



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 27th July 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 29th July 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass St Martha Mary and Lazarus
Wednesday 30th July 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor
Thursday 31st July 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass St Ignatius Loyola, Bishop Doctor
Friday 1st August 2025	B: c10:00 am	Mass St Alphonsus Mary de, Liguori Bishop, Doctor
Next Sunday 3rd August 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Weekday Masses

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall will resume this coming week.

Welcome back to Fr Anil.

DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026

Please if you have any information regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items about our parish to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a brochure, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.

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

RC Diocese of East Anglia

Registered Charity 278742

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Over the past week, our treasurer has met with some members of the Parish committee to look at the two sacristy areas at both churches and have started to plan the improvements and any of the changes needed to both areas at Brandon and Mildenhall. The second collection today will be set aside towards the cost. The sacristy is a sacred place of prayer and preparation for the priest and servers before and after mass, ensuring the smooth and reverent conduct of worship. It also has a vital role for storing sacred objects and vestments.

This will also be a practical way for our Parish to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese. Donations can also be made by bank transfer to the Parish bank account (ref sacristy). The total cost will be in the region of £2,500.00. Your generosity is once again appreciated. With grateful thanks, Fr Anil.

PARISH WEBSITE

Please contact our parish web editor Barry Spencer if you have any articles or additions.

MAILING LIST FOR NEWSLETTER AND MASS SHEETS

If anyone would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact parishwebeditor@yahoo.com or call 07771 590387 to ensure the email addresses are updated to the mailing list.

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. There is conflict in many parts of our world and we need prayer, especially at this time.

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."

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—SUMMER BREAK— this will resume after the summer holidays.
Please see Sara Farrugia (Mildenhall) or Angie (Brandon) for any details or to sign up your children for September.

RED CHARITY BOXES—MISSIONARY SOCIETY

If you still have any of the charity boxes, please bring in and hand them to
Bernard Cammenzuli (Mildenhall) or Angie (Brandon)

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Please put Friday 5th September in your diaries as this is hopefully the date of our next fund-raising event. Margaret Fulham, from Lakenheath has offered to run a 'Chickenfoot' evening for our funds. This is a fun, double –twelves domino game for all ages 7 upwards! No worries if you do not know how to play, all will be explained and very easy to understand 'on the job'! Final details to be confirmed but probably will start around 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm prompt start at St John's Mildenhall. The evening should end around 9.30 pm. You can bring your own nibbles and drink. There will be an entry fee and raffle on the night. Any queries please contact Mary Rider on 01638 714369/07854 79160. Hope to see you all!

CHOIR

As probably most of you know, our choir is made up of very few people (particularly Mildenhall) who are committed to help inspire music at our services. However with so few members and voices, we really need more people to join the choir and help in any way.

We are sure there are some wonderful voices out in our community and we would be grateful for your help if you feel you could sing, play an instrument or be dedicated to join each Sunday. See John or Jo if you want more info.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please, if you can spare any extra food items such as tins of vegetables, dry goods, cereals or any non-perishable foods etc. for the food bank (in date please) leave them at the back of the church at St John's Mildenhall on the **first Sunday of each month**. Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.

PILGRIMAGE—OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Monday 25th August 2025 - at the Catholic Shrine, Walsingham

Led by—Fr Zvonimir Pavicic OFM—Parish Priest of St James Medjugorje

Start 1.15 pm—Gathering, Rosary and Litany

Talk by Fr Zvonimir followed by a break and opportunity for the Sacrament of reconciliation

3.45 pm Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction

5.30 Departure

Please note that the Shrine requires any priest or deacon seeking to exercise his ministry at the shrine during the pilgrimage to submit a copy of his celebret to

celebret@walsingham.org.uk—2 weeks beforehand.

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

The Shrine in Walsingham is currently seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team. The vital role supports the daily liturgical life of the Shrine, ensuring sacred spaces are well-prepared, reverent and welcoming for all pilgrims and visitors.

For more information, please see

[Www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/06/23/job-advert-sacristan/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/06/23/job-advert-sacristan/)

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>.

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.