



# 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*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**The Feast of Christ the King – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

**There will be a second collection today for the Diocesan Youth Service**

Today is the Feast of Christ the King and the Church invites young people to be at the heart of our celebration as it marks National Youth Sunday. This year young people are being asked the question: Could you live with just one filter?

Social Media is a big part of most young people's lives, but when scrolling feeds on Snapchat, Instagram or Facebook many of them do not consider how many pictures have been adapted, cropped, photo-shopped or had a filter applied. No one thinks twice about altering an image before posting it: it's all part of the process of attracting as many likes and comments as possible. Today we want to inspire young people (and indeed all of us) to think about where else in their lives they are using filters. What do they (and we for that matter) do to mask who they really are? Are they hiding parts of their lives to make themselves feel good? What do they do to feel like they belong? How do they make themselves look right?

We want young people to hear the message that there is ONE filter that helps us to stay true to ourselves, that helps us all to measure our lives in the right ways and present ourselves to others as we are. This is the filter of God's Love. When we look at our loves through this filter we see ourselves and others as God does, as truly loved, valued and significant, no matter what is going on in our lives. We want young people to know that they are works of art, masterpieces, lovingly created by a God who knows them and wants to be close to them.

In the Gospel reading we hear that Jesus came to "testify to the truth" and that "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Many of our young people do not hear often enough the truth that God loves them, and that Jesus, The King of the Universe, can transform their lives when they allow Him into their Hearts.

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## **Our Churches**

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**St John's**, St John's Close, Mildenhall IP28 7NX

## Food Bank Sunday December 2nd

The need for food banks is not going away. Between September 2017 and September this year, the Trussell Trust (the largest food bank organisation) provided 658,058 emergency supplies to people in crisis, a 13% increase on the same period in 2017.

The continuing need for support is illustrated by the following, some of many stories: -

### Josh's story

At the age of 16, after a troubled early life, Josh ended up living in a youth hostel. "Things just went down-hill, but I wanted to try to sort myself out," he admits. Struggling to afford food, Josh eventually found the courage to ask for help was referred to his local foodbank, where he was instantly welcomed: "I was a bit nervous and I was only 16 but when I got to the foodbank the people were really nice. The volunteers also try to sort you out with other stuff. Even if they can't help you directly, they point you in the right direction and try to help you that little bit more."

### Marcela's Story

Marcela, a qualified nurse, had to give up work because of a spinal injury, She found payment of her benefits were delayed and, though she never expected to have to use a foodbank, she found her local bank essential, not just in providing food when her money had to be spent on rent, gas and electricity, but also as a source of support and guidance.

### Charlotte's Story

Charlotte was funding herself through college, working two evening jobs. When she was made redundant in both and had benefits payments delayed, she Found her local food bank essential for survival. When she got there she was dehydrated and in the first stages of malnutrition. Both the food and the advice she received saved her and she is now at university.

**Our next Food Bank day is the last before Christmas. So let us share our joy by providing some festive fare for those in need. Give what you might enjoy at Christmas! {... but no alcohol, please!}**

### 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 Bohoni, Elizabeth Bolton, Rose Bruton, Sonia Buonocore, Tom Blong,, Bev and Amie Drill, Sheila Douglas, Clare Dower, Dorothea Edwards, Beth Fox, Pati Edmonds, Gill Foster, Bob Gorman, 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:** Edward Adams, Barbara Blong, Nora Breen, Catherine Bruce, Margaret Burrell, Sally Cheung, Rosemary Chisholm, Michael Clifford, James Collins, Robert Condon, Doreen Corr, Jim Cottrell, Patricia Ann Day, Philip Dean,, Connie Doyle, Bernard English, Ronald Emery, Margaret (Peggy) Farr, Ronald Farr, Eileen Foulger, Brendan Fulham, Egilda Rosina Gooch, Fr Ben Grist, Patricia Hardy, Queenie Harwood, Michael Hassey, Eileen Hazard, Ellen Hood, Irene Human, Janina Janiszewska, Chester (Czestaw) Jureko, Julian Jureko, Violet Jureko, Helen Kaznowski, Charles Keatkey, Krzystov Lewandowski, Peter Lynham, Annie McCafferty, Bridie McGowan, Daniel McKenna, Eileen McLoughlin, Patrick MacLoughlin, Dorothy Matthews, Mary Mulvihill, John Murray, Bridie O'Brien, Josef Palik, Beverly Pierce, Kenneth Pullen, Nuala Putnam, Margaret Rose, Fr .Ivan Rudkin, Michelle Sansom, Peter Seekings-Foster, Paulo Silva, Eira Sims, Mollie Starr, Patricia Townsend, Fr Paul Trinder, Mavis Tristram, Brian Vallack, Rosamund Wass, Robert Wyndhan.

