

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

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

27th/28th April 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 27th April FERIA

STA	9.30am	Gerardo Bondoc, B'day Int.; Keith Pave RIP; Manuela Redulmi, RIP
STA	6.00pm	Celestina Fernando, B'day Int.

Sunday 28th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Cella D'Souza, RIP; Legion of Mary, Int. Parishioners, Int.
AS	11.00am	Lorraine Breakspear, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

STA	10.00am	No Mass
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Tuesday 30th April FERIA

No Masses today

Wednesday 1st May St Joseph the Worker

STA	10.00am	Joseph Hevey, Int.
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Thursday 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

AS	10.00am	Cella D'Souza, RIP; Abel Carrasco, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Keenan Family, Int.

Friday 3rd May SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

STA	10.00am	Elaine Selyer, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Holy Souls

Saturday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

STA	9.30am	Private Intention
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls.

Sunday 5th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Sameya Pereira, Int.
AS	11.00am	Carmela Pozzuto, Anniv RIP; Angelo & Libera Pozzuto, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Regular Devotions

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays, 9.10am (STA)

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Combined with Eucharistic Adoration after 10.00am Mass on Mondays

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.

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

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)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Maria Magurno, whose Requiem Mass will be in St Thomas Aquinas Church, 10.00am on 10th May.

**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; 13th May, 3rd June, 8th July.

Junior Youth Group for years 4, 5 & 6

The next youth group will be on **Monday 13th May** 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 11th May** 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.

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.

Requiem Masses

Requiem Masses will now be said at 10.00am and will take the place of the regular Parish Mass; this may mean that the regular Mass schedule may alter between the two churches. If a Mass intention has been booked on a particular day and a funeral is subsequently arranged, then the Mass intention will be said privately, unless you wish to change the date, in which case please contact Jo in the Parish Office who will do her best to rearrange a convenient date for the Mass.

Wednesdays from Week Commencing 22nd April

Fr Jithu's departure this weekend means that Fr Gerard will be on his own. In order to facilitate Fr Gerard to have one day off each week, there will be no public Mass in the parish on most Wednesdays. If you have booked a Mass on a Wednesday in the coming weeks, then please know that these Masses will be said privately, however, if you wish to change the date in order to attend the Mass then please contact Jo in the Parish Office to rearrange a convenient date and time, subject to availability.

However, there will be no Masses on Tuesday of this week, but there will be Mass on Wednesday.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024

Saturday 8th June. Departs All Saints Church 8:00am *sharp!* Returns circa 8:00 pm. To book your seat please bring £17.45 (non-refundable fare) to Jo at the Parish Office or give it to Fr Gerard in an envelope clearly marked with your details and contact number.

We always have a lovely time at Walsingham 'England's Nazareth'

Foreign Change for Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a charity that works in 18 countries to feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. Mary's Meals are asking us to help them in their great work by sending them any foreign coins or notes, no matter how old or obscure, or any old UK currency that is no longer legal tender. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. Because of their low costs Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way; they can feed a child for one year for as little as £19.15! There are envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your unwanted foreign/UK coins and notes in. Thank you for your support.

Women in Ministry – The Gathering 3

Did you know that the Northampton Diocese has a Women in Ministry group? We have our own webpage:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/> and we

made a key contribution to the recent Diocesan assembly. We have been active for a number of years and want to invite the women of our Diocese to our next Gathering on **June 8th at St Mary's Woburn Sands, 10am until 4pm.** This is an opportunity to reflect on women in the Catholic Church, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod and a chance to listen, pray, share, and reflect. For more information please email helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org.

Holiday Cover

The change to one priest will mean that when Fr Gerard is away, there will be cover for the Saturday evening and all the Sunday Masses, but not during the week. If you have booked a Mass on a day when Fr Gerard is away, then please know that these Masses will be said privately, however, if you wish to change the date in order to attend the Mass then please contact Jo in the Parish Office to rearrange a convenient date and time, subject to availability.

Saturday 4 May, 11:00am-1:00pm

Join us at an online meeting with other parishioners from around the country to find out more about how your parish can reach out to local candidates and use its voice.

With over five million Catholics in the UK, the next general election is an opportunity to draw attention to the issues we care about. Go to: cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns/uk-general-election to register.

Permanent Diaconate

Fr Tony Brennan, our Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, invites men interested in finding out more about the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese to attend St Mary's Catholic Church in Dunstable on Saturday 8th June from 10 am-12noon.

Masses This Week

There will be no Mass on Monday as Fr Gerard will be MC at the cathedral for Bishop Peter Doyle's 80th Birthday Mass. No Masses on Tuesday, Fr Gerard's day off this week. There will be a 10.00am Mass on Wednesday, due to preexisting engagements in the diary.

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, which helps to support priests of the Diocese who through illness or old age are no longer able to remain in active ministry.

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

Fr Gerard