



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 22nd Feb - 1st Mar 2026

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 22nd Feb 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
1st SUNDAY IN LENT	B 11.00 am	Mass
Tuesday 24th Feb 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Wednesday 25th Feb 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 26th Feb 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Friday 27th Feb 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass and Stations of the Cross Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday 1st Mar 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
2nd SUNDAY IN LENT	B 11.00 am	

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

****NEXT WINTER WARMER LUNCHEON FUND RAISER****

**SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 at 1.00 pm at St John's, Mildenhall
is our annual Winter Warmer luncheon.**

Please sign up this week on the sheet is at the back of the church for those wishing to attend to gauge numbers. We will be holding a raffle so if people would like to donate raffle prizes for this event it will be greatly appreciated

Many thanks, Chris (Fundraising)

RED 'MISSIO COLLECTION' BOXES

The Red collection Boxes for 'Missio' are available in our Church. This charity is 'proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission'. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it. By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future. If you would like to take a box home and put in any spare change or donations, **please see Bernard Camenzuli at Mildenhall or Fr Anil at Brandon.** The next collection of donations for these boxes will be in September. The money is counted and sent off to the diocese and you will be given a receipt. Many thanks for supporting this charity.

(<https://missio.org.uk/about-missio/>)

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 of Soup and Bread , Fruit

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 for a simple Lenten Lunch of vegetable soup, bread and fruit.

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.

****A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM****

Bishop Peter has invited us to hold a number of Parish Missions around the Diocese of East Anglia to mark the 30th Anniversary. We will be in Bury St Edmunds for a week and the Bishop and Sister Catherine wish to extend an invitation to parishioners from this Parish to attend if they wish.

Some of the sisters from the community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be running the Parish Mission at St Edmunds in Bury St Edmunds from 22nd February to the 1st March 2026 to which all those in the vicinity are welcome to attend. There will be talks from Monday to Friday both in the morning and evening, a retreat day on Saturday 28th Feb 2026 along with other events including night adoration. For a full program and further information go to **www.walsinghamcommunity.org/stedmunds**.

Many thanks and God bless, (Sister Catherine, Community of Our Lady of Walsingham).

****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 If you are able to support our local food bank, the collection for items is every first Sunday of the Month, (next Sunday 1st Mar 2026). Your help with items such as tins of vegetables, soup, cereals, (all in date) and many more, is always gratefully received.

If you need any further information, please speak to John or Sinead Bruton.

Many thanks

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 account details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish Lloyds

Bank Sort code 30-98-58 A/C No.00489176.

Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

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BISHOPS DIARY—February 2026

Feb 22, Sun Bishop to attend Rite of Election at 15:00 at the Cathedral.

Feb 24, Tues Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at St Peter and All Souls, Peterborough. Format: 18:00 Exposition and confession 19:00 Mass 20:00 Light buffet or Soup.

Feb 25, Wed Bishop to attend Department of Dialogue & Unity meeting in London.

Feb 26, Thurs Bishop to attend Diocesan School's Service Commission Meeting at 10:45, Poringland.

Feb 26, Thurs Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption & the English Martyrs, Cambridge. Format: 18:00 Exposition and confession 19:00 Mass 20:00 Light buffet or Soup.

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

(ref: Latest online news at: www.rcdea.org.uk)

****YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT 6TH - 8TH MARCH 2026****

The Diocese Youth Service is organising a retreat in York during lent, for young women (age 18—35). For more information and to book a place. See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited and accepted on a first come first served basis

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

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