

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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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER 11th/12th May 2024

Liturgies this Week

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

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

Saturday 11th May Vigil

STA	6.00pm	Fr Gerard, Int.
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Sunday 12th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS	9.00am	Giorgio Scrocca, Anniv RIP
AS	11.00am	Bruce Wilkinson, B'day Remembrance, RIP
AS	6.30pm	Pro Populo

Monday 13th May FERIA

STA	10.00am	Beatrice & Tomi Akinde, RIP; Stanley Cooper, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Goan Community, Int.

Tuesday 14th May ST MATTHIAS APOSTLE

AS	10.00am	Margaret, Harold & Robert Sains, RIP
STA	7.00pm	Genevieve Maglunsod, B'day Int; Florita Igtos, RIP; Keith Paver, RIP

Thursday 16th May FERIA

AS	10.00am	Anthony Arokiaswamy, Anniv RIP; Pasquira Joseph, RIP
STA		No Mass

Friday 17th May FERIA

STA		No Mass
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Saturday 18th May FERIA

STA		No Mass
STA	6.00pm	Ody Kelvin Igweani, RIP; Deceased members of the Igweani & Gilmartin Family, RIP; Holy Souls

Sunday 19th May PENTECOST

AS	9.00am	Mary Curran, Birthday Anniv RIP
AS	11.00am	Giovanna Colantonio, 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.ora.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:

Mr Nicola Bonitatibus whose Requiem Mass will be in All Saints Church, 10.00am on 24th 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 25th 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.

Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting for parents/guardians who are requesting the sacrament of Baptism for their child will be at 7:00pm on **Monday 3rd June** in St Thomas Aquinas Church Meeting Room, MK2 2JE. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, unfortunately we are not able, currently, to accommodate young children. **Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.**

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; they are asking us to send them any foreign coins or notes, no matter how old or obscure, or any old UK currency that is no longer legal tender.

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.

Offertory Envelopes

Do you have box number 15? If so, please can you contact Jo at the parish office as soon as possible.

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.

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.'*

Jobs in Northampton Diocese

The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Financial Accountant and an Accounts Assistant to join their team based in Northampton. Full information for both positions and application forms can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> The closing date for applications is **Friday 17th May 2024**, however they reserve the right to close the vacancy earlier if a sufficient number of applications have been received. Interviews dates to be confirmed. Would candidates please send completed application forms to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org, together with a covering letter detailing their qualifications, experience, and why they are interested in the position.

Permanent Diaconate

Fr Tony Brennan, 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.

The Seniors' Afternoon Tea Party

On **Saturday 6th July** at St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room, from 2pm till 5pm. If you would like to attend, please complete one of the invites and place it in the box both of which you can find at the back of church. Completed forms should be received by Sunday 16th June. Please note places are limited and are filled on a first come, first served basis. For any further information or offers of help please contact Maggie on 01908 563277.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

This Monday, **13th May 2024** the Milton Keynes Goan Community will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with Mass at 7pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church. The community extends an invitation to all parishioners and Catholics of Milton Keynes to join in the celebration of Holy Mass followed by fellowship in the parish Meeting Room afterwards.

Chartres Pilgrimage

Next weekend Fr Gerard will join over 16,000 pilgrims from around the world to walk the 70 miles from Paris to Chartres over Pentecost weekend. The 'Chartres Pilgrimage,' although very demanding is a wonderfully spiritual and uplifting occasion; and on route to Chartres, Fr Gerard and his brother priests will offer Holy Mass, hear Confessions, give spiritual talks and encourage the pilgrims through prayer, silence and hymns to deepen their faith. This year the theme of the pilgrimage is "I want to see God." Do please pray for the pilgrims and be assured of their prayers for all of you. Next weekend we welcome to the parish Fr Andrew Coy and Fr Michael Chima who will say Mass.

Masses this Week and the following Week

Please be aware that with Fr Gerard being on pilgrimage this coming weekend there will be no Masses in the parish on:
Thursday 16th 7pm,
Friday 17th 10am,
Saturday 18th 9.30am (due to the First Holy Communion Masses)
Monday 20th 10am
Tuesday 21st 10am & 7pm

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

Fr Gerard