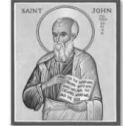




**The Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of  
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon  
& St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall**



**Fr Luke, our new Parish Priest writes:**



Hello!

I thought it a good idea to offer a sort of potted biography by way of an introduction: I am from a big family, the eldest of ten children, I was born and raised in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. My mother's family are Catholics, originally from Malta and my father's family are Anglicans from Suffolk, (my paternal grandfather was an Anglican Vicar!) accordingly I grew up in an ecumenical environment and consider myself a spiritual 'mongrel'.

After leaving school I pursued careers in both the golf and leisure industries before discerning a call to serve God as a priest. After much prayer and reflection, I was accepted as a student for the diocese and sent to Oscott College, Birmingham, to study for the priesthood in 2004. Whilst at Oscott I earned two degrees in theology and philosophy; one from the university of Birmingham and the other from Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. I was ordained priest on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by the late Bishop Michael Evans. Since then I have served as a prison chaplain, hospital chaplain and worked in a variety of youth and children ministries.

I have also served as an assistant priest in parishes in both Norwich and Ipswich. In 2015 I was given permission by the Bishop to work outside the diocese where I served as parish youth worker to St Augustine's Parish, Tunbridge Wells, in the Archdiocese of Southwark. During that time, I completed my Masters in Pastoral theology through Heythrop College and the university of London.

On returning to the diocese in 2017 Bishop Alan appointed me as full-time chaplain to the diocesan Youth Service and the Ignite Youth Mission Team. This last year has been very busy, as the mission team and I would spend many days a week on the road travelling across the diocese working in parishes and schools preaching the gospel to some of the youngest members of our communities. Whilst I am happy that I continue this chaplaincy role (now part-time), I am delighted that the Bishop has appointed me as your parish priest. I look forward to meeting you all, serving you and working together with you to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and build the kingdom of God in Brandon and Mildenhall. Please bear with me whilst I find my feet in this new role!

Love and prayers,

Fr Luke

**Bishop Alan will be visiting our Parish on October 4<sup>th</sup> to install Fr Luke as our New Parish Priest. The induction will be at 19:00 at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brandon. If you are able to help with setting up and catering arrangements, please speak to Fr Luke.**

**Weekday Masses from October:** Due to my pastoral commitments in the Diocesan Youth Service it is necessary to move the weekday Mass times earlier in the day. From October the Masses on Wednesday and Thursday will be at 9:30 am. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause you. I will however, be offering other Masses on other days at various points, as and when my diary allows, these will be announced as and when and will appear in the parish diary, so watch this space!

**Confessions:** From October onwards, I will be available for confessions on Sundays from 08:30 at Mildenhall and after Mass at Brandon from 12:15, and as usual by appointment.

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> (TODAY)**

Home Mission Sunday

**Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Induction of Fr Luke as Parish Priest by Bishop Alan, 19:00 St Thomas of Canterbury, Brandon.

**Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Fast Day**

Fast and save what you would have spent on food

**Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>**

CAFOD collection of Fast Day contributions

**YOUR SHOEBOX**

**10.30 on 18 September**

**Coffee Morning** at Freckenham Village Hall where you can buy a shoebox if you need one, and items to include.

**3.00 on 4 November** – Bring your filled boxes to **St Andrew’s Church, Freckenham** for collection and for a short service of dedication

**OUR WINTER FAYRE**

**Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Deadline for Gifts and bottles  
More details, including when to bring cakes, etc. **next week.**

**PARISH DIARY**

*Fr Luke will continue with weekday Masses throughout September, except for Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**Diocesan Day of Renewal in Ipswich**  
“You are warmly invited to a Day of Renewal on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> oct, led by Gemma Wildesmith, full time catholic Lay Evangelist and head of Celebrate youth Work. The day includes Holy Mass, prayer ministry, Adoration and reconciliation. It is at **St Mary’s Church, 322 Woodbridge Rd, IP4 4BD.** Drinks provided but bring a packed lunch! For more information see the poster at the back of Church or call Philip Walters on 07910157584

