

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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4th January AD2022

Parish Safeguarding:

(CONTACTS FOR SAFEGUARDING ISSUES ONLY)

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

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

Monday Feast: *St John the Evangelist* 27th December

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Feast: *The Holy Innocents* 28th December

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Feast: *St Thomas Becket* 29th December

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday Feast: *Eighth Day of Christmas Octave* 30th December

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday Feast: *Seventh Day of Christmas Octave* 31st December

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday Solemnity: *Mary Mother of God* 1st January AD2022

9:30am (STA) Mass

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 2nd January AD2022

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*

Christmas Crib Appeal 2021/2022

Throughout Christmastide we invite you to make a donation at the Christmas Crib to help the children's arm of Missio (called "Mission Together") in support of some of the world's most deprived children. Your support this Christmastide will help many children across the world to:

~ Hear the story of Jesus and see His love for them

~ Benefit from a healthy meal

~ Receive an education, a home and safety

May all children
In all the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/>



COVID Update

We are pleased that our Churches can remain open at this time but please continue to exercise good practice to mitigate against the risk of infection. Please continue to use hand sanitiser available at the entrance to the Church. Unless you are exempt it is a legal requirement to wear a facemask in Church. Please register your attendance at Mass by either using the QR code at the entrance of the Church or by sending an email to: staq.register@gmail.com giving the date and time you attended Mass in the Parish. Please continue keep a safe distance from others where possible. If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue then please wait until end after everyone else has received in the hand. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

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 AD2022. 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.

Parish Office Holiday Closure

The Parish Office is now closed for the Christmas break and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January AD2022. For urgent matters please contact the clergy using the office number.

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

Requiescant in Pace

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

Elizabeth Crimp whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:30pm on Friday 31st December.

Patricia Teresa Riley whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:30pm on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

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

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**

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."

Christmas Collections - Gifts to your Priests

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity once again towards Fr Emmanuel and Fr Christopher, in the form of the Christmas Offering. The Clergy divide the money, which you kindly give them, 50:50 which provides them with a modest income until Easter. Thank you too for your many cards and gifts they have received.

A happy, joyful, and peaceful Christmas to you all
Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel