



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

DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 26th Apr. 4th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass
Tuesday 28th Apr.	M 10.00 am	Mass Intention: Mary Rider (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 29th Apr.	B 10.00 am	Mass
Thursday 30th Apr.	M 10.00 am	Mass
Friday 1st May	B 10.00 am	Mass
Sunday 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass 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.

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.

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

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 those who feel lost, anxious or unheard, that they may recognise the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calling them and leading them to a safer place, where they can find peace and hope.....**We pray to the Lord.**

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

CHURCH BUILDINGS UPDATE. St.Johns (M) has had their PIR lighting inspected and upgraded, St Thomas (B) has extended their PIR to now include lighting above the new front doors plus a new light fitting to the corridor between the narthex and meeting room/toilets A big thank you to Mark the electrician who carried out the work to a very high standard.

PARISH WEBSITE If you have not recently visited our website, please do so.

It is a source of useful information which you are encouraged to contribute to.

Now containing a tab 'In the Spotlight', where we offer an insight into the life of people and their contribution to our parish and the wider community.

Our opening Spotlight shines on Stephen Dean, it is well worth your time to read.

Please check in regularly as it keeps our 'visitor' numbers high on the web hosting site plus you will keep yourselves up to date.

Who will be the next person 'In the Spotlight' ?

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation

May 14th	The Ascension of the Lord
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	First Holy Communion at St Thomas, Brandon
June 22nd	Confirmation at St Thomas Brandon
July 12th	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. 18th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

For the children in our parish, whose cheerfulness and honesty enrich our lives.
And for our altar servers, who serve the Lord with reverence.
May their example inspire other children to follow in their footsteps in the
service of the Church. **We pray to the Lord.**