

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

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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

April: The Month of Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month: **Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Liturgies this Week

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 3rd April

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

9:00am (AS) MASS

11:00am (AS) MASS

6:30pm (AS) MASS

Monday Feria 4th April

There is NO Mass in the Parish today

Tuesday Feria 5th April

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Feria 6th April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

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

Thursday Feria 7th April

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

Friday Feria 8th April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

2:00pm (AS) Stations of the Cross

7:00pm (STA) Stations of the Cross

Saturday Feria 9th April

9:30am (STA) MASS

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

PALM SUNDAY (The First Day of Holy Week) 10th April

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

CHINESE MASS

The Chinese Community in Milton Keynes will be holding their second Mass in Milton Keynes on **Saturday 9th April at St Mary's Church in Woburn Sands.**

Programme for the Day: 1:30pm Stations of the Cross
2:30pm Mass
3:30pm Tea

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Sharon Guina, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1:00pm on Wednesday 6th April.

Michelle Lisa James, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1:30pm on Thursday 7th April.

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

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents who are requesting Baptism for their children will be at 7pm on Monday 4th April at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents / guardians only, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate young children.

Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM Liturgies 2022

Holy Thursday - 14th April

11:00am Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral

7.30pm Mass of The Lord's Supper (STA)

Good Friday - 15th April

3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (STA)

3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (AS)

7:30pm Stations of the Cross (AS)

Holy Saturday - 16th April

[NO 9:30am Mass]

10:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets (STA)

10:45-11:30am Confessions (STA)

[NO 6:00pm Mass]

8:00pm EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION (AS)

Easter Sunday – 17th April

9.00am Mass of Easter Sunday (AS)

10:00am Mass of Easter Sunday (STA)

11:00am Mass of Easter Sunday (AS)

6:30pm Mass of Easter Sunday (AS)

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Divine Mercy Sunday, 24th 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.

Lifeteen Summer Camp A five day Summer Camp of fun activities where young Catholics aged 12-18 gain formation and friendship is to run from Sunday 24th July from 3pm to Thursday 28th July 2022 till 2pm at Alton Castle, Staffs, costing £225 for camping (to provide own tent) or £295 for dormitory. Non-refundable deposit of £50 when booking. Final payment by 1st July. Travel is provided (a donation of £20 towards the cost is suggested but not essential) and pick up points within the diocese will be advised closer to the time. Included in the price is accommodation, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers

Theme Park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, campfires and more. For more information go to the booking page visit: www.nymo.org/summercamp.

Called & Equipped:

What is God calling you to do next?

Have you found the events of the last year or two have caused you to ask questions about your faith? Is this the moment to really go deeper with God? Called & Equipped is a year-long programme offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. Find out more here:

<https://pastoralministryoffice.org/called/>

Register for webinar 6th April, 7.30pm

here: https://calledequipped_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk.

Job Opportunity in the Diocese

Choral Director, 2 year fixed term contract

We are currently looking to recruit an outstanding Choral Director to help deliver the work of a new Singing Programme in diocesan schools, including in-class singing sessions, and both establishing and directing after-school choirs. The Singing Programme forms part of the National Schools Singing Programme, founded, and supported by the Hamish Ogston Foundation. The salary of this post has been funded for the first two years. The Choral Director will also work closely with others to contribute to the vision for liturgical music across the Diocese with particular emphasis on the Cathedral located in Northampton. For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Collette Curtis, Director of School Development via email on collette.curtis@northamptondiocese.org Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> **The closing date for applications is Tuesday 19th April. Interviews will take place on week commencing 25th April.**

Diocesan Healing Garden

As part of our diocese desire to reach out to all those who have suffered any kind of abuse within our Church, you are all invited to join Bishop David at the opening of our Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral at 3:00pm on Sunday 15th May. We hope that the garden will be a place that provides spiritual and emotional calming relief, reduce stress and anxiety and improve a person's sense of well-being and hopefulness. The garden has been designed and created by our diocesan safeguarding team, the healing and reconciliation group and the Hope Centre.

Why We Veil Images in Lent

Monsignor Elliott remarks, "The custom of veiling crosses and images...has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption." The historical origin of 'veiling' possibly derives from a ninth century German practice of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. The rule of limiting this veiling to Passiontide (that is, the final two weeks of Lent) is of seventh century origin; following the Second Vatican Council (AD 1962 to 1965) the veiling of crucifixes and images became optional.

Ukraine Appeal Last week's second collection for Aid to the Church in Need emergency appeal raised £1,610.00. Thank you for your generosity. *Please pray for Ukraine.*

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