**Interested in Altar Serving?**  
If you have made your first Holy Communion and would like to serve at Mass at either Brandon or Mildenhall, speak to Fr Luke.  
**We need you!**

<b>Finance</b>	
<b>Offertory collection, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	
Standing orders	£127.80
Gift Aid envelopes	£108.00
Non-Gift Aid envelopes	£39.70
Loose plate	£238.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£513.72</b>

<b>Date</b> <i>(Readings and Psalter Week)</i>	<b>Feast</b>	<b>Place, Time, Service</b> M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	<b>Mass Intention/Details</b>
<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> PS Wk.4 • Readings Year B	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Home Missions Sunday	<b>M: 9.00 AM Mass</b> <b>B: 11.00 AM Mass</b>	<i>Elaine P Daley</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Feria.</b>	<b>B: No Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Feria</b>	<b>M: 11.00 AM Mass</b>	<i>Thanksgiving for Birth of Oliver Spittles</i>
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> PS Wk.1 • Readings Year B	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Education Sunday	<b>M: 9.00 AM Mass</b> <b>B: 11.00 AM Mass</b>	<i>Brian Vallack RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community:** Sue and Tony Aldous, Marion Arkell, Patrick Blakey, Elizabeth Bolton, Rose Bruton, Sonia Buonocore, Tom Blong, Philip Dean, Bev and Amie Drill, Sheila Douglas, Clare Dower, Dorothea Edwards, Beth Fox, Pati Edmonds, Gill Foster, Bob Gormans, Yuang Rong Fen, Claire Hall, Kelly Hanson, Bridhe Heron, Douglas Knab, Melinda Lloyd, Emma Marshall, Mike Murray, Derek Newman, Leonora O’Hanlon, George Pearson, Rosemary Peters, Penelope Post, Neville Reeve, Blanche Richardson, Phil Richardson, Aira Siczek, Sheila Smith, Clive Townsend, Robert Williams, and Philomena Wiswell ... **and all those in our intercession books.**

**May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially:** Irene Allardyce, Lela Batey, Michael Baynard, Rose Jean Bishop, Barbara Blong, Angrea Boon, Margaret Burrell, Alicia Campos, Sally Chung, Frederick Clifford, Veronica Clifford, Thomas Cobbett, Patricia Cunningham, Ann Day, Anne Durrant, Bruce Edwards, Ronald Emery, Bernard English, Margaret (Peggy) Farr, Ronald Farr, Mary Fortune, Brendan Fulham, Rose Gower, Fr Ben Grist, Patricia Hardy, Queenie Harwood, Michael Hassey, Eileen Hazard, Irene Human, Chester (Czestaw) Jureko, Julian Jureko, Violet Jureko, Helen Kaznowski, Charles Keatkey, Mary Knab, Krzystov Lewandowski, Edna Lovell, Peter Lynham, Michael MacNamara, Annie McCafferty, Charles McFarlane, Bridie McGowan, Margaret McCloud, Herbert Moore, Peter Moore, Mary Mulvihill, John Murray, Stanley Nay, Monique Newman, Natalya Patynska, Kenneth Pullen, Margaret Rose, Michelle Sansom, Peter Seekings-Foster, Paulo Silva, Eira Sims, Mollie Starr, Patrician Townsend, Fr Paul Trinder, Christopher Tuohy, Jonathon Wojtasz, Alfred Westall, Bernie Willett, John Wiswell, Ailish Woods, Jerry Zion

**Has your house been blessed? Would you like a home visit and a blessing for you home and family?**  
If you would like Fr Luke to visit you in your home and invoke God’s blessing upon your home and family, please speak to him after Mass or call the presbytery. Even if your home has been blessed in the past we can still pray together and ask for God’s blessing upon our lives. It’s also an excellent way for priest and parish to get to know each other!