



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 29th March - 5th April 2026

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 29 Mar 2026 PALM SUNDAY	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
Tuesday 31 Mar 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Wednesday 1 Apr 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 2 Apr 2026 MAUNDY THURSDAY	BRANDON 7.00 pm	Joint SERVICE AT BRANDON ONLY
Friday 3 Apr 2026 GOOD FRIDAY	BRANDON 3.00 pm	Joint SERVICE AT BRANDON ONLY
Saturday 4 Apr 2026 EASTER VIGIL	BRANDON 8.00 pm	Joint SERVICE AT BRANDON ONLY
Sunday 5 April 2026 EASTER SUNDAY	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Mass times as usual for both churches

PLEASE NOTE THE MASS SCHEDULE AT THE FRONT AND EASTER SERVICES

The following are dates and times for Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Service 2nd April 2026 - St Thomas Brandon 7.00 pm

Good Friday Service 3rd April 2026 - St Thomas Brandon 3.00 pm

Easter Saturday Vigil Service 4th April 2026 - St Thomas Church Brandon 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday masses will be as normal both at 9.00 am at St John's and 11.00 am at St Thomas' church.

BISHOP'S INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 31st Mar 2026

A 16-seater minibus has been booked for those that put their names down to attend this mass. There are 8 seats booked for St John's church and 7 seats for St Thomas' (total 15).

For those that put their names on the list please confirm with Fr Anil/Jo DM/Barry that you are confirmed on the bus so that we will know who will be waiting to travel.

The minibus will arrive at St John's on Tuesday at 8.45 am and departs at 8.55 am.

The minibus will then travel to St Thomas' church arriving at 9.05 am and departing at 9.15 am., arriving in Norwich at approx. 10.15 am -10.30 am.

Some people may also be travelling by car and if you did not sign up, but still might like to attend, please call Barry on 07771 590387.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH - St John's Mildenhall

At present we have four sets (8) of cleaners for the church at St John's.

This means once a month two people volunteer their time, approximately two hours a month to take care of this church. We would encourage more people to sign up so that the number of people we have will help to spread out the time and allow for back up if people are away. Please see Les DM after mass if you feel you can help.

Any help you give will be greatly appreciated.

We are recruiting for the All New Ignite Team!

Leaving school or university in the summer, or would like to do something 'different'? We are looking for people to join the All New Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. **These are salaried positions** which includes training as an apprentice for a nationally recognised qualification. For more information, please see

www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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, Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, Kath Cottrell** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

During this New Year 2026, let us continue to pray for peace in the world. Let the message of Christ unite us as one world to live together in love and harmony.

CONSTRUCTION OF CONFESSIONAL - ST THOMAS' CHURCH, BRANDON



Finally after several weeks of refurbishment our once 'storage' cupboard has been lovingly restored to a fully functioning confessional. Gone are the cobwebs, cracked walls and dust!

Following fathers official 'opening' and blessing at the Palm Sunday Mass he is hoping we will make use of the room.

Confessions will be heard after mass on Sunday 29th March. Many thanks go out to Barry and David, PPC members who spent many hours of their time, lovingly constructing this wonderful addition to the church and our Parish. It is truly a wonderful achievement.

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 intention 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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Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Bury

Deanery Day 18th April 2026

As part of the 50th celebrations for the Diocese, Bishop Peter has asked us to run special Deanery youth events. We're excited to be running a day for Bury Deanery on April 18th. It will be held at St. Benedict's School in Bury, the day will include inspiring talks, music, prayer, and delicious food!

For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see **www.rcdea.org.uk/youth** If any youth or young adults are able to come to any of it, you are very welcome, but I appreciate weekends are busy.

Thank You. **Hamish MacQueen Director of Youth Services Diocese of East Anglia**

IGNITE FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE

ALL young people in Year 8 upwards are invited to the **Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026** Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 4th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. **Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!**

LENTEN RETREAT—LAST SUNDAY

Thank you to all who attended the Lenten retreat and simple lunch last Sunday. Approximately 40 people stayed until the close at 3.30. Thank you to all those who helped during this event. Fr Anil.

FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month - If you are able to support the food bank, please remember that the first Sunday of the month is designated for accepting any items that you may have such as tinned goods, pasta, non-perishables etc (all in date). Please leave items at the back of the church for collection. Donations including money are also very much appreciated. For any more information, please see John or Sinead Bruton.