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) 1st – 8th November 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 1st Nov.	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (W) **All Saints. Solemnity.**
Monday 2nd November	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (V) **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)**
Tuesday 3rd November	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass ((G)
Wednesday 4th November	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) **St. Charles Borromeo B Mem.**
Thursday 5th November	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Friday 6th November	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Sunday 8th Nov. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) **Remembrance Day**

Dear Parishioners,

With a heart full of gratitude, I would like to share with you that I am planning to return to India on the 25th of November, after completing my ministry in the parish and the Diocese.

It has been a great blessing and privilege to serve you and to be part of this wonderful parish family. I sincerely thank each one of you for your love, prayers, support, cooperation, and encouragement throughout my time here. Your kindness and friendship have made my ministry meaningful and memorable.

As I prepare for this new chapter, I will carry with me many beautiful memories of our prayerful gatherings, celebrations, and moments of fellowship. Though I may be leaving the parish physically, you will always remain in my prayers and in my heart. I kindly ask you to continue praying for me, and I assure you of my prayers for you and your families.

I would like to let you know that I hope to be able to share with you the name of the priest who will be succeeding me and taking over the pastoral responsibilities of our parish within the next couple of days.
Once the arrangements are officially confirmed, I will be happy to inform you all.
Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued prayers during this time of transition.
Please keep the parish and the new priest in your prayers.

May God bless our parish abundantly, strengthen our unity in faith, and keep us all united family in Christ.

With heartfelt gratitude, love, and prayers,

Fr. Anil Zachariah

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 …

For all of us in our parish community, that we may be faithful witnesses of today's Gospel message by bringing Christ's love and peace to everyone we meet

Lord in your mercy

FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month

This Sunday is donation time for any items that you may have such as tinned goods, pasta, non-perishables etc (all in date). Please leave any items in bags at the back of the church for collection. Donations including money are also very much appreciated. For any more information, please see John or Sinead Bruton. Many thanks.

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!

We need our wonderful parish family to support us by bringing a plate of food to share whether it be savoury or sweet. A sign up sheet will be available at the rear of each church for you to enter your name along with a note of what food you will be able to bring and share. THIS WILL BE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT AND GRATITUDE TO FR ANIL AS HE DRAWS TO THE END OF HIS MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

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

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

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.

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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***!***