

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

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 IN ORDINARY TIME 16th January

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday *Memoria: St Anthony* 17th January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday *Feria* 18th January

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday *Feria* 19th January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday *Feria* 20th January

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday *Memoria: Sy Agnes* 21st January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

7:00pm (STA) Word of Life Ministry

Adoration, Praise, Sacred Teaching

Saturday *Memoria: Our Lady on Saturday* 22nd January

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd January

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*

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 contact/address book as necessary.

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 and **arrive for Mass in good time** so that you can be seated before Mass starts. 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 would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, then please wait until everyone else has received the Sacred Host in the hand. *Thank you for your help and cooperation.*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Within weeks of Jesus' Resurrection, the apostles were preaching the Gospel to people by the thousands, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Since then, Baptism has been the ordinary means of becoming a member of the Church. Think of the long line of people before you—parents, grandparents, and spiritual ancestors—who were welcomed into the Church at Baptism. Baptism is a sacrament of initiation, cleansing, strengthening, and welcoming. Baptism welcomes us into the community of Christian believers. It offers us a new life in which we become the adopted children of God, followers of Christ, and temples in which the Holy Spirit dwells. Baptism leaves a permanent spiritual mark on our soul that makes us holy and opens us to salvation and eternal life with God. Like any sacrament, Baptism makes visible an invisible reality. In other words, we use physical signs and rituals to express our experience of God and his grace in our lives.

If you have a baby for Baptism, congratulations!

If you live in the Parish of Bletchley:

At least one parent must be attending Mass each week in the Parish. You may have up to two Godparents per child, (one male and one female). Both will need to have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism AND the Sacrament of Confirmation. Both need to practice their faith and attend Mass regularly.

For those who live outside our parish boundaries, we will happily baptise your baby if you attend Mass in Bletchley every weekend. If not, please contact your own parish priest.

Any child **over the age of seven years** will need to join our First Holy Communion programme in September and will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during their formation.

If you are an **Adult seeking Baptism or Confirmation**, please attend the Journey in Faith course beginning in September, which is a course of instruction for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith, perhaps with an aim of joining.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on Monday 7th February, 7:00pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children.

The Word of Life Team...

We cordially invite you to join our monthly Word of Life Ministry on Friday 21st January 2022 from 19:00 to 20:15. We welcome people to join us in person at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Bletchley or online via:

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/emmanuel.Okami

WOLM website:

www.wolmiltonkeynes.com

Please join us for adoration, worship, teaching and prayer.

Coordinator: Fr Emmanuel Okami

If you need help...call the SVP

The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Our 10,000 members, motivated by their faith, visit vulnerable or isolated people across England and Wales and offer them friendship and practical support. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift. Throughout England and Wales, in their local communities, our volunteer members work in varied ways to give people a sense of belonging. As well as offering friendship and support, our members give practical help such as food, clothes, furniture or financial help when this is needed. We visit and help anyone in need. We have strict safeguarding policies and procedures and all visiting members must hold a DBS certificate. We are very blessed to have a Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) conference in our parish. If you or someone you know would benefit from their support please make contact by calling **07788796378**.

St Vincent de Paul: Pray for us!

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam: Pray for us!

Unwanted Christmas Gifts?

Please donate any unwanted Christmas gifts to CAFOD for the next £ stall. There is a marked box in each Church. Thank you.

Catholic School Admissions 2023

If you will be applying for a place in any Catholic School for September 2023, please make yourself known to our Parish Priest, Fr Christopher, after Mass over the coming months.

Please note that a Certificate of Catholic Practice (which needs to be submitted to the School, along with a copy of your child's Holy Baptism Certificate and supplementary form) will be completed by the Parish from September 2022 (but not before please). The relevant form can be downloaded from the websites of both our Parish Schools. If you participate in Mass with your child each Sunday Fr Christopher will gladly be able to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Crib Appeal - Thank You

Our Parish Christmas Crib appeal raised £763.20 for Mission Together, (the children's arm of Missio) in support of some of the world's most deprived children. Thank you for your support!

Every Blessing for the week ahead,

Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel