



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 21st — 28th September 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 21st Sept 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	Mass Offered for Brian Vallack (RIP) (M) Children's Mass (M)
Tuesday 23rd September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
Wednesday 24th September 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 25th September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 26th September 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Next Sunday 28th September 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<u>B: 11.30 am</u>	<i>BISHOP PETER'S VISIT (M&B)</i>

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. WebCard 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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****PLEASE REMEMBER THE BISHOP'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH—Sunday 28th September**

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! Thank You. Fr Anil.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's liturgy started again during mass last Sunday and will continue during term time.

For any more information regarding this please contact Sara Farrugia St John's.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

It is hoped that the parish can start confirmation classes within the parish after Christmas for those young people and any others that may wish to be confirmed. Please contact Fr Anil/Sara Farrugia for more information.

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.

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

Please pray at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour and especially Eileen Armour who remains in the hospital** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

Let us not forget those struggling to survive and live in war-torn areas of the world. Let us remember especially the people of Gaza and Ukraine and that the world will help those in need because of war, especially the children.

CHILDREN'S ARTWORK FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

We are creating a magazine to celebrate the Catholic Jubilee year and would like to include some art work from the children in our parish. We are looking for pictures to represent "our parish family" and what our family looks like to them. If they could create their drawings or paintings and hand them in when they come to church so that we can create a nice, colourful representation of our parish.

Thank you, Franki.

****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 magazine please contact those involved. Additionally, If any group or business would like to place an advert in the publication for a fee to help offset costs of printing, please speak to Franki (Brandon) or Fr Anil. For content, photos of the parish or any interesting history or archive material, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil. Many thanks.

ALTER SERVER TRAINING

Training for alter servers will be on **Thursday 25th Sept at St John's Mildlenhall at 6.00 pm.**

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM- St John and St Thomas Parish

The Bible study group now has 10 members. The next meeting will be held on **Friday 26th September at 6.00 pm at St Thomas.** We look forward to welcoming any new members.

Please see Fr Anil for any more information.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please ensure all articles/notifications are sent to Jo Della Maestra by Wednesday of the same week if the article is to be included in Sunday's newsletter. Thank you.

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

A REQUEST FROM THE PARISH

Are you a capable and enthusiastic DIY person, do you have a trade - perhaps, plumber, carpenter, electrician or other? If so we would like to hear from you. As a parish we have two church buildings and a presbytery to maintain and the more hands willing to help the easier those tasks become. We also, at times, need to have qualified trades carry out work and we would like to use tradespersons from our own church family. If you can help and would like to add your name or business to our list, please contact Jo or Les at Mildenhall and Barry or David at Brandon. There is no such thing as too many people, so the more names we can gather the better. Thank you.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS - 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.