

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

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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*

## 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 for

### Holy Week & The Easter Triduum

**PALM SUNDAY** (The First Day of Holy Week) 10<sup>th</sup> April

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

9:00am (AS) MASS

11:00am (AS) MASS

6:30pm (AS) MASS

**Holy Monday** 11<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Holy Tuesday** 12<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

6:30pm (AS) Confessions

**Holy Wednesday** 13<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

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

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

14<sup>th</sup> April

**\*\*There is NO 10:00am Mass Today**

11:00am Chrism MASS *at Northampton Cathedral*

7:30pm (STA) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*followed by the watch until 10:00pm*

**GOOD FRIDAY** 15<sup>th</sup> April

3:00pm (STA) SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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7:30pm (AS) Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY** 16<sup>th</sup> April

**\*\*There is NO 9:30am Mass Today**

10:00am (STA) Blessing of Easter Baskets

10:45-11:30am (STA) Sacrament of Confession

**\*\*There is NO 6:00pm Vigil Mass Today**

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

**EASTER SUNDAY** 17<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am (AS) Mass of Easter Sunday

10:00am (STA) Mass of Easter Sunday

11:00am (AS) Mass of Easter Sunday

6:30pm (AS) Mass of Easter Sunday

**STA:** St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE

**AS:** All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

## **Please Collect a Palm Cross...**

...from the back of Church for today's Mass in which we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Many of you like to take a Palm Cross for family members and friends who are ill and thus unable to come to Mass; you are very welcome to do this, however, we only have a limited number so please ensure there is enough left for everyone.

## **Coffee today after the 11:00am Mass**

Please join us after the 11am Mass for refreshments served by members of the Society of St Theresa of the Child Jesus Ghanaian Society

## **Opportunities to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confession before Easter:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm All Saints Church

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 10:45am St Thomas Aquinas Church

## **Readers, Servers, and Volunteers Needed....**

For Maundy Thursday; Good Friday and the Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please see sign up sheets at the back of church. If you would like to have your foot washed at the 7:30pm Mass on Holy Thursday please sign up for that too.

## **Word of Life**

There will be no Word of Life Ministry in April as the 3rd Friday falls on Good Friday. We welcome you to the next Word of Life session on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm** in St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

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

Unfortunately, due to Baptisms taking place on this day it will not be possible to hold our normal 'Divine Mercy Liturgy'. However, you are cordially invited to participate in either of the two gatherings which will include Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and the Sacrament of Confession. Refreshments follow in both venues.

- 2:45pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (St Paul's School Campus), Moorgate, Leadenhall (MK6 5EN).

- 2:30pm in Holy Cross Church, Bedford (MK41 0DP).

It will be possible, if one also participates in the Sacrifice of the Mass, to obtain the indulgence associated with Divine Mercy Sunday.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm

here: [https://calledequipped\\_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk](https://calledequipped_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk).

## **Job Opportunities in the Diocese:**

### **Deputy Director of Schools**

We are currently recruiting for a Deputy Director of Schools to work constructively and positively with the Director of Schools to shape the strategic direction of the Education Service.

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> or via email [hadmin@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:hadmin@northamptondiocese.com)

*The closing date for applications is Tuesday 3rd May 2022.*

*Interviews will take place the week beginning 9th May 2022.*

## **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](mailto: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.*

## **Good Friday Collection**

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken in Catholic Churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land who have the unique responsibility of maintaining the Holy Places and preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Please be generous in supporting this important service to the universal Church. The offerings collected by the parishes across the world are sent by the Commissars of the Holy Land to the Custody of the Holy Land. Because of the pandemic and the multi-faceted challenges it entails, the Holy Land has also been affected with the lack of pilgrims and the lack of jobs to local Christians, among other things. Nonetheless, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land has continued in its mission of service it has been entrusted. Prayers have been intensified for the whole world at the Holy Sepulchre, in Gethsemane, in Bethlehem, in Nazareth and in the other shrines. Moreover, in the parishes, the Franciscans continue to take care of Arabic, Hebrew and Greek-speaking Christians, migrant workers and refugees. In fact, through the Terra Sancta Schools, around ten thousand children, teenagers and young people are able to benefit from a good education. In light of the situation, the Custos appeals for generosity from Christians all over the world. Please help again this year, according to your possibilities, according to the generosity of your heart, so that we can continue to help those in need.

## **Easter Offering for Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel**

Christmas and Easter Masses are the two occasions in the year where the collection goes to provide a modest income for the parish clergy. Fr Christopher and Fr Emmanuel share the money 50:50 which helps towards with the running of their cars and enables to take them a short holiday each year. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

**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. For more information go to the booking page visit: [www.nymo.org/summercamp](http://www.nymo.org/summercamp).