



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 6th July—13th July

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 6th July 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 8th July 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Today (replacement priest) Mildenhall
Wednesday 9th July 2025	B: 10:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday 10th July 2025	M: 10:00 am	NO MASS
Friday 11th July 2025	B: 10:00 am	NO MASS St Benedict
Next Sunday 13 July 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	(Replacement Priest)
		Mass intention for Nigel Chaldecott

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Anil Holiday ... “I am on my annual holidays for a few weeks. I will be leaving for India on Monday the 23rd of June and will be back on 20th of July.

We will have **supply priests on Sundays and on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at Mildenhall (so far)**. Should you need the help of a priest, **please contact Thetford or Newmarket parish priests or Claire Priory.** “

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: *There will be No WEEKDAY masses at Brandon/Mildenhall (except as above thus far) during the above period Mon 23rd June -20th July 2025*

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 Ryder/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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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.”

SUMMARY by Bishop Peter

Feedback on questions from Consultation on Pastoral Provision

- 1 Clergy Responses recognised the general need for structural change.
- 2 Parish responses shared the following: inadequate support given by parishes for families and young people, an aging demographic has made recruiting volunteers difficult, and opportunities of welcoming faithful from other countries.
- 3 Questions were raised and discussed. KEY POINTS:
 - 3.1 Cooperation/collaboration has declined compared with the recent past. It should be beneficial, especially in sharing resources
 - 3.2 The deanery offers a level when productive cooperation can be beneficial. But the active involvement of the laity is essential for that to happen.
- 4 Bishop Peter noted that deanery level councils of laity have not proved successful in the past, and so finding alternative structures will be key: e.g. key strategic partnerships between parishes.
- 5 The Bishop shared his intention to establish a reformed Diocese Council of Laity, as in its present form, is not workable. Synodality understood, it would now be put forward and a diocesan council requested; likewise a revised policy for parish councils will be forthcoming and will be guided by the underlying theme of mission.

Matters Raised by Parish Representatives

‘The promulgation/implementation of the final report of the Synod on Synodality.’

‘The outcome of the ‘Three Questions’ that were discussed last year.

Complete Draft Notes of the

7th June Council are available. If you want a copy, please contact Tom Caple on 0748 404 1889 or facaple@gmail.com

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

If you wish your children to participate in children's liturgy,
please see Fr Anil/Sara at St John's/Angie at St Thomas'

RED CHARITY BOXES—MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Please could those that have the Red Boxes for the Missionary Society charity bring them
in Sunday 13th July 2025 and give to Bernard Camenzuli. (Mildenhall)

PARISH WEBSITE

We are still busy updating our website and are looking to introduce some new and exciting features. It is an efficient way to reach out to all our parish family and beyond. Please contact our parish web editor Barry Spencer if you have any articles or additions.

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.

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please leave any food bank donations at the back of the church at St John's Mildenhall to-day 6th July 2025 and on the **first Sunday of each month.** **Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any information.**

A Welcoming and Growing Family of Faith

In the Diocese of East Anglia, we're witnessing a story of hope and growth – one that reflects a broader and quietly growing trend of increased Church attendance, particularly among younger and international communities.

Recent figures show that Mass attendance across our Diocese rose by an impressive 13% from 2023 to 2024 – a sign not only of local vitality but also of how East Anglia is very much part of a wider movement of renewed interest in faith and worship. This isn't just about numbers – it's about lives touched, communities strengthened, and a deepening relationship with God. A key part of this growth can be seen in the strength and devotion of our international Catholic communities. In towns and cities across the Diocese – from Norwich to Cambridge and beyond – the Church is enriched by the presence of worshippers from the Philippines, Poland, East Timor, India, and many other parts of the world.(ref: East Anglian Daily Times June 2025)

50-50 CLUB

June's Winners—1st Prize £20.00 - Margaret Houlihan (No.5)

2nd Prize £15.00 - Carole London (No. 60)

3rd Prize £10.00 - Sandra Chadwick (No. 15)

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES See <http://www.redea.org.uk/vacancies>

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>.