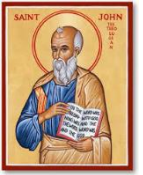




**Welcome to the Catholic Parish of
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon
& St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall**



04 – 10 February 2018

Father Dick Writes...

Lent Stations Mass – 22 February

Bishop Alan will celebrate a Station Mass at St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds, on Thursday 22nd February beginning at 7.00pm. Mass will be preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. Soup and cheese will be available after the Mass. Everyone is invited.

My Retirement

I have written to the Bishop concerning my retirement from active ministry on 31st August 2018. He has replied to say that discussions are taking place concerning future appointments vis-à-vis my successor. An announcement will be made by the end of June at the earliest. The Bishop asks for your prayers in this matter.



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.

**5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

*I am the light of the World,
says the Lord, anyone who
follows me will have the light
of life. John 8:12*



**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:**

Charlotte Blazey, Jack Duffy, Bruno Kozciewicz, Bob McGinn, Margaret Burrell, Valerie Bailey, Thomas Barry, John Gunn, Martin Cullen, Maria Willet, Barbara Zapart, Nora Ellard, Thomas Bake, Carmela Harris, Paddy Cunningham, Margaret Allen, Jamie Ollington, Philip Stebbings, Veronica Lyons, Maria Eburn, Cecil Colter, Archibald Perrin, Babara Merrills, Luke Harris, Michael O'Neill, Michelle Heuller, Margaret Weston, Elizabeth, Adams, Amelia Lolon, Ronald Farr, Eira Sius, Peter Kubiack, Mary Mills, Bridget Stewart, Elizabeth Rose, Carmaine Rousso, Charles Keatley, Mary Gregorowicz, and Gary Natella

~ Amen ~

PARISH DIARY

Date <i>(Readings & Psalter Week)</i>	Feast	Place, Time, Service M: Mildenhall; B: Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
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>
Wed 07 February 2018	Feria	B: 11.00am Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs 08 February 2018	Feria	M: 11.00am Mass	<i>Andrea Durrant</i>
Sun 11 February 2018 Readings Yr B-Ps Wk 2	6th Sunday in OT	M: 9.00am Mass B: 11.00am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Bob McGinn RIP</i>

Father Gordon Cordy: Please pray for Father Gordon Cordy who died on Sunday 21 January after a long illness. Please also pray for Mary his widow and for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May he rest in peace.

Day of Renewal: You are warmly invited to a *Day of Renewal* on Saturday 24th February, led by Gary Stephens, BDiv, full time Catholic Lay Evangelist. The day includes Holy Mass, prayer ministry and Reconciliation and is at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich NR5 9AA. Drinks provided. Pack lunch needed. For more details see poster or contact Philip on 07910157584

50/50 club: All Subscriptions are due now. Please pay Marty as soon as you can. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 23rd February 2018: CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity?

With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the back of the church.

The Special Relationship: You can't help but love the Americans....

So what if they commence their correspondence with a "Hey". Who cares if they shout, "Awesome!" when it's not? Despite the fact they start a sentence with "I gotta say..." Many of us like the Yanks. A lot. And if they speak a dialect that's somewhat hard to follow, at volumes which the English feel is tiring, heavy with portmanteau words which we find hard to swallow, much about the Yanks is worth admiring. Why argue with "staycation", "chocoholic" or "chillax"? Leave such minor quibbles on the shelf. Late for scraps they may be but they always have our backs. And wasn't Churchill half a Yank himself? It's surely to the Yanks, that this country owes its thanks. Our special friendship never was in doubt. So God bless Merriam-Webster, Beyoncé and Tom Hanks, and Hey, you guys. Let's keep reaching out! ~ From the Sunday Express 21st Jan 2018

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