

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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Local Catholic Schools:

Bishop Parker Primary School, MK2 3BT
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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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28th November
6:00pm (STA) (Saturday) Vigil Mass of Sunday
9:00am (AS) Mass
11:00am (AS) Mass
6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday *Advent Feria* 29th November
9:30 Rosary (STA)
10:00am (STA) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Feast: St Andrew the Apostle* 30th November
9:30 Rosary (AS)
10:00am (AS) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday *Advent Feria* 1st December
9:30 Rosary (STA)
10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday *Advent Feria* 2nd December
9:30 Rosary (AS)
10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday *Memoria: St Francis Xavier* 3rd December
9:30 Rosary (STA)
10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *Advent Feria* 4th December
9:30am (STA) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00-10:30am Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5th December
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
2021
2023

For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

During Advent there will be a number of opportunities to participate in the Synodal process within the Parish. Please come along and be part of the process.

Synod Meetings for Parishioners:

**11:15am Tuesday 7th December –
At All Saints Church Meeting Room**

**7:30pm Friday 10th December –
At St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room**

**11:15am Monday 13th December –
At St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room**

Each session will focus on four key questions:

1. In your opinion, what does the Church do well?
2. What could the Church stop doing in order to focus on what really matters?
3. What is the dream for the church?

These questions are for us all to discuss and see what we want to say.

Helping us understand the Synod on Synodality

"...synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us. Ultimately, this path of walking together is the most effective way of manifesting and putting into practice the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.

The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In parishes, small Christian communities, lay movements, religious communities, and other forms of communion, women and men, young people and the elderly, we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our human efforts, breathing life and vitality into the Church and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As the Church embarks on this synodal journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on the path of becoming the Church that God calls us to be."

1.2 VADEMECUM for the Synod on Synodality.

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.

Requiescant in Pace

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

Katherine Mary Enright whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 11:00am on Tuesday 7th December.

Brian Jones whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:45pm on Wednesday 15th December.

Pasqualina Pozzuto whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1:30pm on Thursday 16th 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.

Rosary Gathering

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 8th December, 6pm. Meeting outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes (MK9 2ES)

Online Advent Retreat

Mondays through Advent starting 29th November, 7.30-8.30pm. Join Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent for an online retreat helping us to pause, reflect and encounter the Lord. Join our online community on a Monday night or watch afterwards. <https://liftupyoureyes.eventbrite.co.uk>

Five Bible Studies ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube. Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

A Performance of Handel's Messiah

At 5pm on Sunday 5th December at 'The Venue MK', Messiah will be performed by the renowned choral society MK Chorale. Joining them will be soloists from the Royal Academy of Music and a group of young singers from MK Youth Choir will also be adding their voices at stages of the performance, providing even more energy to the uplifting sound! The singers will be accompanied by a professional orchestra so a fantastically high standard and an electrifying concert can be expected. The Venue MK is an excellent auditorium with tiered rows ensuring great visibility from all seats. Tickets (£15 for adults, £5 for children) are available online:

www.thevenuemk.com/event/handels-messiah/

MK Chorale is a registered charity. CIO charity no. 1178002.

Thank You from Bella Galeno

Bella kindly thanks all those who have sent cards and assured her of prayers as she prepares to leave Bletchley to relocate in the Philippines.

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