

# 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*

## March: The Month of St Joseph

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month:**

**A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges**

*We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

## Liturgies this Week

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** 20<sup>th</sup> March

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

9:00am (AS) MASS

11:00am (AS) MASS

6:30pm (AS) MASS

**Monday** *Feria* 21<sup>st</sup> March

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Tuesday** *Feria* 22<sup>nd</sup> March

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Wednesday** *Feria* 23<sup>rd</sup> March

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS *followed by stations of the Cross*

**Thursday** *Feria* 24<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

**Friday** *Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord* 25<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

2:00pm (AS) Stations of the Cross

7:00pm (STA) Stations of the Cross

**Saturday** *Feria* 26<sup>th</sup> March

9:30am (STA) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

**Laetare / FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** 27<sup>th</sup> March

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

## If you need help...call the SVP

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**.

## Emergency Ukraine Appeal

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is despatching €1m (more than £830,000) in emergency help for Church communities responding to the desperate crisis unfolding in Ukraine following the Russian invasion. Bishops, Priests and Religious Sisters across Ukraine are helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities as displaced families take shelter in the basements and other underground shelters of Churches, parish halls and other religious buildings.



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN INTERNATIONAL

Please pray for Ukraine. To support the ACN Ukraine emergency appeal, visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

## Next Weekend there will be a retiring collection for the ACN Emergency Ukraine Appeal.

### Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace, your prophet Isaiah promised swords would be turned into ploughshares, and your Son's mother, Mary, proclaimed the mighty would be put down and the humble exalted:

visit the people of Ukraine; deliver them from fear, violence, attack, injury, destruction, death; and give them courage, solidarity and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.

Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict, restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord, who went to his death because of our hatred, and rose again because our hatred is never stronger than your indomitable love.

Amen.

*A prayer from Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, UK*



### Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Maddalena Distazio**, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12noon on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Please pray also for **Bridget Shockledge** and **Michael Hawes** whose funeral liturgies took place last week.

*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*

### Lent Devotion: Stations of the Cross

*During Lent Stations of the Cross takes place on:*

Wednesdays	10:30am	St Thomas Aquinas Church
Fridays	2:00pm	All Saints Church
	7:00pm	St Thomas Aquinas Church

### Last Week's Collection for CAFOD Raised:

**£ 1762.56**

*Thank you for your outstanding kindness and generosity.*

## Family Fast Day Walk Against Hunger

Join Fr Emmanuel and other parishioners on our Walk Against Hunger on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 2pm from All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Bletchley. Sponsor the walkers at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-bletchley-parishes> With each small step, we can make BIG things happen. Training in farming, nutrition and health care will empower women and help their families live free from hunger.

## Ordination & First Mass: Deacon Liam Castle



Deacon Liam will be ordained Priest at our Cathedral Church in Northampton on the Solemnity of The Annunciation, **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am**. *All welcome. There are no refreshments.*

On **Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**, The Rev'd Liam Castle will offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for the first time at St Philip and St James Church (Bedford, MK41 7BX) at 10:15am. This is followed by lunch in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross Church (Bedford, MK41 0DP). **All are invited to the celebrations**. If you would like to attend the reception in Holy Cross Church, please telephone Sheila ASAP: (01234) 353116.

**Please pray for those who are to be ordained Priest:** Deacon Liam (see above) and Deacon Jithu James (27<sup>th</sup> June).

### Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord, 25<sup>th</sup> March

- 1) It is customary to genuflect at "by the power...and was made man" in the Creed, just as we do at Christmas.
- 2) Is not a day of fasting and abstinence (from eating meat).
- 3) Rosary Gathering on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at the *Angelus* time of 6:00pm outside of Christ the Cornerstone Church, 300 Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes (MK9 2ES). All are Welcome.

### Divine Mercy Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

Unfortunately, due to pre-arranged liturgical celebrations and commitments, it will not be possible to hold our normal 'Divine Mercy Liturgy' on Divine Mercy Sunday this year. However, you are cordially invited to participate in a special liturgy at 2:30pm in Holy Cross Church, Bedford (MK41 0DP); this will include Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet (with the Sacrament of Confession). It will be possible, if one also participates in the Sacrifice of the Mass, to obtain the indulgence associated with Divine Mercy Sunday.

### MASS of Commissioning...

For Parish Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1:00pm at  
St Thomas Aquinas Church**

If you exercise one or more of these ministries in our parish then we invite you to join with those to be newly Commissioned to renew and dedicate your commitment to God at this special Mass.

Every Blessing for the Lenten week ahead,  
**Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel**