



The Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon & St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall



FR DICK WRITES:

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday 10th May. This is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses are as follows:

11.00 a.m. St John's, Mildenhall

7.00 p.m. St Thomas', Brandon

REJOICE!

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

Three aspects of that new life stand out in the Second Mass Reading for the feast: "May you know **what is the hope** to which he has called you, **what are the riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints, and **what is the immeasurable greatness of his power** in us who believe" (Ephesians 1:18-19).

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendour and beauty. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we rejoice today in your ascension to the Father's right hand. Thank you, Lord, for offering us a share in your heavenly life. By your Spirit, help us to lay hold of our inheritance in you—the hope, the glory, and the power that are the right of every child of God.

Source: "the WORD among us"

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World Communications Day Sunday 13th May 2018

“The Truth will set you free” (Jn 8:32)
Fake News and journalism for peace

In his message for World Communications Day 2018, Pope Francis speaks of journalists as “the protectors of news.” That their task is “not just a job; it is a mission.” He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others; “That is why ensuring the accuracy of sources and protecting communications are real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace.”

On this World Communications Day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on their behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops’ Conference. Working with journalists across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the world.

MAKE IT A DATE!
1 P.M.
Sunday June 24th
PARISH PICNIC
at John & Sinead Bruton’s
Silver Lea, Worlington

Share the Journey – a CAFOD Initiative

In the autumn of last year, Pope Francis launched this campaign and called on all of us to step up and support refugees and migrants. World leaders will meet in September to agree new UN agreements on refugees and migration –this is our chance to make our leaders take notice.

Your part could be to join our walk from Kirtling to Newmarket in solidarity with those fleeing their homes. Every step you take will send a message to world leaders that they need to step up too. See more details in the next Newsletter.

PARISH DIARY

Date <i>(Readings and Psalter Week)</i>	Feast	Place, Time, Service M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday May 6th 2018 Readings Yr B – Ps Wk 2	6th Sunday of Easter	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 1100 AM Mass	<i>Doreen Pullen RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, May 9th	Feria	1100: Funeral Mass	For Christine Martindale Burial – Brandon Cemetery
Thursday, May 10th	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	M: 1100 AM Mass B: 7.00 PM Mass	People of the Parish Special Intention
Sunday, May 13th Readings Yr B – Ps Wk 3	7th Sunday of Easter	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 1100 AM Mass	People of the Parish Flo Butler-Lloyd RIP



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community: Sue and Tony Aldous, Marion Arkell, Patrick Blakey, Elizabeth Bolton, Rose Bruton, Sonia Buonocore, Tom Blong, Philip Dean, Bev and Amie Drill, Sheila Douglas, Clare Dower, Dorothea Edwards, Beth Fox, Pati Edmonds, Gill Foster, Bob Gormans, Yuang Rong Fen, Claire Hall, Kelly Hanson, Bridhe Heron, Douglas Knab, Melinda Lloyd, Emma Marshall, Mike Murray, Derek Newman, Gill O’Brien, Leonora O’Hanlon, George Pearson, Rosemary Peters, Penelope Post, Neville Reeve, Blanche Richardson, Phil Richardson, Aira Siczek, Sheila Smith, Clive Townsend, Robert Williams, and Philomena Wiswell ... **and all those in our intercession books.**

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially: Mary Baynard, Louis Bucheron, Mario Buonocore, Eardley Bulley, Lilian Camps, Patrick Driscoll, Anne Durrant, Rose Gower, William Halnan, Eileen Herrington, Roy Hubble, Emily Korobczuk, Kristof Lewandowski, Rafaela Lopez, Peter McCann, Jane Moore, Patrick Mulvihill, Theodore Neruda, Leon Rapacewicz, George Robinson, Patricia Simmonds, Mollie Starr, Catherine Wenton, Lillian Western, Bernie Willet, Joseph Willett, Maureen Wilson, Robert Wilson, Danka Wojciechowska and Viola Celemjntane.

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