



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



Sunday, 15 July - Sunday, 22 July 2018

Holy Water!

The current heatwave presents a challenge for all of us. Some parts of Scotland and Ireland already face the threat of drought. Here in the East we are more fortunate. The water companies tell us that our reservoirs are still 90% full. Nonetheless, it is only sensible for each of us to use water sensibly. For example, when we run water and wait for it to become hot, we can avoid wasting the run off – such as by using a bucket to collect it and use it on the garden. This may seem a simple and ordinary thing to do – but do you realise that it could also be a holy thing to do?!

In 'Rejoice and Be Glad' (Gaudate et Exsultate) Pope Francis says about holiness: -

"This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures."

What does the Holy Father mean by this? There are, of course, many ways in which we can use a few minutes to express our faith – through brief morning prayers, saying the rosary, blessing the food we eat and so on. But the pope is talking about more than religious observances.

"We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves."

So how do we do this? It is through doing what we do each day at home and at work with Christ in mind and love of Him and our neighbour in our hearts – like being careful to conserve water, since this not only helps us, but our neighbours too and (if we garden) even a small part of God's creation.

In the same way, our day-to-day contact with people, especially with strangers, provide opportunities sometimes for kindness or just patient forbearance, that imitate Christ's readiness to reach out to everyone. Such 'small gestures' of kindness, generosity, friendship, self-restraint or humility demonstrate clearly a willingness to love our neighbours and to follow Christ on our journey to holiness.

Free Marty!!

After decades of service in raising funds for the parish, Marty needs someone to take on the 50:50 Club.

This could be you! Please contact her or Tom Caple (0790 199 3601

Don't Forget Your Red Box!

Please collect your box from the back of the church.

Haven't got a Red Box?

Contact Sue Dean

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Share the Journey – Thank You

Thank you to everybody who took part in all sorts of different ways in our **Share The Journey Walk!** It was a lovely moving pilgrimage – helped in no small way by the glorious weather! We left Kirtling at 10 o'clock. We had 9 adults, five children and a dog starting the walk. Fr Simon joined us about a mile in. We carried our own version of the Lampedusa Cross made from driftwood and stopped to share the stories from the CAFOD resources. 3 of our older parishioners who felt they weren't able to walk the full distance walked the last mile (ish!) of the journey. One member of our group who was away in Ireland walked 6 miles in the Burren at the same time we were walking. We finished in Newmarket and celebrated Mass with other parishioners.

We added 83 miles to the total and already the UK-wide pilgrimage has almost completed two laps around the world!

When fear of strangers is rife ...

"Closing our eyes to our neighbour blinds us to God."

Benedict XVI

CONFESSIONAL

You are **WELCOME**

Please note that confessions may be recorded for quality assurance purposes



Finance

Offertory collection, Sunday 13th May

Standing orders	£127.80
Gift Aid envelopes	£97.80
Non-Gift Aid envelopes	£30.50
Loose plate	£260.95
TOTAL	£517.05

2nd collection

Sea Sunday	£89.68
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PARISH DIARY

Date (Readings and Psalter Week)	Feast	Place, Time, Service M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday 15th July Readings – Year B	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 1100 AM Mass	People of the Parish Phil and Priscilla Richardson's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Wednesday, 18th July	Feria	B: 1100 AM Mass	Frank Long RIP
Thursday, 19th July	Feria	M: 1100 AM Mass	Private Intention
Sunday, 22nd July Readings – Year B	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 1100 AM Mass	People of the Parish Margaret Long 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, Violet Celentarc, Edmund Czarnowski, Patrick Driscoll, Anne Durrant, Rose Gower, William Halnan, Hlen Harris, Eileen Ann Hazard, Eileen Herrington, Marian Holmes, Roy Hubble, Irene Human, Sheila Karnes, Emily Korobczuk, Kristof Lewandowski, Rafaela Lopez, ridie McGowan, Peter McCann, Frances McKenna, Jane Moore, Patrick Mulvihill, Theodore Neruda, Monique Newman, Jerzy Okulich -Kozenya, Patrick Osborne, Leon Rapacewicz, George Robinson, Patricia Simmonds, Mollie Starr, Catherine Wenton, Lillian Western, Bernie Willet, Joseph Willett, Maureen Wilson, Robert Wilson, Danka Wojciechowska, Lilian Canaman Woods.

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