

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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Mon-Fri 12noon -2:00pm
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Parish Safeguarding:

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Parish Safeguarding Marie 07882 713797

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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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 19th December

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday Advent Feria "O Key" 20th December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Advent Feria "O Rising sun" 21st December

9:30am Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Advent Feria "O King" 22nd December

9:30am Rosary (STA)

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday Advent Feria "O Emmauel" 23rd December

9:30am Rosary (AS)

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday Advent Feria "O Key" 24th December

10:00am (STA) Mass of Advent

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:30-11:00am Confessions

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

4:30pm (AS) Children's Vigil Mass of Christmas

8:00pm (AS) Vigil Mass of Christmas

10:00pm (STA) Mass during the night of Christmas

Christmas Day

9:00am (AS) Dawn Mass of Christmas Day

10:00am (STA) Mass of Christmas Day

11:00am (AS) Mass of Christmas Day

NB There is **NO** 6pm Mass today

SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 26th December

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

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - 24th 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 - 25th December



10:00am MASS of Christmas
St Thomas Aquinas Church

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

Children's Christmas Mass

Although the Christmas children's Mass this year won't include a nativity play children are still very welcome to Mass come dressed as nativity characters.

We also invite some of our older children to read at the Mass. If your child would like to be a reader please email your child's name, school year and your contact telephone number to:

parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

and we will get back to you.

NB The Nativity play will be replaced by a socially distanced dramatization.

New Parish Email Address

Each parish across the Diocese of Northampton has now been issued with a new email address which becomes active from 1st January 2022. This change helps reflect our common Diocesan identity as well as practically enhancing cyber security. Our new parish email is already activated and can be used as from today. Please now use:

parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

Remember to amend your email contact/address book as necessary.

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

CAFOD Update on Afghanistan

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website:

cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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

Job Opportuning – Headteacher (Luton)

St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is recruiting for a new Headteacher for **St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School in Luton**

"We are delighted to present this special opportunity to become a Headteacher in the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust. St Margaret of Scotland is a school that has been transformed in recent years and presents a fantastic opportunity for a leader who wishes to build on those successes and create a community that stretches beyond the school gates and into the hearts of families, parishes, as well as our neighbours and friends across Luton.

Our candidate pack (available on our website:

www.stcat.co.uk/careers-and-training/trust-vacancies/) offers a detailed insight into the role, together with details as to how you can apply. You will be guided and supported through the application process by our partners at Academicis. **For more information about this exciting opportunity, including arranging visits to the school and discussions with our Strategic Executive Leader, Joe Richardson, please call our recruitment partner Tracy Laverack on 07554 118 997 or 01223 907 979 or via email tlaverack@academicis.co.uk.**

Closing date for application is noon on 31 January 2022."

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 20th – Thursday 23rd and 9:00am-1:00pm on Friday 24th December. A member of the team would love to hear from you.

Christmas Collections - Gifts to your Priests

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity once again towards Fr Emmanuel and myself, in the form of the Christmas Offering. Fr Emmanuel and I divide the money, which you kindly give us, 50:50 which provides us with a modest income until Easter.