday) Vigil Mass of Sunday

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday Feast: St Theresea Benedicta of the Cross 9th August

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Feast: St Lawrence 10th August

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Memoria: St Clare 11th August

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday Feria 12th August

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday Feria 13th August

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday Memoria: St Maximillian Kolbe 14th August

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00-10:30am Confessions

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15th August

Ordinary Time, Year B

6:00pm (STA) (Saturday) Vigil Mass of Sunday

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

1:30pm (AS) Mass of Thanksgiving

(10 Years of Priestly Ordination – Fr Emmanuel) All Welcome!

6:30pm (AS) Mass

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

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

Foodbank Donations - Please continue your generous support of the Foodbank. All donations welcome; these can be distributed via the SVP to needy parishioners and the Foodbanks at Kiln Farm and the City Centre.

Test & Trace - Don't forget to use the QR codes (near the entrance of the church) for the NHS COVID-19 APP

Covid-19 Route Map: Step 4 Guidance

In line with the document the Parish received from the Bishops of England and Wales we have decided to retain social distancing for the purposes of seating on the side aisles of All Saints Church and on the right-hand side of St Thomas Aquinas Church. All other seating will have no social distancing limits. This therefore provides an option for those who feel vulnerable and would welcome some extra space while increasing capacity so that we don't have to turn anyone away from Mass. We strongly encourage the wearing of face masks in the church and ask people to continue to be mindful of the personal space of others. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind (The Sacred Host) but can now be received either in the hand or on the tongue. If you wish to receive Holy communion on the tongue please wait to be called forward after everyone else has received Holy Communion in the hand. The physical sign of peace remains suspended and the Holy water stoups at the back of the church will remain empty. Baskets will be available at the end of the Mass at the back of church for the offertory collection; we are very grateful however to those who have set up standing orders and this now remains the preferred option for regular parish giving. The congregation is permitted to join in with the singing, but we will not be using hymn books for the time being. The one-way system for exiting our churches has been removed so please use the main doors for both entering and exiting the building. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided. We will keep these procedures under constant review and make changes if our local situation requires it. *Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding.*

Mass of Thanksgiving Fr Emmanuel celebrates 10 years of Priesthood!

A special Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Emmanuel's 10th anniversary of Ordination will be held next weekend on Sunday 15th August at 1:30pm at All Saints Church.

All are very welcome to attend!

MK Rosary Gatherings

Monday 16th August 2021 at 6pm

To honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday 23rd August 2021 at 6pm

To honour the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Both will take place outside Christ the Cornerstone Church,
300 Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes, MK9 2ES.**

Temporary Closure of All Saints Church

In order to complete some much needed interior redecoration we need to shut All Saints Church from **Monday 16th August until Saturday 21st of August**. Sunday Masses will be unaffected, but Mass on Tuesday 17th August and Thursday 19th August will take place at 10am at St Thomas Aquinas Church. The work will be undertaken by Steven Kirby our Parish "handyman".

Parish First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022

If your child will be in year 3 or above from *September 2021* and you would like to enrol them on the Parish 'First Holy Communion Programme' please e-mail the parish office as soon as possible at: staq@uwclub.net We will send you an application form which will need to be completed and returned to the parish office with a copy of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate. If your child was baptised in the parish at either St Thomas Aquinas or All Saints Church we will already have your child's baptism certificate. If your child will be in year 3 at St Thomas Aquinas School or in year 3 or 4 at Bishop Parker School there is a separate programme and you do not need to enrol of this Parish Course. There is a choice this year of either a Wednesday session 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Group One) Saturday session 3:00pm-4:00pm (Group 2). The course will begin on Saturday 11th September and Wednesday 15th September 2021 respectively and will take place every Saturday / Wednesday thereafter in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room (MK2 2JE). Weekly Mass and Course attendance is essential to complete the Programme. Further details will be sent with enrolment forms on application to the Parish Office.

News from the Diocese

Bishop David has appointed three new Episcopal Vicars to oversee the ministry of three newly initiated vicariates. The three vicariates will cover the areas of governance (Servant King), clergy (Priest) and mission (Prophet).

Fr Simon Penhalagan (Prophet),

Fr Andy Richardson (Priest) and

Fr Christopher Perry (Servant-King)

will take up their responsibilities from September 2021.

They have been appointed under canon 476

'Whenever the correct governance of a diocese requires it, the diocesan bishop can also appoint one or more episcopal vicars, namely, those who in a specific part of the diocese or in a certain type of affairs or over the faithful of a specific rite or over certain groups of persons possess the same ordinary power which a vicar general has by universal law...'

Announcing the vicariates Bishop David said

"In order to be more effective in our core business of mission, I have divided the diocesan agencies into three groupings. Three priests have a share in my episcopal oversight of the Curia and those agencies which support, promote and develop these groups, named after the three different offices of Christ"

The Episcopal Vicars will meet with **Bishop David** and the new Vicar General, **Canon Michael Harrison** regularly, as this new structure takes effect.

***With every blessing for the week ahead
Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel***