

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 29th 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 *Feria* 30th August
10:00am (STA) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Feria* 31st August
10:00am (AS) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday *Feria* 1st September
Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday *Feria* 2nd September
10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday *Memoria: Pope St Gregory the Great* 3rd September
10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *Memoria: Our Lady on Saturday* 4th September
9:30am (STA) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00-10:30am Confessions

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 5th September *Ordinary Time, Year B*

6:00pm (STA) (Saturday) Vigil Mass of Sunday
9:00am (AS) Mass
11:00am (AS) Mass
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

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of those whose funerals will take place in the coming days:

Janenzo Ciliberti – Friday 3rd September, 12:30pm, at St Thomas Aquinas Church

Peter O'Brien – Monday 6th September, 1:45pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church

Following a private cremation, a Requiem Mass will be offered for **Christel Imrie** on Saturday 4th September, 2:00pm at All Saints Church. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

***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.***

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.

Closing date for applications: 1st September 2021

Youth Ministry Conference

On **Saturday, the 9th October**, NYMO will be holding their annual Youth Ministry Conference at their offices in Luton. The conference theme will focus on re-engaging our young people in the Church post lockdown, and is open to anyone with an interest in the future of the young people in our Church. The conference starts at 11 am, with arrivals from 10.30am, and will finish at 3.30pm. Tickets for the conference cost just £10, and can be booked online at:

<https://nymo.org/product/youth-ministry-conference/>

More info at <https://nymo.org/conference/>

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.*

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