



# 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 A 3rd May - 10th May 2026**

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## **MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Tuesday 5th May	M 10.00 am	Mass
Wednesday 6th May	B 10.00 am	Mass
Thursday 7th May	M 10.00 am	Mass
Friday 8th May	B 10.00 am	Mass Mass Intention: Jean Sander RIP
Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass

### **WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

***Mass times for the coming week are as per this newsletter (front page)***

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

If you are interested in helping the parish with church cleaning, please see Les DellaMaestra for St John (M) and Jo Leveridge St Thomas (B).

### **CHURCH READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTER SERVERS**

Are you interested in becoming a reader or wine minister? Would any young people like to train as alter servers (daily and Sunday mass) If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

### **FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month**

This Sunday is donation time for any items that you may have such as tinned goods, pasta, non-perishables etc (all in date). Please leave any items in bags at the back of the church for collection. Donations including money are also very much appreciated. For any more information, please see John or Sinead Bruton. Many thanks.

**50/50 Club**— If anyone wishes to join the 50/50 club draw, please contact Bernard Camenzuli at St John's Church or by email.

The draw of 1st Prize of £20.00, 2nd Prize of £15 and 3rd Prize of £10 is held each month.

**EASY EVANGELISATION** 'Is It True?' is a new Catholic website designed to share reasons for our faith. <https://www.IsItTrue.net> is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

**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 intention and when lighting candles for special private intentions.
4. Parish bank account details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish

Lloyds Bank Sort code 30-98-58 A/C No.00489176.

Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

***RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874***

### **OFFERTORY DONATIONS MARCH**

Cash £1509.91, Bank Transfers £1004.38, DONA website donations £51.73.  
Total £2,566.02. Thank you all for your generosity.

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

Please remember to pray at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville, Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, Kath Cottrell, Frances Rutterford** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

**That**, like Thomas, we may have the honesty to bring our questions before the Lord, and then trust that He will deepen our faith by leading us in the right direction, even when the way seems unclear at first glance. **We pray to the Lord.**

**IGNITE FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE**

ALL young people in Year 8 upwards are invited to the **Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026** The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 4th.  
See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information.

**We are recruiting for the All New Ignite Team**

**These are salaried positions** which includes training as an apprentice for a nationally recognised qualification. For more information, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**PRESBYTERY GARDEN** Having carried out quite an extensive clearing of the over and undergrowth space has now opened up. I am now starting to create what will be two, possibly three flower beds, the first for many years. In order to fill the beds with colour I am appealing to our church family for any shrubs, perennial flowers or summer bedding plants they might like to contribute. Maybe you are planning to thin out or divide a plant root, if so please consider placing a root in a pot and bring it to church where I will happily plant it up in the new flower beds, Be lovely to see some colour in the garden this year. Thank you, David Parr.

**PARISH WEBSITE** If you have not recently visited our website, please do so.

It is a source of useful information which you are encouraged to contribute to. Now containing a tab 'In the Spotlight', where we offer an insight into the life of people and their contribution to our parish and the wider community. Our opening Spotlight shines on Stephen Dean, it is well worth your time to read. Please check in regularly as it keeps our 'visitor' numbers high on the web hosting site plus you will keep yourselves up to date. Who will be the next person 'In the Spotlight' ?

**VACANCIES**

Head of School required for St Edmunds and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools, please see diocesan website for more details:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

## ***Dates for your Diary***

<b>Holy Days of Obligation</b>	
May 14th	The Ascension of the Lord
June 28th	St Peter & St Paul (June 29th)
Aug. 16th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug15th)
Nov. 1st	All Saints
Dec. 25th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
<b>Parish Dates / Events</b>	
June 20th 11am	First Holy Communion at St Thomas, Brandon
June 22nd 7.30pm	Confirmation at St Thomas Brandon
July 12th 1.30pm	Parish Picnic & BBQ John & Sinead Bruton's Garden, Worlington
<b>Second Collection Dates</b>	
May 17th	World Communications Network (Holy See)
June 21st	Bishops' Conference Life Charities
June 28th	Peter's Pence
July 12th	Stella Maris
Sept. 13th	Catholic Education Service
Sept. 20th	Bishops' Conference
Oct. 18th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)**

Our 6th Meeting of the PPC is on Tuesday 5th May, starting 7.30pm at  
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon  
Please arrive by 7.15pm for a prompt start.