



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- 3rd August - 10th August 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 3rd August 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 5th August 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Wednesday 6th August 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday 7th August 2025	M:10:00 am	Mass St Sixtus II, Pope and his Companions, Martyrs
Friday 8th August 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass St Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday 10th August 2025	M:09.00 am	Sunday Mass
19th 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 schedule in the newsletter.

DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026

Please if you have any information regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items about our parish to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a brochure, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.

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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SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRISTY RENOVATIONS

There will be a second collection today and a further two weeks until Sunday 17th August to help the Parish to fund much needed upgrading work and purchasing of vestments and other items. Thank you to those who have already been very generous and if you are still able to help, it would be very much appreciated in order to help us reach our goal.

PARISH WEBSITE

Please contact our parish web editor Barry Spencer if you have any articles or addition

MAILING LIST FOR NEWLETTER AND MASS SHEETS

If anyone would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact parishwebeditor@yahoo.com or call 07771 590387 to ensure the email addresses are updated to the mailing list.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—SUMMER BREAK— this will resume after the summer holidays. Please see Sara Farrugia (Mildenhall) or Angie (Brandon) for any details or to sign up your children for September.

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. There is conflict in many parts of our world and we need prayer, especially at this time.

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."

PRAYER ESPECIALLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA WHO ARE STARVING

Dear Lord, let not hatred and war create division in our world. The innocent are suffering, particularly the children. We earnestly pray for your help in opening up the eyes of the leaders to the absolute terror of war and to help create a fairer world. Let us pray that all people can live in peace, receive justice and are able to obtain what they need to live.
Amen

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Patrick Finn (Mildenhall community) for the recent loss of his wife, Zoe. **Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in Peace, Amen.**

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Friday 5th September is a confirmed date for your diaries as this is the date of our next fund-raising event, our 'CHICKENFOOT' evening.

This is a fun, double –twelves domino game for all ages, 7 upwards the evening of fun will start around 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm prompt start at St John's Mildenhall and should end around 9.30 pm. You can bring your own nibbles and drink. Posters are up at both churches (M) (B) to give us an indication of how many tables to set up. No need to worry about making up a table (usually 6,7, or 8 people) because we can sort that out on the evening. We just hope to see you there. Do bring family and friends and neighbours too. It is a fun game, easy to learn and we will have people there to explain and help on the evening.

There will be an entry fee and raffle on the night.

Any queries please contact Mary Rider on 01638 714369/ 07845 479160. It will be great to see you all there!! Many thanks Mary.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS—Today the first Sunday of the Month

Please, if you can spare any extra food items such as tins of vegetables, dry goods, cereals or any non-perishable foods etc. for the food bank (in date please) leave them at the back of the church at St John's Mildenhall each first Sunday of the month. Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.

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>.*

CHOIR

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument and would like to enrich our worship of the Living God present in the Eucharist, please talk to John (Mildenhall) or Maura (Brandon).

50-50 CLUB DRAW—results

1st Prize Anna Liwak - £20.00

2nd Prize Jessica Human - £15.00

3rd Prize Lorna Leek - £10.00

Congratulations!

CATHOLIC EAST ANGLIA NEWSPAPER—July 2025 edition

It was lovely to see our Parish's Children who made their First Holy Communion pictured in this month's edition of the Catholic East Anglia newspaper. The article is on line if anyone is unable to get hold of a hard copy. Father Anil is very proud of our children and shared this in the article:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good. The parish family is extremely happy to announce that our little angels at St Thomas' and St John's received the Lord through the Sacrament. They have experienced the sweetness of the heavenly manna — the delicious bread of Holy Angels. A big congratulations to our children. We are all so very proud of you. May the good Lord fill your hearts with wisdom and love." (ref Catholic East Anglia Jul 2025)

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.