**AMEN**

## Traidcraft

- ✚ Our stock of Traidcraft Christmas Cards is available at **heavily discounted prices** from **TODAY at St John's and Next Sunday at St Thomas'**.

### Parish Advent Retreat Next Week! The Programme:

The Diocesan Mission Team (Ignite) are coming to lead us in a parish Retreat - Weekend to help us enter into the season of Advent.

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Evening of Recollection

**7:30 – 9:00 pm** *St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brandon.*

A time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament with reflections led by the Members of the Mission Team.

Light snacks and teas and coffees afterwards

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December Day Time:

**10:00 – 4:00 pm** **Retreat Day for Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion and Parish Volunteers** *at St John the Evangelist, Mildenhall.*

A light lunch will be provided.

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December Evening :

**7:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Procession and Ignite Prayer Vigil at**  
*St. John the Evangelist, Mildenhall*

A Blessed Sacrament procession around the pedestrianised area immediately in front of the church followed by a prayer vigil.

Hot chocolate, teas, coffees and snacks will be provided and the doors of the Church will open and people will be invited to come in and light a candle. There will be interactive prayer stations around the main body of the Church and Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Mission Team will run a children's liturgy and speak at each Mass.

#### 12:30 pm Parish Advent Party

With bring and share international lunch at  
*St Thomas of Canterbury Brandon.*

#### Ignite Prayer Group 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

At St Thomas' Brandon at 10:30 am, the Ignite Mission Team will be having a time of prayer with adoration and worship, to intercede for the young people of the Diocese and the work of the Diocesan Youth Service. All are welcome to attend and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

## Winter Fayre - Thank You!

A big thank You to all who worked so hard to make this years Winter Fayre the successful event it was. And well done to everyone who one a prize!

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mildenhall

The Tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has now been changed for a larger one which is more suitable to our needs and has been moved to central position behind the altar. Please do continue to visit this Chapel to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle.

### Prayer Lunch

There is a prayer lunch at Frank and Sheila Devlin, 25 Kingfisher Drive on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 12 Noon, **all are welcome.**

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 30<sup>th</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> December - PARISH RETREAT

(December 1<sup>st</sup> -Prisoners for Peace Day)

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(December 10<sup>th</sup> - UN Human Rights Day)

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Reconciliation service at Mildenhall 7.00pm

December 23<sup>rd</sup> CAROL SERVICE at Brandon 4pm

December 25<sup>th</sup> - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 - World Day of Prayer for Peace)

#### Dates for SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday – Diocesan Youth Service

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund

**Our Parish Retreat** starts on Friday evening (30<sup>th</sup> Nov) and concludes with a Parish Advent Party 12:30 pm on Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Dec) at St Thomas's Church, Brandon. **Please bring buffet -style dishes to share**, especially traditional and international dishes. Let's celebrate our Catholic diversity as a parish! See previous page for the full timetable of events.

#### Finance

#### Offertory collection, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Standing orders	£127.80
Gift Aid envelopes	£133.00
Non-Gift Aid envelopes	£75.00
Loose plate	£224.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£559.97</b>



### Parish Posada!

Please sign up to host Mary and Joseph this Advent! Sign up list on the notice board.

### PARISH DIARY

Date (Readings 34 <sup>th</sup> Week and Psalter Week 2)	Feast	Place, Time, Service M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday, 25th November	34th <sup>t</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time CHRIST THE KING (YOUTH DAY)	M: 9:00 AM Mass B: 11:00 AM Mass	Danny Nolan RIP People of the Parish
Wednesday, 28th November	Feria.	B: 09:30 AM Mass	Patricia Townsend RIP
Thursday, 29th November	Feria	No Mass	Priest's Intentions
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	M: 9:00 AM Mass B: 11:00 AM Mass	Hugh Armour RIP People of the Parish

*To all our brothers and sisters from the USA – Hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving!*