



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

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 15th June 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass - Fathers Day
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	B: 11.00 am	Mass intention offered for Jacky Nally
Tuesday 17th June 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Wednesday 18th June 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 19th June 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
		The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 20th June 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
		Private Mass intention
Saturday 21st June 2025	B: 11.00 am	Holy Communion services for the young people of the parish
First Holy Communion Masses	M: 1.30 pm	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,
Next Sunday 22nd June 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026

It was decided at the last Parish pastoral committee meeting to produce a magazine / brochure to celebrate our parish from its institution to the present day. It would be a way of incorporating this into the Diocese Jubilee celebration of 50 years. Points of contact for this would be Mary R and Patrick F who can guide you as to what stories,, photos and any news articles of interest are needed. We need a team to be put together to discuss the content of the history of the Parish and its churches of St John and St Thomas in order to compile this celebratory document. It would be much appreciated if we could get volunteers to start this process soon so we have a booklet printed ready for Christmas.

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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CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CATECHISM—St John's and St Thomas

If you wish your children to participate in children's liturgy, please see Fr Anil/Sara at St John's/Angie St Thomas'

UPDATING

The Parish of St John and St Thomas - church sacristy areas are in a very poor condition along with some of the ceremonial items/vestments/storage cupboards that are either broken or over thirty years old and not very serviceable as well as other areas that need to be put in order relating to infrastructure.

If you are able to help with donations,/ideas to fund raise or other suggestions please contact Fr Anil/a member of PPC/Sub-committee.

Fr. Anil on Holiday ... "I am on my annual holidays for a few weeks. I will be leaving for India on Monday the 23rd of June and will be back on 20th of July. We will have supply priests on **Sundays and Tuesdays (Mildenhall)**. Should you need the help of a priest, please contact **Thetford or Newmarket parish priests or Claire Priory.** "

PLEASE NOTE: There will be No WEEKDAY masses at Brandon during the above period of Mon 23rd Jun 2025 —20th July 2025

SPIRITUAL CORNER

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

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

PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS:

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

PRAYER: “O God of peace, who art Peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and those in conflict may forget evil and be healed.”

Please also pray for those who died in the recent Air India Aircraft crash and their families who mourn their loss.

Gracious God, surround us and all who mourn this day with your continuing compassion. Do not let grief overwhelm your children or turn them against you. When grief seems never-ending, take them one step at a time along your road of death and resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Anglican church ref)

REMINDER Parish picnic and BBQ Next Sunday

SUN 22nd June 2025, at 1.30pm

In John & Sinead's garden at: Silverlea, Freckenham Rd,
Worlington - IP28 8SN

This is a great opportunity to socialize as members of our Parish Family and to celebrate our First Holy Communicants - so come along & enjoy good food in good company!

COST: £8.00 to cover meat & rolls
(£4 for children under 12)

Please bring a salad or dessert to share and let us know if you have any dietary requirements. (see sign-up sheets in back of church)

There will be a drinks bar and games for the young at heart. Please bring something to sit on. If you require a lift, please ask.

There are still tickets available for the Number Squares Draw, as usual after Masses in June, and at the BBQ. Raffle prizes are always welcome!

PARISH PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Parish Pastoral committee had its first meeting Monday 9th June 2025 at Brandon church at 7.00 pm. Eighteen people attended the meeting and minutes of the meeting will be shortly available on the Parish web page. Please let Barry S (Brandon) or Jo DM (Mildenhall) know if anyone still wishes to volunteer for a position on sub-committees.

PARISH WEBSITE

We are still busy updating our website and are looking to introduce some new and exciting features. It is an efficient way to reach out to all our parish family and beyond. Please contact our parish web editor Barry Spencer if you have any articles or additions.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please support the local food bank. If you can spare items that you think would be of benefit, as long as they are 'in date' for consumption, please bring items on the **LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH** to the church. You can also give your donations to **John or Sinead Bruton at Mildenhall church**, or leave them in bags in the Sacristy, and they will be collected.

NEWLETTER

Items to be included in the newsletter need to be passed on to Les or Jo Della Maestra - **leslie258@btinternet.com** NLT Wednesday before publishing on Friday.

MAILING LIST FOR NEWLETTER AND MASS SHEETS

Do you know of someone who would appreciate/benefit from hearing from us? There are probably people in our community who are unable to attend mass for whatever reason.

From now on we can send out a copy by email of the mass sheet and the weekly news bulletin to allow them to follow the readings and the gospel each week. This will be a nice way of helping them to keep in touch with the Parish and to ensure we are reaching out to as many people as possible who might enjoy this contact.

Please email **parishwebeditor@yahoo.com** or call 07771 590387 to ensure their email addresses are updated to the mailing list.

CHOIR

If you would like to join the choir/play an instrument at either church, please speak to John Bruton at St John's Mildenhall or Maura Vine (organist) at St Thomas Brandon.

Hamish MacQueen - LIVE IN CONCERT—19TH JULY 2025 AT THE NARTHEX, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL

Hamish, Director of youth service is doing a special gig, sharing about his life and faith through songs he has written over the past 30 years. All ages welcome. Profits will go towards helping young people go on pilgrimage and training young leaders.

See **www.hamishmacqueen.live** for more information.

(Ignite team)

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

See <http://www.redea.org.uk/vacancies>

St Luke's Way Pilgrimage of Hope -Thursday 4th September 2025 - Sat 13th Sept 2025

The eastern Pilgrimage of Hope Way Start Date 4th Sept 2025 - End date Saturday 13th September 2025 at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham.

*If you are interested - For a detailed map of the route and more information see **<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/st-luke-s-way>**.*