



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 12th Oct - 19th Oct 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 12th October 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 14th October 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Callistus, Pope, Martyr
Wednesday 15th October 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin, Doctor
Thursday 16th October 2025	M: 0:00 am	Mass Saint Hedwig, Religious Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Friday 17th October 2025	B: 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Next Sunday 19th October 2025	M: 9.00 am	Sunday Mass
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Weekday Masses

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the week's newsletter.

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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WOMEN'S RETREAT— Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November 2025 at the peaceful Clare Priory Retreat Centre, Sudbury. Free parking is available on site, and dietary requirements (including vegetarian and vegan options) can be accommodated when booking.

Practical Information :

Dates & Times: Arrivals from 3pm Friday 14 November; retreat concludes Sunday 16 November around 2pm (after lunch).

Location: Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Sudbury CO10 8NX.

- **Cost:** £170 – £220 (depending on accommodation choice). Full board, including meals and refreshments.
- **What to bring:** Bible, notebook, pen, comfortable clothes (layers), walking shoes, and any necessary medication.
- **Booking:** Advance booking is essential as places are limited.

Sign up at transformministries.uk/events.

- **Contact:** For further details, email info@transformministries.uk.

CELEBRATION OF MASS IN SPANISH - with BISHOP PETER

Bishop Peter, Bishop of East Anglia welcomes you to celebrate Mass in Spanish at St Laurence's Catholic Church, 91 Milton Road, CAMBRIDGE CB4 1XB on **Saturday 8th November 2025 at 1500 hours** followed by a reception with the Bishop.

For more information please contact 07799 603169 (Regina)

BENEDICTION

There will be Benediction at St Thomas each Friday before Mass at 9.30 am.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM -

Please pray at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville, Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour and especially Eileen Armour who remains in the hospital** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

Let us pray for peace in the Middle East, Gaza, Africa and Ukraine and the outcome of any peace talks stop the killing, to allow people of all faiths to live full and safe lives in their land.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

If you would like your children to participate in Children's liturgy during mass at St John's, please see Sara Farrugia for more information .

****** PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO SUBMIT ARTWORK FOR**

PARISH MAGAZINE****

Please give any children's artwork to Sara (St John's) or Franki (St Thomas) if you wish it to be considered for the Parish Magazine. Thank you, Franki.

***** DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL PARISH WINTER FAYRE - St John's church Mildenhall*****

Winter Fayre – SAT 15th NOVEMBER 2025. Grand Draw tickets are now on sale - Please see Chris/Mary if you would like to buy or help sell Tickets. **Tickets are £1.00 each or £5.00 for a book of five. 1st Prize £150.00, 2nd Prize a meat voucher for £50.00 from Mildenhall Butchers, 3rd Prize a Hamper, 4th Prize a bottle of Whiskey,** as well as many other prizes. Also, please **keep an eye on the newsletter for ways you can help.** If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this event, such as stalls selling items, helping with stalls, or anything else that might help raise funds, please contact Chris Burrell from fundraising. Thank you.

*******CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANERY - 6th DEC 2025*******

Please put this date in your diaries. The parish of St Edmund King and Martyr and others in the Bury St Edmunds Deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on **Sat 6th Dec 2025 at St Edmund King and Martyr, 21 Westgate St, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1QG from 10.00—12.30.** If there are charitable organisations i.e. people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see or think they should be represented at the festival, please email your ideas to [**caritas@rcdea.org.uk**](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk) now.

The festival will begin at 10.00 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. All are welcome

PLEASE REMEMBER—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026

We still need more **information/photos, stories or any news-worthy items, about our parish** to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a magazine please contact those involved
Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil. Many thanks.

ADVERTISING SPACE FOR ANYONE

We would like to ask that if anyone might know of any business or individuals who would like to place a small advert for goods/services/clubs (in the local area) in the Jubilee celebration magazine, please see/speak to Franki at St Thomas/Fr Anil regarding this. It would be a way of accepting donations to help towards the cost of printing and would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

There will be sign up sheets at the back of both churches for those who wish that their children or any other person undertake Communion /Confirmation classes within our parish. The dates, place and time will be announced at a later date. Please speak to Fr. Anil for any further information

****ON-GOING REQUEST FROM THE PARISH****

Are you a capable and enthusiastic DIY person, do you have a trade - perhaps, plumber, carpenter, electrician or other? If so we would like to hear from you. If you think you might be able to help or recommend someone, please contact Jo or Les at Mildenhall and Barry or David at Brandon. There is no such thing as too many people, so the more names we can gather the better. Thank you.

****PLEASE REMEMBER ANY FOOD BANK DONATIONS ****

St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday of the month,(please leave at the back of the church).** Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you . Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.