



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 8th June - 15 June 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

| DAY | TIME | SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Today 8th June 2025 | M: 09.00 am | Sunday Mass |
| Pentecost Sunday | B: 11.00 am | <i>For the repose of the soul of Phil Richardson</i> |
| Tuesday 10th June 2025 | M: 10:00 am | Mass |
| Wednesday 11th June 2025 | B: 10:00 am | Mass Saint Barnabas, Apostle |
| Thursday 12th June 2025 | M: 10:00 am | Mass Offered for : <i>Rev Liam Armour</i> <i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i> <i>THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</i> |
| Friday 13th June 2025 | B: 10:00 am | Mass Saint Antony of Padua, Priest, Doctor |
| Next Sunday 15th June 2025 | M: 09.00 am | <i>For the repose of the Soul of Jacky Nally</i> |
| The Most Holy Trinity | B: 11.00 am | Sunday Mass <i>FATHERS DAY</i> |

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026 If anyone has photos, documents, articles, stories or interesting information regarding the churches of our Parish of St John and St Thomas, it would be appreciated if we could speak to you and use anything that might be of interest to produce a commemorative pamphlet to celebrate the diocese jubilee.

We still need someone, adults or young people in our parish who would like to create a commemorative visual display of our parish to celebrate the diocese Jubilee Year. There are also many photos and records in the presbytery that could be utilised to create something special and to be displayed in our churches.

If any enthusiastic adults and children or creative individuals would like to organise this as a joint effort between both churches, please contact Fr Anil in the first instance to discuss.

PARISH PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Parish Pastoral committee first meeting has been scheduled on Monday 9th June 2025 at Brandon church at 7.00 pm to finalise the documents.

Please let Father Anil know if you might wish to volunteer for a position on our sub-committees.

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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UPDATING

The Parish of St John and St Thomas - church sacristy areas are in a very poor condition along with some of the ceremonial items/vestments/storage cupboards that are either broken or over thirty years old and not very serviceable as well as other areas that need to be put in order relating to infrastructure. Father Anil is very keen that this will be something to discuss and share amongst the parishioners as well as the Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC will be hopefully be looking for people to help identify areas of both unusable items/safety issues or generally to ensure that any Priest visiting has easy access to things needed for our religious services.

If you are able to help with donations,/ideas to fund raise or other suggestions please contact Fr Anil/a member of PPC/Sub-committee. We are so grateful to all our Parish community for the kindness and generosity always shown each time help is asked.

We are very conscious in these matters and very thankful to all for always contributing. We are soon hoping to identify all the items needed, and will produce an estimate which will be shared with the Parish. Again, many thanks.

SPIRITUAL CORNER

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

PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS:

Please continue to pray for peace in the world. Many conflicts are devastating communities throughout the world. We need to pray for an end to hostilities particularly in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan.

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.”

CHILDREN’S LITURGY AND CATECHISM—St John’s and St Thomas

If you wish your children to participate in children’s liturgy,
please see Fr Anil/Sara at St John’s/Angie St Thomas’

CHOIR It was heartwarming to see one of the young people of our parish join our choir last Sunday. So, please encourage your children to join us and also if anyone is interested in joining the choir/or playing a musical instrument either at St John’s Mildenhall or St Thomas Brandon, please speak to John Bruton at St John’s Mildenhall or Maura Vine (organist) at St Thomas Brandon.

Parish picnic and BBQ

In John & Sinead’s garden at: Silverlea. Freckenham Road, Worlington, IP28 8SN.
This is a great opportunity to socialize as members of our Parish Family and to celebrate our First Holy Communicants - so come along & enjoy good food in good company!

Date Sunday 22nd June 2025 starting 1.30pm

Cost £8.00 to cover meat and rolls

(£4 for children under 12)

Please bring a salad or dessert to share and let us know if you have any dietary requirements. (see sign-up sheets in back of church)

There will be a drinks bar plus games for the young at heart. Please bring something to sit on. If you require a lift, please do ask.

There will be a Number Squares Draw, as usual. Tickets available after Masses in June, and at the BBQ. Raffle prizes are always welcome!

PARISH WEBSITE

We are still busy updating our website and are looking to introduce some new and exciting features. It is an efficient way to reach out to all our parish family and beyond. Please contact our parish web editor Barry Spencer if you have any interesting articles or additions.

DO YOU ENJOY GARDENING OR COULD DONATE PLANTS?

Are you a keen or enthusiastic gardener? We are looking for volunteers who can spare a little time (and effort) to help create a new garden at St Thomas Church. If you think you'd like to help and have an hour or two, please contact Barry on 07771 590387. Thank you

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

As you may know, our parish supports the local food bank. There are still many people in our area who still need the extra support of the food bank. If you can spare items that you think would be of benefit, as long as they are 'in date' for consumption, please bring items on the **LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH** to the church. You can also give your donations to **John or Sinead Bruton at Mildenhall church**, or leave them in bags in the Sacristy, and they will be collected

NEWLETTER:

Items to be included in the newsletter need to be passed on to Les or Jo Della Maestra - leslie258@btinternet.com NLT Wednesday before publishing on Friday.

If you are unable to obtain a weekly newsletter from church, it is always available on the web site each week at www.stthomas-stjohnparish.com

If you need to have the newsletter sent to you by email, please send your request to Parishwebeditor@yahoo.com who will add you to the distribution list.

Hamish MacQueen - LIVE IN CONCERT—19TH JULY 2025 AT THE NARTHEX, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL

Hamish, Director of youth service is doing a special gig, sharing about his life and faith through songs he has written over the past 30 years. All ages welcome. Profits will go towards helping young people go on pilgrimage and training young leaders.

See www.hamishmacqueen.live for more information.

(Ignite team)

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

See <http://www.redea.org.uk/vacancies>

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 - For a detailed map of the route and more information see <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/st-luke-s-way>.