

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

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

6th/7th April 2024

Home Visits

Do you have a loved one confined to home or care home who can no longer attend Mass? Would he/she like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from the Legion of Mary? If so, please contact Maggie on 01908 563277.

Liturgies this Week

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

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

In Hospital?

Contact MK University Hospital Chaplaincy on 01908 996061.

Please inform them that you are a Catholic.

Saturday 6th April (Vigil)

STA	9.30am	Dr Catriona Routley, RIP
AS	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls

Sunday 7th April 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

AS	9.00am	Martene Coe, Int.
AS	11.00am	Deceased Members of the Harris Family, RIP; Freddie Jackson, RIP; Vanessa Cox, RIP
AS	3.05pm	Lauchlan McShefferty, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 8th April THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

STA	10.00am	Mr Aaseervatham, Anni RIP; Andrew Chrysostom, RIP
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Tuesday 9th April FERIA

AS	10.00am	Maria Lawrence, 10 th Anniv RIP
STA	7.00pm	Whittaker Family, Int.

Wednesday 10th April FERIA

STA	10.00am	Maria Lawrence, Anniv RIP; Joseph Lawrence, RIP
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Thursday 11th April St Stanislaus

AS	10.00am	Margaret McQuaid, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Sadie Murphy, RIP

Friday 12th April FERIA

STA	10.00am	Jackie & Colin Pearce, 25th Wedding Anniv; Charlie Green, B'day Int.
STA	12.30pm	Requiem: Vito Colucci, RIP

Saturday 13th April FERIA

STA	12 noon	Fr Jithu, Int.
STA	6.00pm	Johnny Peterson, RIP; Peterson Family, Thanksgiving; for the Priests

Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Pro Populo
AS	11.00am	Giorgio Martuccio, Anniv RIP; Teresa Martuccio, RIP; Libera Martuccio, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Anna Rose O'Reilly, Anniv RIP; Michael Joe O'Reilly, RIP; Alice Folom, Anniv RIP

The Holy Rosary: Daily, 30mins before morning Mass, Monday to Friday; Saturdays, after 9.30am Mass

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

If you need help...call the SVP

If you or someone you know would benefit from their support, please make contact by calling **07788796378**.

If you want to make a financial donation to the work of the SVP via Bank Transfer, please use the following details: -

Account Name: **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Sort Code: **60-60-04** Account No: **46084789**

Regina Caeli (said before the Vigil Mass)

(This replaces the Angelus during Eastertide)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he, whom you did merit 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 is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays: After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

Tuesdays: After 10.00am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (AS);

Saturdays: After 9.30am Mass, Benediction at 11.00am (STA)

Time spent before the Blessed Sacrament in the best time you will spend on earth. (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Confessions

Thursdays: 9.30am, (AS)

Saturdays: 10.00am to 11.00am (STA); and at call.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Vito Colucci whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 12:30pm on Friday 12th April.

Domenico Cerrone, whose Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 10:00am on Friday 26th 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

Bereavement Support Group

Do you miss someone? Would you like to talk about it? Our Parish Bereavement Group gives you the safe space to share your grief following the loss of a loved one. We listen and talk about those who are gone and reflect on our faith to guide us through. All welcome.

2:00pm-3:30pm St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room

Future Dates; 8th April, 13th May, 3th June, 8th July.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 8th April** from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Youth Group is for children in years 4,5 & 6 at St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room. All Welcome.

Junior Youth Group is held on 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

Bletchley Parish Youth Group for ages 11+

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 27th April** from 2pm to 3pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room. Come along for games, activities, music, movies, art, fun learning about Jesus, snacks and much more. All welcome.

Youth Group is always held on 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month.

Farewell to Fr Jithu

After almost eighteen months of serving in the parish, Bishop David has asked Fr. Jithu to take up a new appointment as an assistant priest in the parish of St Peter's, Marlow from the middle of April. We thank Fr. Jithu for his hard work, love and for everything he has contributed to the Catholic life in Bletchley during his time with us. As he prepares to leave for Marlow our thoughts and prayers are with him as he takes the next step in his priestly life.

There will be a **Mass at 12 noon NEXT Saturday 13th April at St Thomas Aquinas Church** for Fr Jithu; this will be an opportunity to say farewell and to wish him well as he takes up his new appointment. (Please note there will be NO 9.30am Mass or Confessions NEXT Saturday).

A collection is being organised by parishioners towards a leaving gift for Fr Jithu; envelopes are available at the back of church.

Half Marathon for CAFOD

On **April 7th** Sinead Callaghan will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon for CAFOD. Sinead writes "Working for CAFOD, I have seen their work first hand and the incredible difference it makes to the most vulnerable families around the world. Having never run a half marathon (or more than 5k) I've set myself this challenge to support the work of this excellent organisation to continue the great work we do around the world." Sponsorship forms will be available at all the Masses this weekend or go to her JustGiving page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sinead-callaghan1>

Rosary Gathering

On Monday 8th April 6.00pm at Christ the Cornerstone Church there will be a gathering to pray Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Come and join us.

Hymn at 9am Mass

Jesus, I trust in you
and in divine mercy
Jesus I trust in you
Flowing from your heart of love

From the blood and the water
flowing forth from your pierced side.
Fully divine and ever human,
Jesus, I trust in you.

For the sake of your sorrowful passion;
Have mercy on us.

For the sake of your sorrowful passion;
have mercy on the whole world.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy instituted by Pope St John Paul II as "a day of graces for sinners" restating Our Lord's promise of "complete forgiveness of sins and any punishment due." The message of the Divine Mercy is simple: it is that GOD LOVES US ALL, and He wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins. If we call upon Him in trust and receive His mercy, then it can flow through us to others, so that all people will come to share His joy. Divine Mercy Devotions will be celebrated in **All Saints Church THIS SUNDAY, 7th April**.

A simple way to remember the Divine Mercy message is ABC:
A – Ask for Mercy; B – Be merciful; C – Completely trust in Jesus

1.30 to 2.30pm Confessions & Exposition

2pm to 3pm Devotions

3pm Prayer followed by Mass.

Urgent Message from Aid to the Church in Need

A message from Aid to the Church in Need - please hear the cry of our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine. There are brochures at the back of church or go to acnuk.org.uk for more information on ways in which we can help support them.

New Offertory Envelopes

New sets of Offertory envelopes are available for collection. If you have had a set before, your box is named and has the same number as last year. If you have not had a set before, but would like one, please contact Jo in the parish office by phone or email. Alternative methods of giving include Standing Order or via the DONA card machine. Thank you for your continued generous support for our parishes.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

Father Jithu and Father Gerard would like to thank you most sincerely for your cards, gifts and very generous Easter offering; and also, to thank those who helped in any way with the well-attended Holy Week and Easter liturgies which were prayerful and dignified. Special thanks to our wonderful Parish Secretary Jo Cerrone; Angela White and Maggie Osgathorp for all their invaluable help and support; our Safeguarding Representatives Marie and Andrew; Journey in Faith Leaders Brenda & Mike Tassell. Having just celebrated the most solemn week of the Church's Year we acknowledge the work of all the sacristans, catechists, readers, EMEs, musicians, singers, altar servers, children's liturgy helpers, counters and cleaners who throughout the year contribute so much to the life of our Parish.

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

John 20:29

*May the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ reign
in your hearts and in your homes this Easter Season.*

Fr Gerard & Fr Jithu