

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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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 The Holy Spirit

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for April:

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Liturgies this Week

STA: St Thomas Aquinas Church, Sycamore Avenue, MK2 2JE
AS: All Saints Church, Shenley Road, MK3 6HG

Eater Vigil (Saturday 8th April)
8:30pm (AS) EASTER VIGIL OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY 9th April
9.00am (AS) Mass of Easter Sunday
10:00am (STA) Mass of Easter Sunday
11:00am (AS) Mass of Easter Sunday
***There is **NO** 6:30pm Mass Today*

Monday of the Easter Octave 10th April
9:30am (STA) Rosary
10:00am (STA) Mass
followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday of the Easter Octave 11th April
9:30am (AS) Rosary
10:00am (AS) Mass
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00pm

Wednesday of the Easter Octave 12th April
9:30am (STA) Rosary
10:00am (STA) Mass
followed by The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Thursday of the Easter Octave 13th April
9:30am (AS) Confessions & Rosary
10:00am (AS) Mass

Friday of the Easter Octave 14th April
9:30am (STA) Rosary
10:00am (STA) Mass

Saturday of the Easter Octave 15th April
9:30am (STA) Mass
Followed by Adoration and devotions
10:00am – 10:30am (STA) Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 16th April
Divine Mercy Sunday [Saturday]
6:00pm (STA) Vigil Mass of Sunday
9:00am (AS) Mass
11:00am (AS) Mass
3:00pm (STA) Divine Mercy Devotions
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 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.

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.

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 Jithu

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 Jithu 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!

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Dawn Roffey, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 2:00pm on Tuesday 18th April.

Junior Scott, whose Funeral Service will be at Crownhill Crematorium, 12:15pm on Friday 28th 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

CAFOD Walk

This Lent you can help families around the world to cope with the climate crisis. Challenge yourself and gain sponsorship or sponsor Fr Jithu on a 5k walk around Caldecott Lake on Saturday 15th April starting at 2:00pm.

Go to <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bletchley-parish-2023?newPage=true> to donate or use the CAFOD box in church. **Hope to see you there!**

Divine Mercy Feast Day

– next weekend

SUNDAY 16th APRIL at St

Thomas Aquinas Church

Confessions from 2:30 pm

Devotions 3:00 – 4:00 pm



NYMO: Summer Camp Is Back!!

Summer Camp 2023 promises to be the "Best Camp Ever"! With so much going on there is never a dull moment. Highlights include;

Biking, trekking, climbing, fires, arts, music, prayer, Mass, Reconciliation, Alton

Towers, a mystery day out, Archery, and much more awaits as we spend the week in a Castle in Staffordshire.

Places are truly limited, and this popular event gets sold out in weeks. Please **DO NOT MISS OUT!** (A waiting list will be set up if places sell out)

Date : 13th – 17th August. We kick off at 3pm on the 13th and conclude at 2pm on the 17th

Cost: Camping – £225 (must provide your own tent) – Dormitory – £295 (including £50 deposit)

Age: 12-18 yrs

Where: Alton Castle, Staffordshire, ST10 4TT

For more details and booking information:

<https://nymo.org/summercamp/>

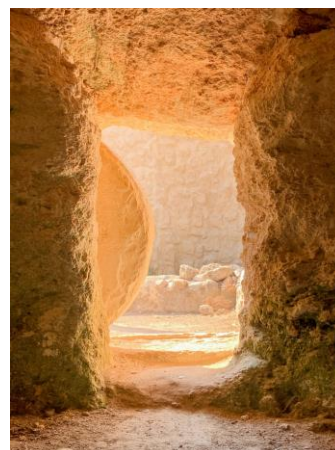
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 10th June 2023 £15 per person. Coach leaving All Saints Church, Bletchley at 8:00am
Departing from Walsingham at 5:00pm.

Please book through the Parish Office.

Thank you!

Many thanks to our small army of volunteers who have helped prepare for and taken part in the Easter Celebrations. We are indebted to our musicians, servers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, cleaners, launderers, flower arrangers, parish welcomers,



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

With every blessing this Easter Week,
Fr Christopher & Fr Jithu