



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

5th Week of Easter, 28th Apr. – 4th May 2024

Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 1

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

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Mass Times for the Coming Week

Sunday 28th Apr – 5th Sunday of Easter	M: 09.00am	Bob Rider †
	B: 10.25am	(Rosary)
	B: 11.00am	People of the parish
Tuesday 30th Apr – Easter Feria – Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	M: 10.00am	
Wednesday 1st May – St Joseph the Worker - Day of Prayer for God's blessing on human work.	B: 10.00am	
Thursday 2nd May – St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	M: 10.00am	
Friday 3rd May – SS Philip & James, Apostles	B: 9.00am	(Adoration)
	B: 10.00am	(Holy Mass)
Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter	M: 09.00am	Elizabeth Maguire †
	B: 10.25am	(Rosary)
	B: 11.00am	People of the parish

Please send notices for the Newsletter to par.uk@gmx.co.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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 Reflection (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 – Parish Commitment

Today is the third 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 **Pledge Form** and the **Time and Talents** checklist of volunteering activities in the rear of the church and in the Special Notice section of the Newsletter page on our website. **Please, everyone, take a copy, complete and return it this week or next to Fr Antony.** Your generosity for special causes in the past is well recognized. **Please be generous again (yet realistic) in offering your time and talents – and financial help - for the benefit of our community of the faithful. Extend yourself that extra bit for OUR PARISH.**

Day of Recollection – Prayer for Vocations

A special Day of Recollection, **Saturday, 11 May, 2024, 10:30-14:30 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Thetford** for Mass, Lunch, and a Talk. If interested in this Day of Recollection, please email Fr Pat Clary at vocations@rcdea.org.uk

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4th – 5th 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 6th**. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. **Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal** at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. **You can also text Text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.** See the flyer in the Special Notice section of the Newsletter page on our website for more details.

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/

For all enquiries please contact: Dr Antonia Braithwaite 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/>

May edition of Catholic East Anglia is available - back of the church and at

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/CEA-May-24-Web.pdf>

“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 ...”

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 Delahunty, 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, 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, Mary Fortune, Brendan Fulham, Albert George, Harold & Rose Gould, Rose Gower, Edna Greenfield, Queenie Harwood, Michael Hassey, Eileen Hazard, Bill Herrington, George House, Winifreda Hutchby, Anthony Grice, Elena Anna Hueller, Cedric & Irene Human, Kazimierz Iwankcki, Chester Jureko, Violet Jureko, Waclaw Russell Klemantonisz, Douglas Knab, Oscar & Mary Knab, Emily Korobczuk, Stefan Lachowycz, George Lawrence, Krzysztof Lewandowski, Gerald Linstead, Rafaela Lopez, Michael MacNamara, Ed & May Malloy, George McDonald, Catherine McKenna, Patrick McKenna, William McKenna, Paddy McLoughlin, Patricia Metcalf, Albert Mooney, Mary Mulvihill, Michael Murray, 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, Molly Starr, Anneliesa Stowers, Bernard Tickner, Patricia Townsend, Mavis Tristram, Wladyslaw Urban, Brian Vallack, Lillian Vennell, Peter Vine, 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 or Fr Antony.

National Cycle of Prayer (Easter)

New Members of the Church: Pray for them during the Easter Season.

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 – 7th Sunday of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, 19th May.

Prayer: *Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds.*

Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit men and women could never raise their voice in words of peace or announce the truth that is Jesus the Lord. Roman Missal

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

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

AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY TRUST, (BASED AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, NORWICH): TRUST IT SERVICES DEPUTY MANAGER (FULL TIME- PERMANENT)

AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, NORWICH: TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES (FULL TIME)

AT ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, IPSWICH: TEACHER OF MATHS (FULL TIME).

AT ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, IPSWICH: TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (FULL TIME).

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