



# 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 1st Mar - 8th Mar 2026**

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## **MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 1st Mar 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	B 11.00 am	Mass
Tuesday 3rd Mar 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Wednesday 4th Mar 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass Commemoration of Saint Casimir
Thursday 5th Mar 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass intention for James Bevan RIP (Angie's Nephew)
Friday 6th Mar 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass and Stations of the Cross Commemoration of Saint Kyneburgha, Religious
Next Sunday 8th Mar 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	B 11.00 am	

**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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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the newsletter.

**WINTER WARMER LUNCHEON FUND RAISER**

**We are looking forward to seeing you next SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 at 1.00 pm at St John's, Mildenhall is our annual Winter Warmer luncheon.**

If you wish to buy more raffle tickets please see Chris Burrell.

Many thanks.

**PARISH of St Thomas and St John LENTEN RETREAT**

The proposed date for this will be **Sunday 22nd March 2026 at St John's Church, Mildenhall.** More specific information on activities and times will be

**RETREAT STARTS WITH 9.30 MASS AT ST JOHN'S  
(no mass at St Thomas, Brandon)**

**12.30 Simple lunch - Finish Time 3.30 pm**

Please reserve this date for participation and put your name on the sign up sheet in the back of the church so that we can gauge numbers.

Many thanks, Fr Anil.

**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.

**\*\*BISHOP INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS - NORWICH CATHEDRAL\*\***

We have been invited to this special service which will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 11:30 in St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich. The Bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. If you are interested **please sign up on the sheet that is at the back of the church** and if we get enough numbers, we can organise a bus to take us to Norwich.

Many thanks, Fr Anil

**FOOD BANK TODAY** If you are able to support our local food bank, the collection for items is every first Sunday of the Month. Your help with items such as tins of vegetables, soup, cereals, (all in date) and many more, is always gratefully received. Please leave items at the back of the church. If you need any further information, please speak to John or Sinead Bruton. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**The Month of March celebrates St Joseph**

The whole month of March is dedicated to St Joseph, and his feast is celebrated on 19 March. He is the patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants and a happy death. He is recommended as a powerful intercessor and friend by countless saints and Popes.

“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St Joseph is unlimited: it extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.” ( St Thomas Aquinas )

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**BISHOPS DIARY**

**MARCH Mar 1, Sun Bishop Mass at Our Lady of Pity, Swaffham at 10:30am.**

**Mar 3, Tues Bishop to attend Bishop's Council Meeting in Poringland at 11:00.**

**Mar 3, Tues Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at Church of the Holy Family, Gaywood.**

**Format: 18:00 Exposition and confession 19:00 Mass 20:00 Light buffet or Soup.**

**Mar 5, Thurs Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's, Ipswich.**

**Mar 6, Fri Bishop to attend Walsingham Trustees Meeting including  
Mass at Walsingham at 10:00.**

**Mar 10, Tues Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass within the parish of Bury St Edmunds.**

**Mar 12, Thurs Bishop to Diocesan Board of Trustees Meeting at 10:30 in Poringland.**

**Mar 12, Thurs Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's, Great Yarmouth.**

**Mar 14, Sat Bishop to attend Diocesan Commission for Dialogue & Unity meeting  
at 11:00 in Poringland.**

**Mar 17, Tues Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at the Cathedral, Norwich.**

**Mar 18, Weds Bishop to attend Chapter of Canons Capitular Mass at  
12:00 at the Cathedral, Norwich.**

**Mar 19, Thurs Bishop to attend Vocations Committee Meeting at 11:00 in Poringland.**

**Mar 23 – 25, Mon – Weds Bishop to perform the Triennial Canonical  
Visitation of Quidenham.**

**Mar 26, Thurs Bishop to attend Council of Priests at 11:00 in Poringland.**

**Mar 27, Fri Bishop to meet with Ignite Team at 18:00.**

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**\*\* REMINDER FOR PARENTS DURING MASS \*\***

Parents are reminded to escort their children to the restroom facilities during mass/services. Thank you.