



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 19th - 26th April 2026

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 19th Apr 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass (M) Mass intention Dorothy Devlin (Chris Burrell sister) Mass
Tuesday 21st Apr 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Wednesday 22nd Apr 2026	B 10.00 am	Mass
Thursday 23rd Apr 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Friday 24th Apr 2026	B 10.00 am	Mass
Sunday 26th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Mass times for the coming week are as per this newsletter (front page)

CHURCH CLEANING

A huge thank you to the cleaning volunteers who have kept both churches in a spotless state. We are always looking for additional volunteers to help. If you are able to and are interested in helping, see Les DellaMaestra for St John (M) and Jo Leveridge St Thomas (B).

CHURCH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or wine minister? If so, please speak to Fr Anil.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of members in the Parish (particularly our young people) to consider becoming altar servers. (Daily and Sunday Mass). If you are interested, please speak to Fr Anil.

MUSIC EVENING IN AID OF THE FOOD BANK—25th APRIL 2026

One of our Choir members at St John's, Mildenhall - Mike, is part of a band called '**AFTERBURN**' and they will be holding a performance in support of the local food bank charity. The Event is on **APRIL 25th 2026 starting at 7.30 pm AT LAKENHEATH METHODIST CHURCH in aid of the KINGS PROJECT MILDENHALL FOOD BANK.**

Please come to the show, it's FREE if you BRING SOME FOOD for the food bank.
Suggested items: Canned meats, beans, veg and fruit. Dried cereal, instant coffee or tea, cooking oil, soups and other non-perishable goods. www.afterburn.rocks
(limited parking outside the church)

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.

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 ...

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.

IGNITE FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE

ALL young people in Year 8 upwards are invited to the **Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026**. Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 4th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!

We are recruiting for the All New Ignite Team

Leaving school or university in the summer, or would like to do something 'different'?

We are looking for people to join the All New Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. **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

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

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation

May 14th	The Ascension of the Lord
June 28th	St Peter & St Paul (June 29th)
August 16th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug15th)
November 1st	All Saints
December 25th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events

June 20th	First Holy Communion St Thomas, Brandon
June 22nd	Confirmation St Thomas Brandon



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Prayer Request for our First Communicants

We have another wonderful group of children this year, who are preparing for their First Communion in June. They are working hard, and are approaching this sacrament with sincerity and great enthusiasm. We would appreciate your prayers for these children and their parents, as they enter into the last few weeks of our First Holy Communion course.

Alex, Amelia, Cosette, Diego, Hailee, Isla, Jan, Julia, Logan and Nikola