



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

Year C 28th Sept - 5th Oct 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 28th Sept 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.30 am	BISHOP PETER'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH
Tuesday 30th September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor
Wednesday 1st October 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor
Thursday 2nd October 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 3rd October 2025	B: 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass
	B: 6.00 -7.00 pm	Bible Study Group
Next Sunday 5th October 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Weekday Masses

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the week's newsletter.

Many thanks for all your generosity in helping the parish with funding.

PARISH FINANCES - Please note that there are many ways to support our parish:

The preferred option is by standing order or regular transfer—details below

1. Web Card donation using the DONA button on the parish website home page.
2. Cheques made payable to Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish
3. Cash donations—please help if you can by donating cash or cheques at the offertory in the baskets provided during service or at the back of the church. Donations can also be given for mass intentions and when lighting candles for special private intentions.
4. Parish bank acc details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish Lloyds

Bank Sort code 30-98-58

A/C No. 00489176. Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

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BISHOP PETER'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH—Sunday 28th September 2025

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Bishop Peter for celebrating mass today with our Parish of St Thomas Brandon and St John Mildenhall.

It will always be remembered by all the congregation as a very special day.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's liturgy started again during mass last Sunday and will continue during term time. For any more information regarding this please contact Sara Farrugia St John's Mildenhall.

CHILDREN'S MASS LAST SUNDAY

A big thank you to the Children of our Parish for their input in reading and celebrating mass in a special way at St John's. Thanks also to Sara for initiating this theme and the participation of our children. We look forward to seeing more children join this children's mass on each third Sunday of the month in the future. Please see Sara/Fr Anil for more information.

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM - St Thomas and St John Parish

The next meeting will be held on **3rd October 2025 at 6.00 - 7.00 pm St Thomas Church, Brandon**. We look forward to welcoming any new members. Please see Fr Anil for any more information.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - It is hoped that the Parish can start confirmation classes within the parish after Christmas for those young people and any others that may wish to be Confirmed. Please contact Fr Anil /Sara Farrugia for more information.

BENEDICTION

There will be Benediction at St Thomas starting this coming Friday and each Friday before Mass at 9.30 am.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM -

Please pray at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour and especially Eileen Armour who remains in the hospital** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

Let us not forget those struggling to survive and live in war-torn areas of the world. Let us remember especially the people of Gaza and Ukraine and that the world will help those in need because of war, especially the children.

**** PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO SUBMIT ARTWORK FOR PARISH MAGAZINE****

We are creating a magazine to celebrate the Catholic Jubilee year and would like to include some art work from the children in our parish. We are looking for pictures to represent “our parish family” and what our family looks like to them. If they could create their drawings or paintings and hand them in when they come to church so that we can create a nice, colourful representation of our parish. Thank you, Franki.

**** PLEASE DO NOT FORGET OUR ANNUAL PARISH WINTER FAYRE**

St John's church Mildenhall**

This is one of the biggest fund raisers for our parish so we hope you will all be able to help/participate in making this yet another success. We are reverting to an earlier date for our **Winter Fayre – it has been set for SAT 15th NOVEMBER 2025.** Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from early October. Please **keep an eye on the newsletter for ways you can help.**

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this event, please contact Chris Burrell from fundraising. Thank you.

PARISH PRESBYTERY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH - A wonderful event last Saturday that raised a total of £487.00 for the Parish from donations for drinks and the selling of number squares. This is another fantastic effort and boost to our parish funds. We were very lucky with the weather and it helped to make it a very relaxing day out. Many thanks to all of you who attended, bought tickets, brought food and donated. Special thanks to those who helped set up, including David who worked hard to make the garden look lovely, and Chris for always doing an amazing job .

CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANERY - 6th DEC 2025

Please put this date in your diaries. The parish of St Edmund King and Martyr and others in the Bury St Edmunds Deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on **Sat 6th Dec 2025 at St Edmund King and Martyr, 21 Westgate St, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1QG from 10.00—12.30.** If there are charitable organisations i.e. people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see or think they should be represented at the festival, please email your ideas to [**caritas@rcdea.org.uk**](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk) now.

The festival will begin at 10.00 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. All are welcome

*****ON-GOING REQUEST FROM THE PARISH*****

Are you a capable and enthusiastic DIY person, do you have a trade - perhaps, plumber, carpenter, electrician or other? If so we would like to hear from you. If you think you might be able to help or recommend someone, please contact Jo or Les at Mildenhall and Barry or David at Brandon. There is no such thing as too many people, so the more names we can gather the better. Thank you.

DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026 - We still need more **information/photos, stories or any news-worthy items, about our parish** to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a magazine please contact those involved. Additionally, if any group or business would like to place an advert in the publication for a fee to help offset costs of printing, please speak to Franki (Brandon) or Fr Anil. For content, photos of the parish or any interesting history or archive material, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil. Many thanks.

ADVERTISING SPACE FOR ANYONE

We would like to ask that if anyone might know of any business or individuals who would like to place a small advert for goods/services/clubs (in the local area) in the Jubilee celebration magazine, please see/speak to Franki at St Thomas/Fr Anil regarding this. It would be a way of accepting donations to help towards the cost of printing and would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

PLEASE REMEMBER ANY FOOD BANK DONATIONS - First Sunday of each Month We still have great need for items for the food bank. Please, if you can spare any extra food items such as tins of vegetables, dry goods, cereals or any non-perishable foods etc. (in date please) leave them at the back of the church at St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday of the month.**

Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you.

Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.