



# 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 17th—24th August 2025**

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

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST</b>
<b>Today Sunday 17th August 2025</b>	<b>M: 09.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>
<b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>B: 11.00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19th August 2025</b>	<b>M: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Saint John Eudes, Priest
<b>Wednesday 20th August 2025</b>	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor
<b>Thursday 21st August 2025</b>	<b>M: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Saint Pius X, Pope
<b>Friday 22th August 2025</b>	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Our Lady, Mother and Queen
<b>Next Sunday 24th August 2025</b>	<b>M: 09.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>
<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>B: 11.00 am</b>	

## **PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS**

### **Weekday Masses**

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the week's schedule in the 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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### **MESSAGE TO GIFT AID MEMBERS**

If anyone who is signed up to the Gift Aid scheme and is contributing cash donations during Mass, can you please get in touch. My contact details are in the newsletter.  
Thank you. Philip Kemp, Treasurer.

### **GENTLE REMINDER—FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

PLEASE don't forget this date - Friday 5th September 2025 is the confirmed date for our next big fund-raising event, the 'CHICKENFOOT' evening. **PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH TO HELP US KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING.**

**Do bring family and friends and neighbours too.** It is a fun game, easy to learn and we will have people there to explain and help on the evening. There will be an entry fee and raffle on the night.

**Donations for the raffle will be greatly appreciated.** Any queries please contact Mary Rider on 01638 714369/ 07845 479160. It will be great to see you all there!! Many thanks, Mary Rider

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Please note there will be a training session held at St. Thomas, Brandon on Friday 22nd August at 6pm. This is for both current eucharist ministers and those who are interested in serving as a eucharistic minister.

**NEWLETTER:** Items to be included in the newsletter need to be passed on to Les or Jo Della Maestra - [leslie258@btinternet.com](mailto:leslie258@btinternet.com) NLT Wednesday before publishing on Friday.

## SECOND COLLECTION AGAIN THIS WEEK FOR SACRISTY RENOVATIONS

There will be a second collection once more for the Sacristy renovations for both churches. The sacristy at St John's is almost finished with painting now achieved and new curtains for the vestment wardrobe to be completed this coming week. Thanks to all for the donations and help provided by volunteer members of the parish. The Sacristy at St John's is now looking very smart with better use of space for vestments and alter Linen. The upgrade of St Thomas's church is in hand and should be completed shortly.

Thank you.

A BIG THANKS go to Barry, Les, David, Jo & Angie for their support, help and hardwork in updating both of the sacristies.

Special Thanks to Philip Kemp.

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

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

#### PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS:

*Please take time to pray for peace in the world. There is conflict in many parts of our world and we need prayer, especially at this time.*

**PRAYER:** "O God of Peace, who art Peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and those in conflict may forget evil and be healed."

#### MUSIC AT MASS

We warmly welcome anyone who enjoys singing or playing a musical instrument to join our Parish music groups, helping us lift our hearts and minds to the Living God made present among us at Holy Mass. Please speak to John (Mildenhall) or Maura (Brandon).

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

Please, if you can spare any extra food items such as tins of vegetables, dry goods, cereals or any non-perishable foods etc. for the food bank (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 for your generosity. Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.**

### BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Our new Bible study program will commence weekly on Fridays starting at 6pm. The first will be held at St. Thomas Brandon on Friday 12th September, then at St. Johns Mildenhall on Friday 19th September, and then continue weekly alternating between Brandon & Mildenhall.

Please see the sign up sheets at the back of the church, Fr. Anil

St Luke's Way Pilgrimage of Hope -Thursday 4th September 2025 - Sat 13th Sept 2025

The eastern Pilgrimage of Hope Way Start Date 4th Sept 2025 - End date Saturday 13th September 2025 at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham. If you are interested - or a detailed map of the route see: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/st-luke-s-way>.

**DAY OF RENEWAL: "A FOUNTAIN OF HOPE"**

You are all warmly invited to a **Day of Renewal at St Henry Morse Church, Shelfanger Road, DISS IP22 4DX— on SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 from 10.00 to 16.15.** Fr Alvan Ibeh will be the guest speaker. The day commences with Holy Mass at 10.00 am. You can expect inspiring talks from Fr Alvan along with Praise and Worship. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship, opportunity for Reconciliation and individual prayer ministry.

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28)**  
Come as you are, whether you are spiritually weary or seeking something more - this is a day for you!

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. The event is free, but donations to cover the costs are much appreciated.

For more information please email:  
**renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith 07869 652115**

**ONE FOR THE DIARY—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

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THIS PROJECT—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026** - if you have any information regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items, photos, stories about our parish to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a brochure, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.