



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

5th week of the year - 5th Sunday of Lent 6th–13th April 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION
TODAY SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Lent 6 Apr 2025	M: 9.00 am B: 10.30 am B: 11.00 am	Mass Rosary Mass
TUESDAY 8 Apr 2025 Lent Feria	M: 10.00 am	Mass
WEDNESDAY 9 Apr 2025 Lent Feria	B: 10.00 am	Mass
THURSDAY 10 Apr 2025 Lent Feria	M: 10.00 am	Mass
FRIDAY 11` Apr 2025	B 11.00 am	Mass Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr)
NEXT SUNDAY 13 APR 2025 Psalm Sunday	M: 9.00 am B: 10.30 am B: 11.00 am	Mass/people of the Parish Rosary/Mass/People of the parish

13 April Palm Sunday St. Johns 9.00 am

13 April Palm Sunday St. Thomas 11.00 am

17 April Maundy Thursday St. Johns 6.00 pm (Washing of feet volunteers sign up)

18 April Good Friday St. Johns 3.00 pm

19 April Saturday Easter Vigil Mass St. Johns 7.00 pm

20 April Easter Morning Mass St. Johns 9.00 am

20 April Easter Morning Mass St. Thomas 11.00 am

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

EASTER SERVICES - see front of bulletin

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

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

50-50 club—Please renew your membership or request to join this year's group. Cost is £13 a year for a chance to win on one number. Please see Bernard Camenzuli (Mildenhall) or contact: **bernardcommenzuli50@gmail.com**.

PARISH PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are still looking for people who would like to volunteer their time in various roles for each church. It is envisaged that once a committee is established, a list of various roles will also be established to enable the community to know who the points of contact are. This will also provide a continuity reference for anyone new to the parish and anyone from the community interested in volunteering. A combined meeting of both parishes will be set for a later date so that everyone will have a chance to look at the structure and establishment of a Leadership Committee responsible for various roles in various areas.

Fr. Anil has asked for names to be added to the sheets (back of each church) for joining the parish council. Varied roles need to be filled and ideally we would like people from across both Mildenhall & Brandon, age is no barrier and we need to bring new ideas to help make us a more vibrant, thriving community. As a volunteer you will not be expected to be an expert in a specialised field, or to give up lots of time. We simply need people to create a working and meaningful parish council.

Appointment and tenure in each role will be governed by set time limits determined by the existing Diocese guidelines. If you want to be considered for a role on the leadership committee please enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of each church. Volunteers are needed for numerous areas of church/pastoral life so please sign up and state your area of interest.

CHOIR

At present the numbers of choir members are low in both churches and we know there are those in our community who love to sing so we welcome additions to our 'choir family' including children. Please speak to John Bruton at St John's Mildenhall or Maura Vine (organist) at St Thomas Brandon.

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.

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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SPIRITUAL CORNER

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

For those of our parish and their families who are suffering from illness, we pray that they may be restored to full health. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the father)

PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS:

During Lent Please pray for the following intentions:

For Peace in the world and an end to conflict.

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.”

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS - WASHING OF THE FEET -

Thursday, 17th Apr at St Johns at 6.00 pm. We still need volunteers to participate in this symbolic ritual so we would request that anyone who would like to help, please sign up at the back (both Churches)

EASTER OFFERING FOR PRIEST

Your offering given on Easter Day is by tradition for the priest of our parish. Many of you have responded generously to set up Standing Orders for your donations to the church and we are so grateful for this, but for any payment to reach your priests it must be marked for the priests' collection specifically.

Please would all parishioners who give by Standing Order and wish to give a Easter gift to the priest consider either making an online payment marked Easter Gift or simply put their gift in an envelope marked with their name and address and/or their Gift Aid number so it can be allocated to the priests' collection and so that the parish can also benefit from the considerable tax refund.

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.

If you are unable to obtain a weekly newsletter from church, it is always available on the web site each week at www.stthomas-stjohnparish.com

If you need to have the newsletter sent to you by email, please send your request to Parishwebeditor@yahoo.com who will add your email address to the distribution list for a pdf copy.

CHRISM MASS AT ST.JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,NORWICH

On 15th Tuesday, April, at 11.30

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

Please find the sign up sheets at the back of the Church.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GATHERING—ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHEDRAL, NORWICH 12 APRIL 2025**

12th April 2025 Catholic Charismatic Gathering, St John the Baptist Cathedral, Unthank Rd, Norwich. **Time: 10:30 – 15:00.** Bishop Peter & the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion team invite you to our first gathering of the Catholic Charismatic Family in East Anglia. Blessed with a diverse and multicultural diocese, this is a wonderful chance to come together in faith, receive spiritual nourishment, and deepen our connection as a charismatic community.

10.30 Adoration/Confessions (organised by the Cathedral parish)

11:30 Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter. Music & praise led by Filipino band, D'Septra.

In the afternoon Bishop Peter will address all those gathered.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS: Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday 14th June at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, until 60 years where we celebrate each year thereafter) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. Refreshments will follow the Mass. For more details and if you would like to register please go to: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>. Please direct all questions to the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

God of mercy,
we pray for all people
affected by the earthquake in Myanmar.
Enfold them in your love
and console them in their grief
as they mourn the death of loved ones
and the destruction of their homes.
Strengthen and guide all those
responding to this disaster
as they seek to bring comfort and relief
in this time of sorrow and pain.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
whose love endures forever,

Amen. (<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/myanmar-earthquake-prayer>)