



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) 13th – 20th September 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 13 th Sept. 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) <i>Mass Intention (M) + Daniel Patrick Goode (RIP)</i> Second Collection, Catholic Education Service
Tuesday 15 th September	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) Our Lady of Sorrows. Mem.
Wednesday 16 th September	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (R) Ss Cornelius Pp & Cyprian B MM. Mem.
Thursday 17 th September	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Friday 18 th September	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Sunday 20 th Sept. 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i> <i>(Home Mission Sunday effective Sept 26)</i> Second Collection: Bishops' Conference

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.
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 account details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish Lloyds Bank Sort code 30-98-58 A/C No.00489176.

RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874

Treasurer – Philip Kemp

CHURCH READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

ST. THOMAS CHILDRENS LITURGY

We are pleased to announce that with effect from Sunday 20th September, our children's liturgy will commence. The leaders will be Angie, Erika and Lorraine.

50/50 CLUB

If anyone wishes to join the 50/50 club draw, please contact Bernard Camenzuli at St John's Church or by email. The draw of 1st Prize of £20.00, 2nd Prize of £15 and 3rd Prize of £10 is held each month.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note, it is a requirement of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church **must always** be accompanied by an adult.

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

A TASTE OF THE WORLD- SATURDAY 19TH SEPT. 2 - 5PM

A PARISH EVENT (Bring & Share)

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 19th. Your support is valuable to grow and develop our parish family whilst raising much needed funds. Admission fee is £5.00 for an adult, £2.50 for a child with a family ticket, 2 adults and children £10.00 – pay on the day.

CHICKENFOOT EVENT 9TH OCTOBER – ST JOHNS – MILDENHALL

Chickenfoot is a fun domino based game, easy to learn and enjoyable to play. For a great night with family and friends why not join us for double FUN..

FUN playing the game – FUNdraising for the parish.

Further details to following in due course.

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress, Saturday 10th October

The diocese is delighted that fifty places are available for participation in the National Eucharistic Congress in London on the 10th of October this year. The day begins at midday with Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe. After a picnic lunch, the day will culminate with a historic Eucharistic Procession, through the streets of London, from Southwark to Westminster Cathedral where devotions will continue into the evening.

Those who would like to register interest in participating in this momentous celebration of our faith are asked simply to email the Diocesan Adoremus Representative, peter.wygnanski@rcdea.org.uk to receive further information.

(Those taking part will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event.)

With many thanks and God bless

Fr Peter Wygnanski

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
Nov. 1 st	All Saints
Dec. 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events	
19 th Sept.	A Taste of the World – St Thomas, Brandon (Bring & Share)
9 th Oct.	Chickenfoot Evening – St John (Mildenhall)

Second Collection Dates	
Sept. 20 th	Bishops' Conference
Oct. 4 th	Mission Appeal (details to follow)
Oct. 18 th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13 th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

20 September 2026 – Evangelii Gaudium Day

Those with long memories will be familiar with *Home Mission Sunday*.

It is the title given to the day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work through a second collection.

A few years ago, this day was re-named *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* after Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation the 'Joy of the Gospel'. Now, in 2026, we revert to using the original name – *Home Mission Sunday* (**Sept. 2026**)

On *Home Mission Sunday*, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (*World Mission Sunday* gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life.

Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him.