

The Catholic Parish of St Thomas Aquinas and All Saints, Bletchley

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4th January AD2022

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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

January: The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month:

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Liturgies this Week

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 2nd January

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday *Memoria: The Most Holy Name of Jesus* 3rd January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Christmastide Feria* 4th January

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday *Christmastide Feria* 5th January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord 6th January

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

7:00pm (STA) Mass

Friday *Christmastide Feria* 7th January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday *Christmastide Feria* 8th January

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9th January

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Here ends the Liturgical Season of Christmas

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.

New Parish Email Address

Please now use:

parish.bletchley@northamptondiocese.org

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

Parish Office Holiday Closure

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

For urgent matters please contact the clergy using the office number.

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 to **keep a safe distance** from others where possible. If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue then please wait until end after everyone else has received in the hand.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

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.



Requiescat in Pace

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

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

Epiphany House Blessing

Celebrated on or near the Solemnity of the Epiphany, (Thursday, 6th January AD 2022) it is a tradition to use blessed chalk to inscribe the entrance of one's home to ask for God's blessing upon the building, its residents and upon all visitors. As the family or an individual gathers outside in prayer it is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our lives and our home.

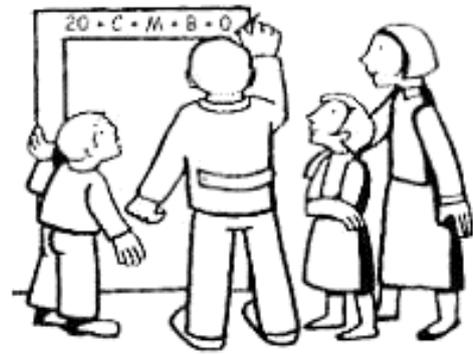
The letters C, M & B in the inscription represent the:

- Initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar.
- Abbreviated Latin phrase

Christus mansionem benedicat:

"May Christ bless this house."

In addition, the "+" signs represent the Holy Cross and 20-22 is the New Year of the Lord.



Here is a suggested liturgy that you can use for the blessing of your home:

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Leader: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader:

Let us listen attentively to Sacred Scripture (Matthew 2:1-12). When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. The prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Leader: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Using blessed chalk (which remains available from each Church) write above or near the main entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 22

You might want to optionally add three crowns above the Magi's names.

Leader: Asking for God's blessing we pray:

All: Our Father...



Leader:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Leader: As we pray that this home will be a worthy dwelling place for the Lord we seek Our Lady's motherly intercession as we pray: **All: Hail Mary...**

Leader: St Joseph. **All: Pray for us.**

[Here you can add additional saints and then end with:]

Leader: All Saints of God. **All: Pray for us.**

Every Blessing for the Season of Christmas
Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel