



# The Parish Newsletter

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Mt. 28:19

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter, 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Apr. 2024**

*Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 4*

**Parish Priest: Fr Antony Arockiam**  
(18 Stuart Close, Brandon, IP27 0HB)

## Parish Contacts

Parish email: [bmrparish@priest.com](mailto:bmrparish@priest.com)

Pastoral Assistant: Angela Jordan: [bmrparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bmrparishsecretary@gmail.com) or phone: 07595914361

Safeguarding: David Parr (07708997022) & Louis Busuttil (07986366802)

Newsletter [par.uk@gmx.co.uk](mailto:par.uk@gmx.co.uk)

Facebook: Streaming Mass video

<https://www.facebook.com/61551408430801/videos/838991557926444>

Parish Website: [www.stthomas-stjohnparish.com](http://www.stthomas-stjohnparish.com)

Telephone: 01842 812200

## Mass Times for the Coming Week

|   |            |                        |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Apr – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Diocesan Priests' Training Fund</b> | M: 09.00am | Kelly Warbourton ints. |
|   | B: 10.25am | (Rosary)               |
|   | B: 11.00am | People of the parish   |
| <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – St George, Martyr, Patron of England</b>   | M: 10.00am |                        |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Feria</b>   | B: 10.00am |                        |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Apr – St Mark, Evangelist</b>   | M: 10.00am |                        |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Feria</b>  | B: 9.00am  | (Adoration)            |
|   | B: 10.00am | (Holy Mass)            |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Apr – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>   | M: 09.00am | Bob Rider †            |
|   | B: 10.25am | (Rosary)               |
|   | B: 11.00am | People of the parish   |

Please send notices for the Newsletter to [par.uk@gmx.co.uk](mailto:par.uk@gmx.co.uk) by 12 noon on Wednesday.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**30 Apr**, Tuesday, Survivors of Sexual Abuse  
**1 May**, Wednesday, St Joseph the Worker  
**4 May**, Saturday, Churches Together Mildenhall Prayer Meeting  
**5 May**, Sunday, Food Bank, St John's  
**9 May**, Thursday, The Lord's Ascension  
**11 May**, Sat., Day of Recollection (Vocations)

**12 May**, Sun., World Communications Day  
**19 May**, Sunday, Pentecost  
**26 May**, Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity  
**1 June**, Saturday, Churches Together Mildenhall Prayer Meeting  
**2 June**, Sunday, Corpus Christi  
**2 June**, Sunday, Food Bank, St John's

## **PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS**

### **Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts (Time, Talent and Treasure)**

Today is the second of three successive Sundays presenting this Diocesan sponsored initiative and inviting all Parishioners to reflect on how you can best use your God-given gifts to help sustain the spiritual vigour of our Parish and help it grow further as a community of the faithful. See the flyers in the rear of the church and in the Special Notice section of the Newsletter page on our website.

### **A Message from Bishop Peter on the Second Collection for the Priest Training Fund**

“We are blessed in our diocesan family with three seminarians, a student for the priesthood residing in South Africa, and a possible candidate for entry to formation in September of this year. There is also an encouraging number of other men discerning a potential vocation to the priesthood, so it is all the more vital for the future of the diocese to enable adequate financial support for the training of priests.

“The cost of training our diocesan students for the current year will amount to £92,418. I urge you to be as generous as possible in supporting the annual second collection, which last year raised approximately £20,000.” ( Donations can also be made through the diocesan website: [www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations) )

See also the Prayer for Vocations and announcement of a special Day of Recollection, Saturday, 11 May, 2024, 10:30-14:30 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Thetford for Mass, Lunch, a Talk and Adoration. If interested in this Day of Recollection, please email Fr Pat Clary at [vocations@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdea.org.uk)

### **Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>. See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information.

### **Bishop Peter invites all married couples and their families to the annual Marriage Celebration Mass!**

This Celebration Mass will take place on Saturday June 1, starting at 11.30am, at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All married couples and their families are welcome! Those couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to fill in the online Booking Form and so have their names read out during Mass, and receive a certificate. Certificates are for one year, five years and every multiple of five, until 60 years, then every individual year after 60 years.

The Mass will include a renewal of Marriage Vows for all couples, and there will also be a photographer present to take family/couple photos with the Bishop. After the Mass there will be tea, coffee and cake. There is no charge for the day or for the photos, but donations are welcome.

To book a place please fill in the Booking Form at: [www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/)  
For all enquiries please contact: Dr Antonia Braithwaite [mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk)

## **Diocesan Listening and Prayer Ministry**

Do you need to talk to someone in a prayerful Catholic environment?

Whatever you are going through right now it can help to talk; it can ease the burden and help you to see the way through.

We offer a free Ministry of listening and prayer for parishioners in need.

Trained volunteers will meet with you to explore any life difficulties you are going through, to listen, to pray and to offer advice and guidance. Sessions can take place on Zoom or face-to-face.

For more information and to request sessions, please go to our webpage:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer/>

## **“Apply to join the Ignite Team!**

“...If you are aged 18-30, leaving school or university this summer, between jobs, or just want to do something different, then ... Why not join the Ignite Team?...”

