

# 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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*Parish Safeguarding:*

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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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**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 The 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 EASTER WEEK

**EASTER SUNDAY (The Final Day of Holy Week)** 17<sup>th</sup> April

8:00pm (STA) [Saturday] Easter Vigil

9:00am (AS) MASS

10:00am (STA) MASS

11:00am (AS) MASS

6:30pm (AS) MASS

**Easter Monday (Easter Octave)** 18<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Easter Tuesday (Easter Octave)** 19<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Easter Wednesday (Easter Octave)** 20<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

**Easter Thursday (Easter Octave)** 21<sup>st</sup> April

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) MASS

**Easter Friday (Easter Octave)** 22<sup>nd</sup> April

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) MASS

**Easter Saturday (Easter Octave)** 23<sup>rd</sup> April

9:30am (STA) MASS

*followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Sacrament of Confession

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**Easter Sunday** is the daytime celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The congregation is jubilant over the risen Christ and the triumph of His most Holy Cross. The church building is richly decorated with flowers and candles and the vestments are often gold in colour. The *Gloria* (Glory to God) and the Gospel Acclamation of "Alleluia" are restored. The Creed is often replaced with the renewal of baptismal promises and the sprinkling of Holy Water. As at the Easter Vigil notice how the Paschal Candle is decorated with five grains of incense (often in wax or brass studs) to represent the five wounds of Jesus: the three nails that pierced His hands and feet, the spear thrust into His side, and the thorns that crowned His head.

**The Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday)** brings to a spectacular end our weeks of fasting and self-denial. This day ranks first because our Catholic Faith hinges on it: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:17). In this firm conviction the Church rejoices with all the energy she can muster and declares: **Alleluia!** The Easter Vigil begins with the Service of Light, the lighting of the new Paschal Candle and the singing of the Easter Proclamation: the *Exsultet*. Then after an extended Liturgy of the Word, the Easter Vigil continues with the Liturgy of Baptism during which the Litany of Saints is sung, the water of the font is blessed, baptismal promises are made and candidates are Baptised (and adults Confirmed). The Easter Vigil concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist which should be offered with true glorious splendour and majesty.

### Good Friday Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this. This universal collection of the Church supports the work of the Franciscans who have the unique responsibility of maintaining the Holy Places and preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

### 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!

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

Unfortunately, due to parish Baptisms it will not be possible to hold our normal 'Divine Mercy Liturgy'. However, you are 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 ODP).

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

### Prayers for Fr Emmanuel – Annual Leave

Please keep Fr Emmanuel in your prayers as he travels for a visit to Nigeria on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** to reunite with family and friends. Fr Emmanuel will be away until **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Word of Life Ministry

The next session is on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm** in St Thomas Aquinas Church. Please pray for this apostolate. All welcome!

## 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/>

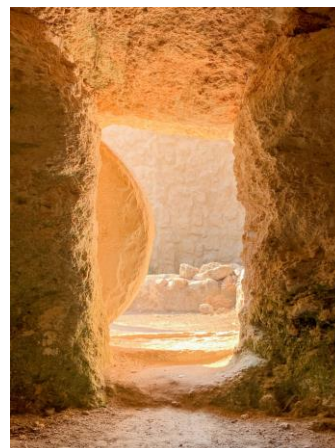
*The closing date for applications is Tuesday 19th April.*

*Interviews will take place on week commencing 25th April.*

**Lifeteen Summer Camp** A five-day Summer Camp of fun activities where young Catholics aged 12-18 years gain formation and friendship is to run from Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July from 3:00pm to Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 till 2:00pm at Alton Castle, Staffs, costing £225 for camping (with own tent) or £295 for dormitory. Details here: [www.nymo.org/summercamp](http://www.nymo.org/summercamp)

### Quarant'ore ('Forty Hours')

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May a half-day session is being offered exploring the background, history and spirituality of the Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration devotion. Organised and led by Canon John Udris and Alex Heath it will run from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Mass is at 10.15am. Venue: Holy Cross Church, Bedford (MK41 ODP). There is no charge for the event. Please bring a packed lunch and refreshments are provided. To book your place contact Maria (Tuesday only by telephone): 01234 353116 / [parish.ssphilipandjames@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.ssphilipandjames@northamptondiocese.org)



**Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

With every blessing this Easter Week,  
**Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel**