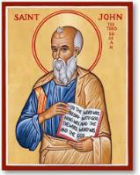




Welcome to the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon & St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall



15 – 22 April 2018

Faith

When a person knows something, really knows it, deep down in his heart, he doesn't have to argue about it or prove it. He just knows it, and that's enough. We are no longer sufficiently aware of the importance of what we cannot know intellectually, and which we must know in other ways.

We long for certainty. However, here on earth there is not absolute certainty about God and spiritual realities. We have to be content with 'seeing a dim reflection in a mirror'. We are not looking through an open door but peering through a chink. This chink is big enough to let the light in, but not so big as to eliminate the wonder and the mystery.

Too much light or too little light and we are blind. 'There is enough light for those who want to see, and enough darkness for those of contrary disposition.' (Pascal).

Rationalist approach God and religion as something that can be understood and explained; mystics approach God as something mysterious that can neither be understood nor explained but only experienced. Faith takes us where our senses cannot go. But which is the stronger: faith without doubts, or faith that contends with doubt?

~ Flor McCarthy SDB

3rd Sunday of Easter



CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Appeal:

Dear families of St. John's and St. Thomas',

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent

Many thanks,
Jo Kitterick
Head of Parish Participation and Volunteering

PARISH DIARY

<i>Date</i> (Readings & Psalter Week)	<i>Feast</i>	<i>Place, Time, Service</i> M: Mildenhall; B: Brandon	<i>Mass Intention/Details</i>
Sun 15 April 2018 Readings Yr B-Ps Wk 3	3rd Sunday of Easter	M: 9.00 am Mass B: 11.00 am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Wed 18 April 2018	Easter Feria	B: 11.00am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs 19 April 2018	Easter Feria	M: 11.00am Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 22 April 2018 Readings Yr B-Ps Wk 4	4th Sunday of Easter 2 nd collection	M: 9.00am Mass B: 11.00am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Private Intention</i>

Notes from Father Dick....

Thank you: I offer you my sincere thanks for your extreme generosity to me in the Easter collections. A big thank you also to everyone who came and celebrated the Triduum. Thanks also to everyone who contributed in any way to the beautiful and prayerful liturgy. I hope you will continue to celebrate with the whole church these fifty days of Easter. Allelujah! The Lord is truly risen. Thanks be to God.

David Hassey RIP: David's funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon at 2pm on Wednesday, 25th April, followed by a cremation at West Suffolk Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

Christina Martindale, RIP: After a long illness, Christina Martindale passed over to our Lord on Saturday, 7th April. Funeral details will be published in due course. May she rest in peace.

Doreen Pullen, RIP: Doreen passed over to our Lord on Thursday, 5th April. Her cremation will take place at the West Suffolk Crematorium on Wednesday, 2nd May at 3pm. May she rest in peace.

2nd Collection, Sunday 22 April: There will be a Retiring Collection for the 'Diocesan Priests' Training Fund' next Sunday.



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, 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, and Philomena Wiswell ...***and all those in our intercessions books***

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially: Frances Bradly, Teresa Halls, Ada Packer, Alastair Chisholm, Jonathon Wojtasz, Margaret Carpenter, Luigi Rettagliati, Michael Baynard, Aiobheen Norman, Nina Bosomworth, Celia Kielty, Margaret Kotharska, Kenneth Pullen, Cynthia Norton, Greg Kane, Catherine Osborne, Patrick O'Brien, Michael MacNamara, George McDonald, Chester Jureko, Barbara Blong, Eileen Herrington, Sheila Day, James Branaghan and Paul Starr

~***AMEN***~

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