



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 24th - 31st August 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 24th August 2025	M: 09.00 am B: 11.00 am	Sunday Mass
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 26th August 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Wednesday 27th August 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Monica
Thursday 28th August 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor
Friday 29th August 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
Next Sunday 31st August 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
22nd 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 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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MESSAGE TO GIFT AID MEMBERS

If anyone who is signed up to the Gift Aid scheme and is contributing cash donations during Mass, can you please get in touch. My contact details are in the newsletter. Thank you.

Philip Kemp, Treasurer.

Fundraiser: Friday 5th September, 7 for 7.30. Chickenfoot Night at St.John's.

It is being organised by Margaret Fulham, a parishioner of the USAF parish at Lakenheath, for our Parish funds. I am just the facilitator. £5 entry on door (cash please) and any children will be half price. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles but tea and coffee available in the interval. There will be a raffle.

NOW....there are no real chickens involved in this fun double 12 dominoes game. If you can play ordinary dominoes there is just another dimension!! Arrive for 7 if you wish to have instruction on how to play **OR** at St.John's after Mass on Sunday 31st August, stay behind for 10 mins and I will show you an example of how the game works.

And finally if you could just **sign up at the back of the churches by 31st August** if you intend to come it would be a great help so I know how many tables to set up. Many thanks, Mary

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THIS PROJECT—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026

if you have **any information** regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items, photos, stories 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.

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

PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS:

*Please take time to pray for peace in the world especially Ukraine and Gaza at this time.
There is conflict in many parts of our world and we desperately need prayer.*

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."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Third meeting of the Parish Pastoral Committee for those on the committee and sub-committee will be on **Monday 1st September at 7.00 pm at St John's in Mildenhall.**
Coffee and tea will be available.

Please contact the Chairman Barry Spencer for any further information.

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM- St John and St Thomas Parish

Our new Bible study program will commence weekly on Fridays starting at 6.00 pm. The first will be held at St Thomas Brandon on Friday 12th September, then at St John's Mildenhall on Friday 19th September and then continue weekly alternating between Brandon and Mildenhall. Please see the sign up sheets at the back of the churches.
I look forward to seeing you. Fr Anil.

THANK YOU

The work on both sacristies is now almost completed. Painting is finished in most areas and additional space has been gained for the vestments and altar linens. Both sacristy areas are now looking quite smart and many thanks go out to Barry, Angie, David, Jo and Les for giving their time painting, cleaning and using their carpentry skills. Thanks too to Philip Kemp and all who donated funds.

MUSIC AT MASS

If anyone is interested in joining our music group at Sunday Mass whether you play an instrument or sing, please contact John Bruton (Mildenhall) or Maura Vine (Brandon)

FOOD BANK DONATIONS - First Sunday of each 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 - or a detailed map of the route see: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/st-luke-s-way>.

DAY OF RENEWAL: "A FOUNTAIN OF HOPE"

You are all warmly invited to a **Day of Renewal at St Henry Morse Church, Shelfanger Road, DISS IP22 4DX— on SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 from 10.00 to 16.15.** Fr Alvan Ibeh will be the guest speaker. The day commences with Holy Mass at 10.00 am. You can expect inspiring talks from Fr Alvan along with Praise and Worship. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship, opportunity for Reconciliation and individual prayer ministry.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28)
Come as you are, whether you are spiritually weary or seeking something more
this is a day for you!

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. The event is free, but donations to cover the costs are much appreciated.

For more information please email: **renewaleastanglia@gmail.com** or phone **Pam Smith 07869 652115**

ONE FOR THE DIARY—CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANER 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** 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