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) 8th – 15th November 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 8th Nov. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) **Remembrance Day**
Tuesday 10th November	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) **Mass Intention (M) + Eileen Upsher RIP** **St. Leo the Great PpD. Mem.**
Wednesday 11th November	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) **St. Martin of Tours B. Mem.**
Thursday 12th November	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (R) **St. Josaphat BM Mem.**
Friday 13th November	B 6.30pm B 7.00pm B 8.15pm	**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (W)** **Golden Jubilee Holy Mass** **Social Gathering – Finger Buffet, Tea & Coffee**
Sunday 15th Nov. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) **World Day of the Poor**

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

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.

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***!***

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.

Congratulation to our October winners, all numbers drawn at random

1st Joanne Thomas

2nd Terri Human

3rd Janet Kemp

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 …*

As we mark Remembrance Day, we call to mind all who have given their lives in past wars and conflicts- as well as those caught up in conflicts today, in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere. May those who have lost loved ones find comfort, those living in fear find safety and may those in power be inspired to work for peace and justice.

Lord in your mercy

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for November

For the proper use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of common good and solidarity of those who have less.

ST. THOMAS, BRANDON – GOLDEN (50) JUBILEE - 13th November 2026

After the Holy Mass we will be able to enjoy each other company with a social gathering, finger buffet, tea and coffee.

Can you help ? Don't worry if not, your presence is what matters most!

If you can help please add your name to the sign up sheet so we know who is bringing what food to the share table – thank you

St. Thomas of Canterbury – Golden Jubilee

St. Thomas of Canterbury celebrates 50 years in our current church on Friday 13th November 2026.

It is my pleasure as your Parish Priest to cordially invite YOU to celebrate the Golden Jubilee Holy Mass.

18:30 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

19:00 Golden Jubilee Holy Mass

20:15 Finger Buffet with Tea & Coffee

Fr. Anil Zachary

Parish Priest

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
Dec. 25th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events	
29th Nov.	Parish Winter Warmer Meal, St. John, Mildenhall

Second Collection Dates	
Dec. 13th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

Did You Know ?

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests – the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent – a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result of the first, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729. Less than 8 years later (on June 16, 1737) he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII.

He is the Patron Saint of Charitable Societies – Feast Day 27th September.