



# 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 15th—22nd March 2026**

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

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST</b>
Sunday 15th Mar 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
4th SUNDAY OF LENT	B 11.00 am	
Tuesday 17th Mar 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary Mass intention for the Houlihan and Dunne Families
Wednesday 18th Mar 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor
Thursday 19th Mar 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass Saint Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin
Friday 20th Mar 2026	B 10.00 am	Mass and Stations of the Cross
Next Sunday 22nd Mar 2026	M 09.30 am	<u>LENTEN RETREAT St John's Mildenhall</u>
5th SUNDAY OF LENT		<u>Mass at 9.30 - Retreat End 3.30</u>
		<u>No Mass Brandon</u>

# St Thomas and St John PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

*"Love One Another"*

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic,  
love one another, be compassionate and humble".*

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

22nd March 2026  
9:30am (Holy Mass) - 3:30pm

We are called to be a community together, supporting  
and encouraging each other in Faith and fellowship.

HOLY MASS · PRAYER · PRAISE · INSPIRING TALKS

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# St Thomas and St John RETREAT TIMETABLE Sunday 22nd March 2026 *"Love One Another"*

9:30 Holy Mass  
10:15 Refreshments and Comfort Break  
10:40 Welcome and Introduction  
10:50 Praise & Worship  
11:15 Morning Session with Andy Stayne  
12:00 Announcements  
12:15 Light Lunch  
(12:30 – 13:30 confessions & prayer ministry)  
1:35 Praise & Worship  
1:55 Introduction to the afternoon session  
2:00 Lenten Reflection with Mags Slane  
2:20 Adoration  
3:00 Reposition  
3:15 Prayers for the Parish & thanksgiving  
3:30 Day concludes

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the schedule at the front of this newsletter. Please do not forget that Next Sunday is the Lenten Retreat and to sign up by **Thursday 19th March 2026 in order to estimate numbers for the lunch provided.**

## **\*\*The Month of March celebrates St Joseph\*\***

The whole month of March is dedicated to St Joseph, **and his feast is celebrated on 19 March.** He is the patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants and a happy death. He is recommended as a powerful intercessor and friend by countless saints and Popes.

**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** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time.  
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

During this New Year 2026, let us continue to pray for peace in the world. Let the message of Christ unite us as one world to live together in love and harmony.

**\*\*BISHOP INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS - NORWICH CATHEDRAL\*\***

We have been invited to this special service which will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 11:30 in St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich. The Bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

We need people to **sign up on the sheet that is at the back of each church** and if we get enough numbers, we can organise a bus to take us to Norwich.

Many thanks, Fr Anil

**Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Bury Deanery Day 18th April**

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations for the Diocese, Bishop Peter has asked us to run special Deanery youth events.

We're excited to be running a day for Bury Deanery on April 18th.

It will be held at St. Benedict's School in Bury, the day will include inspiring talks, music, prayer, and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

If any youth or young adults are able to come to any of it, you are very welcome, but I appreciate weekends are busy. Thank You.

Hamish MacQueen  
Director of Youth Services  
Diocese of East Anglia

**World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea**

If you are interested in going on this amazing pilgrimage, please see

**[www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)** .

Places are limited! You need to be 18 years old by the summer of 2027.

**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 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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### **WINTER WARMER LUNCH**

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who supported the Winter Warmer Lunch beforehand, during and with the Raffle. We raised a massive £841.

Many thanks again for a wonderful day. The following Prizes were won on the Raffle:

Prize	Prize	Square	Winner	Rec'd
1	Wine Hamper	108	Louis B	✓
2	Gin	140	Chris B	✓
3	Chocolate Hamper	61	Tony G	✓
4	Prosecco	32	Jo L	✓
5	Green & Blacks	230	Sue D	✓
6	Beer	284	Anna L	(Jo S)
7	Sanctuary Set	97	Louis B	✓
8	Jack Keyring	72	Tom C	✓
9	Van Gough bag	194	Frank D	✓
10	Fluffy Chicks	277	Margaret	✓