

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
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

January: The Holy Name of Jesus

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month:

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Liturgies this Week

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 22nd January

Sunday of the Word of God

To mark this day the Book of the Gospels will be enthroned at each Mass

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

9:00am (AS) Mass

11:00am (AS) Mass

6:30pm (AS) Mass

Monday Feria 23rd January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday Memoria: St Francis de Sales 24th January

9:30am (AS) Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday Feast: Conversion of St Paul 25th January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

followed by The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Thursday Memoria: Ss Timothy & Titus 26th January

9:30am (AS) Confessions & Rosary

10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday Feria 27th January

9:30am (STA) Rosary

10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday Parish Solemnity: ST THOMAS AQUINAS 28th January

9:30am (STA) Mass

followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:30am (STA) Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 29th January

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

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 Angelus (said before the Vigil Mass)

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray (said by the Priest only):

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross † be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Eamon Patrick Gaughan, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 3:30pm on Monday 23rd January.

Libera Greco, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12 noon on Friday 27th December

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



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

The SPUC White Flower Appeal last weekend raised: **£773.03** Thank you for your support and generosity

Second Collection Next Weekend: Church Heating

All of us are experiencing a massive increase in our heating bills and the church is not exempt. The churches are charged monthly for our utilities. The Gas bill for the month of December totalled **£3,222.93** for All Saints Church and **£1,457.02** for St Thomas Aquinas Church giving us a combined total of **£5,182.70** compared to £700 for December 2021! The Electricity cost for All Saints was **£328.97** and for St Thomas Aquinas Church was **£173.31**. Since October we have drastically reduced the length of time we are heating the churches for and on bright days the lighting remains off. Utility bills on this scale are a huge drain on our diminished resources and **we need your help!** Next weekend we will have a **second collection to help mitigate the cost of heat and power.**

However, if you are in a position to be able to increase your giving to the Church each week this will enable us to cover the costs more easily while we also look at ways to practically reduce our expenditure. **Thank you for your support.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th to 25th January – please continue hold in prayer to Jesus Christ, truly present in the Tabernacle, our brothers and sisters in the Christian communities of Milton Keynes as we seek to

place Christ at the centre of all we do and at the centre of the life of our city. A full list of ecumenical events for the week of prayer for Christian Unity can be found on our website: www.catholic-bletchely.org

Tuesday Devotions at All Saints Church

From Tuesday 7th February and every Tuesday following there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the **10:00am** Mass until **7:00pm** concluding with Benediction.



Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is not only a very old devotion in our Church, but one that highlights the fundamental mystery of the Holy Eucharist – that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen

our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. In his letter to priests, *Dominicae cenae*, Pope John Paul II wrote, “Since the Eucharistic mystery was instituted out of love, and makes Christ sacramentally present, it is worthy of thanksgiving and worship. This is something that our own Bishop has emphasised and is encouraging all parishes in the diocese to undertake. Each week there will be a different prayer intention and there will be a group of dedicated parishioners who will ensure that there is always someone in the church present with Jesus in the Sacrament. So on a Tuesday beginning in February please call into the church even for just five minutes to spend some time in Silent prayer before our Lord.

Retrouaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443** or email retrouailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouaille.org.uk



Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Please donate any unwanted Christmas gifts to CAFOD for re sale -there is a box beside the CAFOD notice board at All Saints and at the back of St Thomas Aquinas. Many thanks

Every Blessing for the week ahead
Fr Christopher & Fr Jithu