

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

September: The Month of the Holy Cross

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month:

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

The Year of St Joseph AD 2021

Liturgies this Week

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

Monday *Feria* 6th September

9:30 Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Feria* 7th September

9:30 Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday *Feast: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:30 Rosary (**AS**)

10:00am (**AS**) Mass

Thursday *Feria* 9th September

9:30 Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday *Feria* 10th September

9:30 Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *Memoria: Our Lady on Saturday* 11th September

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00-10:30am Confessions

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 12th 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.

Requiescant in Pace

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

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

Betty Thompson – Thursday 23rd September, 12noon at All Saints Church.

*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.*

Afghanistan crisis: How CAFOD is responding and how you can help

“It is a rapidly changing and uncertain situation, and we are doing everything possible to ensure the immediate wellbeing of local partners and the communities they serve. Their vital work has started to resume in some areas and we will be looking to support the most vulnerable Afghans with humanitarian aid and longer-term support. Your generosity and compassion have allowed us to stand together with communities in Afghanistan for decades, and we will continue to do so. CAFOD started working in Afghanistan in the late 1980s and a core part of our work has been to support Afghan organisations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people, supporting them to earn a living.” To make a donation visit: www.cafod.org.uk and follow the links for Afghanistan.

Prayer for the People of Afghanistan

*Almighty God, in our distress and grief
help us to remember that you love us.
We do not understand why this great disaster
has happened but help us to trust you.
Loving Lord, for those who have died, give them eternal
rest for those who are bereaved, comfort and console
them for those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers
and sisters in whatever way we can.
Heavenly Father be with us now and always.
Amen.*

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/>

Rosary Gathering

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00pm Wednesday 8th September 2021

Meeting outside Christ, the Cornerstone, 300 Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes MK9 2ES

Temporary Closure of St Thomas Aquinas Church

Following some redecoration work at All Saints Church we now will re-paint the sanctuary at St Thomas Aquinas Church. In order for this to be done we need to shut St Thomas' from **Tuesday 7th September until Thursday 9th September**. Mass on Wednesday 8th September will take place at 10am at All Saints Church. The work will be undertaken by Steven Kirby our Parish “handyman”.

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 stoops 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***