# 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) 15th – 22nd November 2026

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| DATE | TIME | MASS/INTENTION/FEAST |
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| Sunday 15th Nov. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | M 09:00am<br>B 11:00am | Sunday Mass (G)<br>**World Day of the Poor** |
| Tuesday 17th November | M 10:00am | Weekday Mass (G) |
| Wednesday 18th November | B 10:00am | Weekday Mass (G) |
| Thursday 19th November | M 10:00am | Sorry No Mass Today |
| Friday 20th November | B 10:00 | Sorry No Mass Today |
| Sunday 22nd Nov. 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time | M 09:00am<br>B 11:00am | Sunday Mass (W)<br>**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity** |

## *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.
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.

*RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874*

*Philip Kemp – Treasurer*

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note, it is a requirement of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

## PARISH WINTER WARMER LUNCH 2026

*SAVE THE DATE !!!*

Pre- Christmas Winter Warmer Lunch Sunday 29th November 2026, 1 for 1.30pm St John's Church, Mildenhall.

Come along and enjoy an early Christmas meal with friends from our Parish. More details to follow, but get the date in your diary so you don't miss out***!***

## *50/50 CLUB*

If anyone wishes to join the 50/50 club draw, please contact Bernard Camenzuli at St John's Church or by email. The draw of 1st Prize of £20.00, 2nd Prize of £15 and 3rd Prize of £10 is held each month.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

All completed application forms for the First Holy Communion class need to be handed to Fr. Anil by Sunday 22nd November.

Thank you

Jo Leveridge

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

Please remember to pray at this time for

Stephen Dean, Des Neville, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, Frances Rutterford, Lissy Zachariah, Zachariah Zachariah, Jo Squires 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 in our parish who use their God given talents to care for others, particularly those caring for the sick, the elderly, the poor or the homeless. May they be strengthened by God's abundant grace. (short pause) Lord in your mercy- *Lord in your mercy*

## FR ANIL- FINAL MASSES IN OUR PARISH

Fr. will celebrate his final masses in Mildenhall and Brandon on Sunday 22nd November. This is YOUR opportunity to wish him well for his future with thanks for his ministry and service to our parish.

## PARISH MAGAZINE

We have finally received our parish magazine from the printers and they are now available for a minimum donation of £1.00 per copy. Our thanks to Franki Nicholls for her tireless work in collating and editing, and to everyone who contributed to what is a fascinating read with some memorable photographs.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE – ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BRANDON

Celebrating 50 years in our current Brandon church, we welcomed Fr. John Warrington (Dean) as celebrant, along with concelebrants Fr. Anil, Fr. John Morrill and Fr. Luke Goymour, supported by Christopher and Elizabeth both serving.

It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance, our youngsters reading the bidding prayers and taking the gifts to the altar, once again the food brought to the table to share was impressive and very enjoyable.

Fr. Anil displayed his artistry in floral displays, outdoing anything he had previously done, a stunningly beautiful display.

It now falls to us to protect St. Thomas of Canterbury church for the next 50 years to pass on through the generations.

In 4 years St. John the Evangelist in Mildenhall will celebrate their Golden Jubilee, having opened in 1980.

# Dates for your diary

| Holy Days of Obligation | |
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| Dec. 25th | The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) |

| Parish Dates / Events | |
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| 29th Nov. | Parish Winter Warmer Meal, St. John, Mildenhall |

| Second Collection Dates | |
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| Dec. 13th | Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund |

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Our liturgical year is ordered in such a way as to lead us through the entire mystery of salvation won for us in Christ. Each liturgical year begins with Advent, when we ponder the Incarnation that leads us to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Following Christmas we enter into the public ministry of Christ during Ordinary Time, which begins with the feast of His Baptism. In the midst of Ordinary Time, we enter the deepest paschal mystery of Lent and Easter, culminating with the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Season concludes with Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. Finally, after the rest of Ordinary Time, we come to the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King.

*Prayer*

*My glorious King of the Universe, You are perfect in all of Your ways. Your divine Law must reign in my heart and become the purpose of my life. As we honour Your kingship this day, I rededicate myself to You and submit more fully to Your sovereign control of my life. Please do with me what You will, and use me to help build Your Kingdom on earth. Jesus, I trust in You.*