

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

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In Hospital? Contact MK University Hospital Chaplaincy
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Local Catholic Schools:

Bishop Parker Primary School, MK2 3BT
01908 372129 www.bishopparker.co.uk
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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

November: The Month of the Holy Souls

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month:

People Who Suffer from Depression:
We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

The Year of St Joseph AD 2021

Liturgies this Week

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 7th November

Second Collection Bishop's maintenance fund

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday *Memoria: Blessed John Duns Scotus* 8th November

9:30 Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* 9th November

9:30 Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday *Memoria: Pope St Leo the Great* 10th November

9:30 Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday *Memoria: St Martin of Tours* 11th November

9:30 Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday *Memoria: St Josaphat of Polotsk* 12th November

9:30 Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *Memoria: Our Lady on Saturday* 13th November

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00-10:30am Confessions

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 14th November

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.

Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

The Synod of Bishops in AD 2023 is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission" and Pope Francis has initiated a three-year synodal journey with three phases: diocesan - continental - universal.

The diocesan phase of the Synod will include consultation with the entire People of God: Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful. The key element is the process which includes prayer and conversation with Graceful Listening, Graceful Speaking and Discernment. For this synodal journey to be authentic it must be rooted in Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Sacrifice of the Mass for these are the ways the Holy Spirit inspires and influences us.

Such '**holy**' conversations might include:

1. How can we be more welcoming as a Christian community?
2. To whom do we listen?
3. How can we be more honest in our dealings with each other?
4. How might we celebrate better the Mass?
5. How well do we work together for the mission of the Church?
6. How can you personally, our parish and our diocese be more outward-facing?
7. In what ways might we improve our dialogue and relationship with other Christians?
8. How can we make the Church more participatory and increase co-responsibility?
9. What new processes of decision-making and decision-taking might be needed?
10. How do we form people to make them more capable of "journeying together"?

Essentially we are being asked:

- What do you think that the Church should keep doing?
- What could the Church stop doing that allows for a focus on what really matters?
- What new things should the Church consider doing?

The Church = You, our Parish and our Diocese

We need "local listeners" to help facilitate discussions in the Parish. If you have experience as a facilitator and would like to be involved, please speak to Fr Christopher or contact the Parish Office.

Prayer for the synod:

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.***

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

***Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.***

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever. Amen.

We ask for the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

Hail Mary...

We ask for the intercession of the Patron of Universal Church:

St Joseph: Pray for us.

Requiescat in Pace

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

Margaret Philomena Murphy whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:30pm on Tuesday 9th November.

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.

Praying for the Holy Souls

Throughout the month of November we pray especially for the Holy Souls at each Mass. In each church before the altar there is a box containing all the names of our loved ones for whom we pray. If you wish to place names in the box there are envelopes and prayer sheets at the back of each Church. You can fill these out and then place the envelope in the box.

Please DO NOT include money with your request.

Second Collection this weekend:

Bishop's Maintenance Fund

A Message from Aid to the Church in Need

In some countries, it is bad enough being a woman, let alone a woman or girl who is Christian or from another minority faith. Our 'Hear Her Cries' Report, which will be presented in the UK Parliament on #RedWednesday (24th Nov), exposes the awful reality faced by women and girls of minority faiths in many parts of our world today. Go to www.acnuk.org/hear-her-cries for more information.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day

Fast day this year raised £1006.89. Thank you so much for your generosity at this time.

The Catenian Association

An international brotherhood of Catholic men, the Catenian Association provides practising Catholic laymen and their families with friendship, social activities and support. To find out more information visit the website:

www.thecatenians.com/find-a-circle/ email:

membership@thecatenians.com / contact Richard Golden: (01908) 503331.

Lux Youth Residential Weekend

After nearly two years our youth ministry team, NYMO are delighted to announce that the popular residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 years of age is returning...with a twist! To welcome our young people back into formation in person, the team are on the move for the weekend. To enhance the theme of 'Pilgrimage' the next lux weekend will take place at the Catholic Shrine in Walsingham. From the evening of Friday 4th Feb - Sunday 6th Feb, we will take over the village of Walsingham in Norfolk.

For more information visit: <https://nymo.org/lux/>

**With every blessing
Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel**