

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

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

May: The Month of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month:

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Liturgies this Week

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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22nd May

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday Eastertide Feria 23rd May

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Eastertide Feria 24th May

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday St Bede the Venerable 25th May

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Thursday The Ascension of the Lord 26th May

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass ←

7:00pm (AS) Mass ←

Friday St Augustine, Apostle of England 27th May

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday Eastertide Feria 28th May

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 29th May

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

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**.

The *Regina Caeli* (said before the Vigil Mass)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
for he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!
has risen as he said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The *Regina Caeli* replaces the Angelus in the Easter Season)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Clair Walker, whose Funeral Service will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 11:30am on Friday, 27th May.

Sheila Curtis, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 1:30pm on Monday, 30th May.
Sheila's body will received into Church at 4:00pm on Sunday 29th May.

Mary Sommariva, whose Funeral Mass will be at All Saints Church, 1:30pm on Tuesday, 7th June.

**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**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

There will be a coffee and cake morning for the Queen's Jubilee (including a raffle and tombola) on Thursday, 2nd June at All Saints Church from 10:30am to 1:00pm. All Are welcome: bring your friends!



The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty celebrates the seventieth anniversary of her accession to the throne (6th February 1952). The Bishops' Conference have asked that at all Sunday Masses on 4th/5th June we pray for the Queen in the Intercessions and by reciting 'The Prayer for the Queen'. Parishes may also sing the *Domine, salvum fac* and/or the National Anthem.

Safeguarding Page

This area of the parish website provides information on upcoming events, access to support and training opportunities (which is open to all and is often online). Please take a look.

The Solemnity of the Ascension, 26th May:

Please note the times of Mass for this Holy Day -

- 10:00am – All Saints Church
- 7:00pm – All Saints Church

The Solemnity of Pentecost: Sunday, 5th May

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Ireland, 25th July 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Luton or Stansted with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport,

Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. *Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.*

****NB. This pilgrimage is not organised by the Parish and the Parish takes no responsibility for it.**

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

"A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives."

Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference, Friday 6 May 2022

With every blessing this Easter Season
Fr Christopher & Fr Emmanuel