



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) 11th – 18th October 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 11 th Oct. 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) Mass Intention (M) + Eileen Armour First Anniversary
Tuesday 13 th October	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Wednesday 14 th October	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Thursday 15 th October	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) St. Teresa of Jesus VD Mem.
Friday 16 th October	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Sunday 18 th Oct. 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) Second Collection – MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note, it is a requirement of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church **must always** be accompanied by an adult.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Weekly classes will run from mid January- June 2027 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brandon Thursdays 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. (school term time) Classes are taught by Jo Leveridge and Angie Jordan. Children from Y3 to Y7 from Brandon and Mildenhall Churches are welcome to join us to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, which will take place in June. (Date to be arranged.) Registration forms and Photographic Permission forms will be available to families in both churches from Sunday, 18th October.

Please return these forms to Fr. Anil by Sunday, 22nd November.

If you have any questions please ring/text/WhatsApp: 07790370532 (Jo Leveridge). At the beginning of December, there will be an early evening meeting with Fr. Anil, Angie and me, where all parents and children will have a chance to find out more. This will take place at St Thomas- date to be arranged.

God Bless.

ST. THOMAS, BRANDON – GOLDEN (50) JUBILEE

As we celebrate 50 years in our current building in the month of November 2026, we will have a Mass concelebrate by up to 8 priest with special links to our parish.

Full details will follow in the coming week, but please do keep the date free. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence 6:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by refreshments and social gathering at 8:15pm.

PARISH WINTER WARMER LUNCH 2026

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Pre- Christmas Winter Warmer Lunch

Sunday 29th November 2026, 1 for 1.30pm

St John's Church, Mildenhall.

Come along and enjoy an early Christmas meal with friends from our Parish.

More details to follow, but get the date in your diary so you don't miss out!!

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, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, Frances Rutterford, Lissy Zachariah, Zachariah Zachariah** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

That all of us may resist the temptation to judge others, remembering that for everyone there is always the possibility of change, forgiveness and a new beginning.

Lord in your mercy

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.
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.

RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874

Treasurer – Philip Kemp

50/50 CLUB

If anyone wishes to join the 50/50 club draw, please contact Bernard Camenzuli at St John's Church or by email. The draw of 1st Prize of £20.00, 2nd Prize of £15 and 3rd Prize of £10 is held each month.

Guided Retreat at Clare Priory led by Fr George Donaghy OSA

Halloween weekend, 30th Oct to 1st November For more info contact:
clarepriory@clarepriory.net

or phone 01787 277326. Ensuite room and meals included in price £200.00

Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NX

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
Nov. 1 st	All Saints
Dec. 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events	
13 th Nov.	Golden Jubilee Mass St Thomas, Brandon
29 th Nov.	Parish Winter Warmer Meal, St. John, Mildenhall

Second Collection Dates	
Oct. 18 th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13 th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

Saint Teresa of Jesus, also known as Teresa of Ávila, was a 16th-century Spanish Carmelite nun, mystic, reformer, and the first female Doctor of the Church.

Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda Dávila y Ahumada was born on March 28, 1515, in Ávila, Spain, to a devout Catholic family. Her father was a successful wool merchant, and her mother nurtured her early interest in reading and spirituality. After the death of her mother when Teresa was 12, she turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary for guidance, beginning a lifelong devotion. At age 20, she entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation in Ávila, where she initially struggled with the lax spiritual discipline of the community.

Teresa became a central figure in the Carmelite Reform, advocating for a return to a more austere, contemplative life. In 1561, she founded the first Discalced Carmelite monastery in Ávila, emphasizing poverty, prayer, and near-perpetual silence. She worked tirelessly to establish and reform convents across Spain, often enduring poor health and exhausting journeys. Her reforms were later joined by Saint John of the Cross, and together they established the Discalced Carmelite Order, formally recognized by the Pope in 1580.