



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 17th May - 24th May 2026

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 17th May 7th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass Second Collection: World Communications Network (Holy See)
Tuesday 19th May	M	Sorry, No Mass Today
Wednesday 20th May	B	Sorry, No Mass Today
Thursday 21st May	M	Sorry, No Mass Today
Friday 22nd May	B	Sorry, No Mass Today
Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass

FATHER ANIL,

Is currently on his annual leave, we warmly welcome fr. John Morrill to both Mildenhall and Brandon to celebrate the Mass.

CHURCH READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

Would any of our young people like to train as altar servers (daily and/or Sunday mass)
If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month

If you are able to support the food bank, please remember that the first Sunday of the month is designated for accepting 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.

EASY EVANGELISATION 'Is It True?' is a new Catholic website designed to share reasons for our faith. <https://www.IsItTrue.net> is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

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 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.

Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874

OFFERTORY DONATIONS APRIL

Cash £775.04 Bank Transfers £1377.00, DONA website donations £50.30 Total £2,202.34.

Thank you all for your generosity.

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, Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, Kath Cottrell, Frances Rutterford** 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 our parish, and all the families within our community.

That as we mark the International Day of Families, we may experience the blessing of God's love in our homes. And that this same love may strengthen families who live far apart and yet are united in love and hope, **We pray to the Lord.**

We are recruiting for the All New Ignite Team

These are salaried positions which includes training as an apprentice for a nationally recognised qualification. For more information, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

PRESBYTERY GARDEN Having carried out quite an extensive clearing of the over and undergrowth space has now opened up. I am now starting to create what will be two, possibly three flower beds, the first for many years. In order to fill the beds with colour I am appealing to our church family for any shrubs, perennial flowers or summer bedding plants they might like to contribute. Maybe you are planning to thin out or divide a plant root, if so please consider placing a root in a pot and bring it to church where I will happily plant it up in the new flower beds, Be lovely to see some colour in the garden this year.

Thank you, David Parr.

VACANCIES

Head of School required for St Edmunds and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools, please see diocesan website for more details:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

CHURCH CLEANING

If you are interested in helping the parish with church cleaning, please see Les Della Maestra for St John (M) and Jo Leveridge St Thomas (B).

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.

PLEASE KEEP OUR 15 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lord, send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. Amen

Dates for your Diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
June 28th	St Peter & St Paul (June 29th)
Aug. 16th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug15th)
Nov. 1st	All Saints
Dec. 25th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Parish Dates / Events	
June 20th 11am	First Holy Communion at St Thomas, Brandon
June 22nd 6.00pm	Confirmation at St Thomas Brandon
July 12th 1.30pm	Parish Picnic & BBQ John & Sinead Bruton's Garden, Worlington
Second Collection Dates	
May 17th	World Communications Network (Holy See)
June 21st	Bishops' Conference Life Charities
June 28th	Peter's Pence
July 12th	Stella Maris
Sept. 13th	Catholic Education Service
Sept. 20th	Bishops' Conference
Oct. 4th	Mission Appeal (details to follow)
Oct. 18th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

Did you know....

Our church in Mildenhall is dedicated to St. John the Evangelist.
The author of the Gospel of John, he is the Patron Saint of
Authors, Love, Loyalty and Friendship.