



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) 16th – 23rd August 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 16 th Aug. 20 ^h Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (W) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Tuesday 18 th August	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Wednesday 19 th August	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Thursday 20 th August	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) St. Bernard AbD Mem.
Friday 21 st August	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) St. Pius X Pp Mem.
Sunday 23 rd Aug. 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G)

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

Total Offertory donations for July £2901.88, made up of
Cash £1282.40, Bank Transfers £1588.30, Cheques £00.00
DONA Website donations £31.18

NOTICE TO GIFT AID DONORS

A claim for a tax rebate to HMRC is being made on your behalf for donations made during the financial year 2025-6. You are required to inform me if you are no longer paying UK tax or if you have changed your name or address.

A reminder for those Gift Aid donors who make cash or cheque donations during the Offertory at Mass. Please use the offertory envelopes stored at the rear of the Church and ensure you either write your name or use your unique number in order that your donations can be recorded accurately. If you are unsure of your number please contact me.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Philip Kemp, Parish Treasurer

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 ...

For all mothers, and for those who stand in the place of mothers that they, like Mary, will love and protect their children, especially through difficult times. **Lord in your mercy,**

CHURCH READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

Would any of our young people like to train as altar servers
(daily and/or Sunday mass)?

Sunday Mass Greeters, to welcome people into our church?

If so, please speak to Fr Anil or

RED MISSIO BOXES

Please can you bring your red boxes to church during August, noting boxes should be handed to Bernard at Mildenhall and Joanne Taylor at Brandon, or you can hand them to fr. Anil, thank you



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

A PARISH EVENT (Bring & Share)

We had a good initial response to the announcement and many of you showed interest supporting this event, Please do lend your support and make this a 'tasty' event for all. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church, please make sure you sign-up in support of the parish, our raffle squares will go on sale as of today (Sunday 16th August) and through until the event day.

As always raffle donations are very welcome.

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)

Second Collection Dates	
Sept. 13 th	Catholic Education Service
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

DID YOU KNOW

John Vianney (born Jean-Marie Vianney) and later Jean-Marie-Baptiste Vianney; 8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859) was a French Catholic priest and member of the Third Order of Mary who is often referred to as the *Curé d'Ars* ("the parish priest of Ars"). Canonized a saint in 1925, he is known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, resulting in the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics note his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. His feast day is 4 August.

He is the patron saint of parish priests