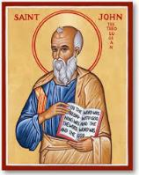




**Welcome to the Catholic Parish of
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon
& St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall**



Sunday 28 January, 2018

**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

'O that today you would listen to
his voice! Harden not your hearts.'

Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9

**Racial Justice Sunday
28, January 2018**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you all one in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:28)

Belonging: All are Welcome

Today is Racial Justice Sunday. In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination this is a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human person, the priorities of building peace, prosperity, just living for all, and the appreciation of one another.

In his message for the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018, Pope Francis says: "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." We are therefore called to open our hearts to those who are discriminated, those who are lonely, and those who are hurt and feel cut off from their communities. We invite your community not to neglect the tragedy of suffering migrants among us. "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."

In our task as Disciples of Christ, we all have a part to play. Our mandate is to make strangers feel that they belong and are welcome.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website contains updated news and information regarding Racial Justice Sunday. Please visit:

Catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2018



**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

**Offertory Collection,
Sunday 14th January 2018**

Standing Orders	£127.80
Gift Aid Envelopes	£103.00
Non-Gift Aid Envelopes	£58.50
Loose Plate	£ 182.83
TOTAL	£ 472.13

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PARISH DIARY

Date <i>(Readings & Psalter Week)</i>	Feast	Place, Time, Service M: Mildenhall; B: Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sun 28 January 2018 Readings Yr B-Ps Wk 4	4th Sunday in OT Second Collection	M: 9.00am Mass B: 11.00am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Michael Beadle RIP</i>
Wed 31 January 2018	S John Bosco P Memoria	B: 11.00am Mass	<i>Patricia Townsend RIP</i>
Thurs 01 February 2018	Feria	M: 11.00am Mass	<i>Lilian Leahy RIP</i>
Sun 04 February 2018 Readings Yr B-Ps Wk 1	5th Sunday in OT	M: 9.00am Mass B: 11.00am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Joseph & Mary Devlin RIP</i>



Retiring Collection: Today is Racial Justice Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the *Catholic Association for Racial Justice*.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence, is the start of Lent and is celebrated on Wednesday 14th February. Ashes will be distributed at both churches during the following Masses:

11.00am – St. Thomas', Brandon
7.00 pm - St. John's, Mildenhall

Lent Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be prayed at both of our churches every Friday during Lent as follows:

12 noon – St Thomas', Brandon (followed by a lunch of soup and bread roll)
12 noon – St. John's, Mildenhall

Volunteers to lead at each church are required please.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday, 23rd February. Further details to follow.



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community:

Sue & Tony Aldous, Marion Arkell, Patrick Blakey, Elizabeth Bohoni, Rose Bruton, Sonia Buonocore, Tom Blong, Philip Dean, Bev & Arnie Drill, Sheila Douglas, Clare Dower, Dorothea Edwards, Beth Fox, Patti Edmonds, Gill Foster, Bob Gormans, Yuan Rong Fen, Claire Hall, Kelly Hanson, Bridhe Heron, Irene Human, Douglas Knab, Melinda Lloyd, Emma Marshall, Gill O'Brien Chris Martindale, Mike Murray, Derek Newman, Leonora O'Hanlon, George Pearson, Rosemary Peters, Penelope Post, Neville Reeve, Blanche Richardson, Phil Richardson, Alina Siczek, Sheila Smith, Clive Townsend, Robert Williams, Philomena Wiswel

...and all those in our intercessions books

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially:

Margaret Farr, Henry Blatch, Mary Fortune, Margaret Cullen, Bruce Edwards, Elizabeth Wilson, Natalia Patynska, George Moore, Ann McDermott, John Medus,

~ Amen ~