

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
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01908 373977 www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk
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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 Immaculate Conception

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month:

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Year of St Joseph AD 2021

Liturgies this Week

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

Monday *Memoria: St Nicholas* 6th December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Feast: St Ambrose* 7th December

9:30am Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm (STA) Vigil Mass: The Immaculate Conception

Wednesday *The Immaculate Conception* 8th December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday *Advent Feria* 9th December

9:30am Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday *Memorial: Our Lady of Loreto* 10th December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *Advent Feria* 11th December

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00-10:30am Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12th 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*

With every blessing in the season of

Advent

Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel

Synod on Synodality 2021-2023

During the season of Advent there will be three opportunities for parishioners to participate in the synodal process within the Parish: Please come along and be part of the conversation.

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**

NEW: Each session will focus on one or more questions:

1. What does it mean to you to be Catholic?
2. What are some of your experiences of the Church doing something well?
3. What are some of your experiences of the Church when things have not gone well?
4. What are our dreams [hopes and aspirations] for the Church?

These questions are for us all to prayerfully ponder and discuss.

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.

Nora Celine Cattigan whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 10:00am on Friday 17th 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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

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.

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. Christmas treats welcome i.e. small packs of chocolate or sweets (chocolate oranges, matchmakers, tubes of smarties, fruit pastilles etc are perfect). Tubs or bags of Christmassy snacks like twiglets, mini cheddars or nuts. Mini versions of Christmas cakes or stollen. Crisps eg pringles. Many thanks

The Year of St Joseph

This draws to a close with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Do continue to involve the fatherly intercession of St Joseph for our parish and for the Synod on Synodality.

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve - 24th December

10:00am MASS of the Day (*not Christmas*)
St Thomas Aquinas Church

10:30 – 11:00am Confessions
St Thomas Aquinas Church

4:30pm Children's MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church

8.00pm Vigil MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church

10:00pm MASS of Christmas
St Thomas Aquinas Church

Christmas Day - 25th December



10:00am MASS of Christmas
St Thomas Aquinas Church

9:00am & 11:00am
MASS of Christmas
All Saints Church



Job Opportunity - Bishop Parker School

School Office Administrator to start *As soon as possible*

Permanent Position - 32.5 hours per week (8.30am-3.30pm)
Grade D point 8-11 £15,152 - £16,080 (depending on experience)
Term time only + some inset days

Applicants should be highly motivated, have high expectations and enjoy working in an ever changing environment.

For further details and an application form, please contact the School Office on 01908 372129. Alternatively, please e-mail the school on office@bishopparker.co.uk

Visit to the school are very welcome – please telephone to arrange an appointment.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Closing date: Wednesday 5th January AD2022

Interview: Monday 10th January AD2022