“For more information and to apply please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) ...”

Diocese of East Anglia, Ignite, 7 Apr 2024. Full article at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/apply-to-join-the-ignite-team/>

## **WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...**

*Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community... and all those in our intercession books: Marion Arkell, Eugene Armour, Stephen Dean, Stephen Delahuntey, Mary Gillen, Philip Kemp, Virginia Knab, Li-Li Richardson, Michael Rooney, all who have cancer, and all suffering from the COVID-19 disease.*

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

Thomas Adams, Charles Aldrich, Eileen Armour, Ivy Ayres, Michael Bayuard, Joan Bellow, Isabella Blatch, Barbara Blong, Marie Boon, William Bridges, Mary Brown, Ben Bulley, Alfred Busuttil, Viola Celentane, Rosemary Chisholm, Marie-Jeanne Ciantar, James Collins, Jim Cottrell, Helen Crick, Margaret Cullen, John Doyle, Anne Durrant, Bill Dykes, Kathleen Dykes, Bruce Edwards, Ronald Emeny, Bernard English, Margaret Farr, Ronald Farr, Mary Fortune, Brendan Fulham, Albert George, Harold & Rose Gould, Rose Gower, Edna Greenfield, Queenie Harwood, Michael Hassey, Bill Herrington, George House, Winifreda Hutchby, Anthony Grice, Elena Anna Hueller, Cedric & Irene Human, Kazimierz Iwankcki, Chester Jureko, Violet Jureko, Charles Keatley, Waclaw Russell Klemantonisz, Douglas Knab, Oscar & Mary Knab, Emily Korobczuk, Stefan Lachowycz, George Lawrence, Gerald Linstead, Rafaela Lopez, Michael MacNamara, Ed & May Malloy, Muriel Malone, George McDonald, Charles McFarlane, Catherine McKenna, Patrick McKenna, William McKenna, Paddy McLoughlin, Patricia Metcalf, Albert Mooney, Peter Moore, Mary Mulvihill, Michael Murray, Gary Natella, Stanley Nay, Brendan Neville, Aoibheen Norman, Bridie O'Brien, James O'Brien, Anna O'Grady, Richard Parsons, Rosemary Peters, Simon Pettit, Father Anthony Philpot, Rudy Pianà, Kenneth Pullen, Patrick Quinn, James & Blanche Richardson, Linda Richmond, Bob Rider, Nuala Ritnam, Margaret Rose, Father Ivan Rudkin, Manuel Sebastian, Beryl Secrett, Peter Seekings-Foster, Eira Sims, Archbishop Peter Smith, Molly Starr, Anneliesa Stowers, Bernard Tickner, Patricia Townsend, Mavis Tristram, Wladyslaw Urban, Brian Vallack, Lillian Vennell, Peter Vine, Betty Wales, Francis White, Julie White, Sydney White, Elsbeth Winnik, John Wiswell, Jonathan Wojtasz. Yuan Rong Fen, and all victims of COVID-19.      **AMEN**

## Parish Finances - Offertory Donations

Your offertory donations are important and make up the largest source of Parish income. Here is a reminder of the ways you can make your contribution:

1. Standing Order or regular bank transfer. Bank details below. **This is the preferred option.**
2. Web card donations using the DONA button on the Parish Website Home Page.
3. Cheques (payable to Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish)
4. Cash donations. A basket is available for cash and cheque offertory donations at the back of each church.

**Gift Aid:** Please consider Gift Aiding your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. An additional 25% of what you give is returned to us by HMRC. You are only required to provide your name and address and to sign confirming you pay income tax. Those already in the Gift Aid scheme who donate electronically or by cheque will have their donations readily credited to their Gift Aid record. However, if you make cash donations, you will need to put it in an envelope with your name OR your Gift Aid number. (Contact Philip if you are not sure what it is).

*Thank you* for your continued and generous financial support of our Parish.

Parish Bank Account: - **Account Name: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish**  
**Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-98-58, A/C No: 00489176**

**Questions? Contact:** Philip Kemp, Parish Treasurer, Tel 07514430468, Email [pjkemp1@gmail.com](mailto:pjkemp1@gmail.com) or Fr Antony.

## National Cycle of Prayer (*Easter*)

**New Members of the Church:** The Easter Season is ... the time for post-baptismal catechesis ... with the newly baptised....

**Prayer:** *Father, you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received in faith.*

**Roman Missal**

**Vocations:** Especially on World Day of Prayer for Vocations — 4th Sunday of Easter

**Prayer:** *Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.*

*Raise up worthy ministers of your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.*

**Roman Missal**

**Human Work:** Especially on St Joseph the Worker — 1 May

**Prayer:** *God our Father, creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call men and women to develop and use their gifts for the good of others.*

*With St Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised.* **Roman Missal (adapted)**

**The Right Use of the Media:** Especially on World Communications day – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Source: Diocesan Calendar, East Anglia 2024 Yearbook, Dioceses of East Anglia

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES.** - See also <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

**AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL: TEACHER OF SPANISH (MATERNITY COVER – FULL TIME)**

**AT ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE: PRIMARY MUSIC PPA TEACHER (PERMANENT – 2 DAYS / WEEK).**