



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 7th September — 14th September 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 7th Sept 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 9th September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Wednesday 10th September 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 11th September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 12th September 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass The Most Holy Name of Mary
Next Sunday 14th September 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Weekday Masses

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

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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BISHOP'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH—Sunday 28th September 2025

We have the wonderful honour of Bishop Peter visiting our parish to celebrate mass both at St. Johns and St. Thomas on the above date. The Bishop is visiting at my invitation made during our pilgrimage at Walsingham earlier this year. It is an opportunity for the Bishop to meet our parish family, and for you to meet the Bishop in your church. I hope that both churches will be full, so please do arrive early, and in good voice! Fr Anil.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH—Saturday Sept 20th 2025 at 1.30 pm,

At The Presbytery - 18 Stuart Close, Brandon.

Please support this fund-raising event by signing up to bring a dish to share.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there but if you can't make it, please support the event after Mass by buying tickets for the raffle number squares in the weeks leading up to the event. Lots of nice prizes!

Sign up sheets will be available at both churches so that we can try to ensure a balance of dishes.

Please note the presbytery is in a small cul-de-sac shared with other neighbours with little parking for visitors. Please can we ask that you park with consideration to the neighbours ensuring they have clear access to and from their properties

We hope to see the presbytery garden full on the day..

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM -

Please pray especially at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville Eugene and Eileen Armour, Janet Kemp** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The council had a very productive meeting on Monday evening, 1st September 2025 and minutes will be available on line in the near future. The next PPC is scheduled for 1st December 2025. Thank you to all those that attended and for updating the Parish on matters of finance, fundraising and fabric issues.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Today, 7th September during Sunday mass we will be presenting The Guild of St. Stephen's Bronze Medals to Brandon altar servers, namely Krzysztof, Elizabeth & Emilija in recognition of their tireless and continued service in our parish, each having served for a minimum of 6 months; Elizabeth & Emilija for more than 1 year and Krzysztof for more than 6 years. This is our opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to these young people in service to our church family.

ANNUAL PARISH WINTER FAYRE - St John's church Mildenhall

This year we are reverting to an earlier date for our **Winter Fayre** it has been set for **SAT 15th NOVEMBER 2025**.

Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from early October. This is our biggest fundraiser so please **keep an eye on the newsletter for ways you can help**. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this event, please contact Chris Burrell from fundraising. Thank you.

50-50 CLUB DRAW RESULTS FOR AUGUST

1st Prize—No. 99 Frank Devlin

2nd Prize—No. 40 Margaret Houliham

3rd Prize—No. 53 Mrs Rutherford

With thanks—Bernard Camenzuli

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THIS PROJECT—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026

if you have **any information** regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items, photos, stories about our parish to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a brochure, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS - TODAY 7th September 2025 and First Sunday of each Month

We still have great need for items for the food bank. Please, if you can spare any extra food items such as tins of vegetables, dry goods, cereals or any non-perishable foods etc. (in date please) leave them at the back of the church at St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday** of the month. Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you for your generosity.
Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM- St John and St Thomas Parish

Our new Bible study program will commence weekly on Fridays starting at 6.00 pm. The first will be held at St Thomas Brandon on Friday 12th September, then at St John's Mildenhall on Friday 19th September and then continue weekly alternating between Brandon and Mildenhall. Please see the sign up sheets at the back of the churches.
I look forward to seeing you. Fr Anil

CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANERY - 6th DEC 2025

Please put this date in your diaries.

The parish of St Edmund King and Martyr and others in the Bury St Edmunds Deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on

**Sat 6th Dec 2025 at St Edmund King and Martyr, 21 Westgate St,
Bury St Edmunds IP33 1QG from 10.00—12.30.**

If there are charitable organisations i.e. people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see or think they should be represented at the festival,
please email your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

The festival will begin at 10.00 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. All are welcome