

# 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](http://www.bishopparker.co.uk)  
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, MK3 5DT  
01908 373977 [www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk](http://www.st-thomasaquinas.co.uk)  
St Paul's Secondary School MK6 5EN  
01908 669735 [www.st-pauls.org.uk](http://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*

## December: 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.

## Liturgies this Week

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Gaudete*)** 13<sup>th</sup> December

*Today we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop David to be read at all Masses*

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

### **Monday** *Memoria: St Lucy* 14<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

### **Tuesday** *Memoria: St John of the Cross* 15<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

### **Wednesday** *Advent Feria* 16<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

### **Thursday** *Advent Feria* 17<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

### **Friday** *Advent Feria "O Key"* 18<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

### **Saturday** *Advent Feria "O Emmanuel"* 19<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am (STA) Mass

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

10:00-10:30am Confessions

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Synod Meeting for Parishioners:

**11:15am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December –  
at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room**

**The 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.**

## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve - 24<sup>th</sup> December

10:00am MASS of the Day (*not Christmas*)

St Thomas Aquinas Church

10:30am – 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 - 25<sup>th</sup> December



10:00am MASS of Christmas  
St Thomas Aquinas Church

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

## Requiescant in Pace

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

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

**Pasqualina Pozzuto** whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 1:30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Nora Celine Cattigan** whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 10:00am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

*Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*

**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

## LUX Pilgrimage

A fun residential weekend for young Catholics aged 11 (Year 7) -18 years from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk (transportation included from Luton & Northampton). Please contact Fiona email [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) or visit [www.nymo.org/lux](http://www.nymo.org/lux) for more information and to book your place".

## Message from CAFOD

The pandemic has pushed more people into poverty and increased inequality. The climate crisis is getting worse and the nature and biodiversity of our common home is being destroyed. But we have an opportunity to 'build back better'. From solar lamps and energy saving stoves, to providing water for a whole community or emergency food and shelter to those facing crises, World Gifts is a way of supporting those most in need. Take a brochure from the back of church or go to [www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts)

## 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> January AD2022**

**Interview: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January AD2022**

## Job Vacancy – MK Parish Cluster

**Cook/Cleaner role – St Augustine - Part Time 20 hours per week Monday - Friday**

We are currently recruiting for a Cook in St Augustine's Presbytery, Milton Keynes and to also carry out some cleaning duties at two priest's properties nearby. For further details and an application form, please visit

<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

or email [hadmin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:hadmin@northamptondiocese.com)

**Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 –**

Interview dates to be advised

## A Message from The Diocesan Finance Team

As the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided to continue to offer a dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, we know that many people will not be returning to churches this Christmas. We also know that many people still wish to offer a gift to their priests for the sacrifices they make throughout the year. If you would like to offer a gift to your priest this Christmas, please call **01604 712065** between 9am-5pm from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 9:00am-1:00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December. A member of the team would love to hear from you.