



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) 9th – 16th August 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 9 th Aug. 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G)
Tuesday 11 th August	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) St. Clare V Mem.
Wednesday 12 th August	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Thursday 13 th August	M 11:30am	Weekday Mass (G) Funeral Mass + Kathleen Mary Cottrell
Friday 14 th August	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (R) St. Maximillian Mary Kolbe, PM Mem.
Sunday 16 th Aug. 20 ^h Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (W) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

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.
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.

RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874

Treasurer - Philip Kemp

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.

Congratulations to our July Winners – Numbers drawn at Random

1. Jo Thomas
2. Carole London
3. Nicky Hamilton

RED MISSIO BOXES

Please can you bring your red boxes to church during August, noting boxes should be handed to Bernard at Mildenhall and Joanne Taylor at Brandon, or you can hand them to fr. Anil, thank you

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note, it is a requirement of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church **must always** be accompanied by an adult.

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, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, 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 ...

For young people everywhere as we celebrate The United Nations' International Youth Day 2026 this week: that they will be inspired to move forward in faith, in spite of the uncertainties and distractions of today's world. **Lord in your mercy**

CHURCH READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

Would any of our young people like to train as altar servers
(daily and/or Sunday mass)?

Sunday Mass Greeters, to welcome people into our church?

If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

A BIG THANK YOU

Whether you serve, clean, decorate, garden, sing in our choirs, play music, make teas and coffee, collect the offertory, carry the gifts, a member of the PPC or finance team, sacristan, Catechist, or one of the many people in a church supporting role

Thank you. It is through your support and dedication that our parish family continues to grow and thrive, long may that continue.



A TASTE OF THE WORLD **SATURDAY 19TH SEPT. 2 - 5PM**

Please keep your loose leaf poster included in this week's newsletter as a save the date reminder. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church, please make sure you sign-up in support of the parish, our raffle squares will go on sale during August.

As always raffle donations are very welcome.

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation

Aug. 16 th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15 th)
Nov. 1 st	All Saints
Dec. 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events

19 th Sept.	A Taste of the World – St Thomas, Brandon (Bring & Share)
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Second Collection Dates

Sept. 13 th	Catholic Education Service
Sept. 20 th	Bishops' Conference
Oct. 4 th	Mission Appeal (details to follow)
Oct. 18 th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13 th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

DID YOU KNOW

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates Mary being taken body and soul into heavenly glory, observed annually on August 15.

Historical Background

The feast of the Assumption has been celebrated since at least the 5th century, initially reflecting the idea of Mary's "Birth into heaven" or, in Eastern Christianity, her "Dormition" (falling asleep).

By the 7th century, it was established in Rome, and Emperor Maurice decreed its observance in Constantinople around 600 AD. Over time, the feast spread throughout the Christian world, with Pope Leo IV and Pope Nicholas I enhancing its liturgical significance