



# 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 25th January - 1st February**

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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## ***MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK***

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
<b>25th Jan 2026 Sunday</b>	<b>M: 09.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>
<b>3rd Sunday in ordinary time</b>	<b>B: 11.00 am</b>	Mass intention for Paul Vallack (RIP) Mildenhall
<b>Tuesday 27th Jan 2026</b>	<b>M: 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
	<b>Mass</b>	Michael Camilleri(RIP)
<b>Wednesday 28th Jan 2026</b>	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>
		Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor
<b>Thursday 29th Jan 2026</b>	<b>M: 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday 30th Jan 2026</b>	<b>B: 09:30 am</b>	<b>Benediction</b>
	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Next Sunday 1st Feb 2026</b>	<b>M: 09.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>
<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>B: 11.00 am</b>	

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the newsletter.

## CHICKENFOOT PARISH FUNDRAISER

### RIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026 7.00 PM FOR 7.30 START

Please support this event which will be a very beneficial fundraiser for our Parish and will be held at St John's church (next Friday evening). Cost £5.00 adults, £2.50 Children.

There will also be a raffle during the evening with tickets costing £1.00 per strip. Lots of nice prizes. Coffee, tea and squash on offer during the interval but please feel free to bring your own nibbles/drinks if you wish.

The last Chickenfoot evening in September 2025 proved to be a great success and if you were not there do not worry about how the game is played. There are many people who will know how to play or Margaret/me and others will help.

Sign up sheets are now available so please sign up as soon as possible and make up a table with others, ideally six per table. Let us make this another very successful evening fundraiser for our Parish. We really look forward to seeing you!

Many thanks, Mary Rider

(please contact me if you need any more information 01638 714369).

## NEW EXTERIOR DOORS - ST THOMAS' CHURCH BRANDON

We are pleased to confirm that the new doors to St Thomas, Brandon have now been fitted. David Parr worked wonders with sharp negotiating on price, design and quality and was present on the day of the fit to ensure all was to our 100% satisfaction. The original wooden doors had over the years aged and warped to the point of being past economical repair, so we are delighted to have the new doors fitted to the outer porch and retain the wooden doors as secondary inner doors.

The cost was met through an 'old' saving scheme operated in the diocese that had matured, along with a generous donation from the 'Oliva' family plus you, our parish family, so we say a very big and sincere thank you.

Stay tuned for updates throughout 2026 for further refurbishment works in both churches, if you would like to volunteer your help please contact Barry Spencer (Brandon).

## PARISH RETREAT

We are hoping to hold a Parish Retreat sometime in mid March 2026.

Further details will be announced in the near future.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Many thanks Fr Anil.

**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** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

During this New Year 2026, let us continue to pray for peace in the world. Let the message of Christ unite us as one world to live together in love and harmony.

**\*\*NEXT WINTER WARMER LUNCHEON FUND RAISER\*\***

Please put this date in your diaries - **SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 1.00 pm at St John's, Mildenhall.** If you have any questions regarding this event, please speak to Chris Burrell. A sign up sheet will be available soon so that we can get details on numbers who wish to attend. Many thanks, Chris

**\*\*YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT 6TH - 8TH MARCH 2026\*\***

The Diocese Youth Service is organising a retreat in York during Lent, for young women (age 18–35). For more information and to book a place.

See [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth).

Places are limited and accepted on a first come first served basis.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER ANY FOOD BANK DONATIONS \*\***

St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday of the month, (please leave at the back of the church).** Your help as always is greatly appreciated. Donations of money are always very welcome. Please see John or Sinead Bruton at St John's, Mildenhall.

**\*\* REMINDER FOR PARENTS DURING MASS\*\***

Parents are reminded to escort their children to the restroom facilities during mass/ services. Thank you.

**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 acc 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 278742***

**Total Offertory donations for DECEMBER £2853.35**

<b>Cash</b>	<b>£870.69</b>
<b>Bank Transfers</b>	<b>£1672.00</b>
<b>Cheques</b>	<b>£175.00</b>
<b>DONA Website donations</b>	<b>£135.66</b>
<b>2nd Collection - Dependent Priests' Fund -</b>	<b>£137.37</b>

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH DISABLED AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN - Easter 2026**

HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) is a national charity that, each year, takes disabled and disadvantaged children and vulnerable adults on a life-changing pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes in the south of France. Lourdes is a place of healing, prayer, and profound encounter, and travelling there as part of the Easter pilgrimage creates memories and moments that last a lifetime. It also offers families and carers a much needed week of rest, knowing their loved ones are being cared for with dedication and compassion.

Any donations, large or small, will help make this joyful and transformative experience a reality for local children who need it most.

Those wishing to donate, learn more about the group, or explore volunteering opportunities are invited to contact:

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**Grateful thanks are extended for all prayers and support.**

**<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/help-hcpt-give-children-a-life-changing-pilgrimage/>**