



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 C 16th—23rd Nov 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today 16th Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
33rd Sunday in ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 18th Nov 2025	M: 10.00 am	Mass - Today offered for Bob Rider and Charles Aldrich
Wednesday 19th Nov 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 20th Nov 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 21st Nov 2025	B: 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass
		The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday 23rd Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Weekday Masses

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the week's newsletter.

CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

SIGN UP sheets are at the back of both churches for those who wish their children to undertake Communion /Confirmation classes including any others who may also wish to do so, within our parish. The dates, place and time of the classes will be announced at a later date. Please speak to Fr. Anil for any further information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CHANGE OF DATE—MEETING FOR PARENTS OF HOLY COMMUNICANTS OR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This will be held on **Thursday 8th January 2026 at 6.00 pm at St Thomas Church Brandon.**
Please collect an application form after mass on Sunday.

CONFIRMATION

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES OR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

This meeting will be on **Thursday 27th November 2025 at 6.00 pm at St Thomas Church Brandon.** Please collect an application form.

PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING

This meeting is for the members of the Pastoral committee only at this time. The parish meet to discuss all the needs of the parish. The meeting will be held at **St John's church, Mildenhall on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Please send apologies to Fr Anil/Barry Spencer if any committee member is not able to attend. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED - IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

There are labels available for anyone who may wish to remember loved ones during November. The labels are located on the table near the sacristy door. Please write the names of your loved ones on the labels and place on the white tree next to the altar.

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

Please pray at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville, Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour**, 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.

Let us pray that peace in the world so that people of all faiths are able to live peaceful and safe lives in their land. Please pray especially for the people of Sudan and Christians in Africa who are being killed for their faith.

****A CONTINUING REMINDER PLEASE ** - DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026 -**

Please provide any **information/photos, stories or any news-worthy items about our parish** for our the 50th anniversary magazine, to Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.
Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S ARTWORK Please don't forget to give any of your children's artwork to Sara (St John's) or Franki (St Thomas) if you wish it to be considered for the Parish Magazine.
Thank you, Franki.

****PLEASE REMEMBER ANY FOOD BANK DONATIONS ****

St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday of the month,(please leave at the back of the church)**. Your help as always is greatly appreciated. As it will soon be the Christmas Season, it might be nice for some festive food items to be included as a lovely gesture to those who may not be able to have something related to Christmas. Donations of money are always very welcome. Please see John or Sinead Bruton at St John's Mildenhall.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL NATIVITY AND CAROL SERVICE

Please put this date in your diaries. Saturday 20th Dec 2025 at 5.00 pm .

The children of the parish (Brandon and Mildenhall) are reenacting and presenting a nativity play in conjunction with a Parish Carol Service this year at St John's Mildenhall.

If your child would like to participate in the Nativity play and carol singing during the service, please contact Sara Farrugia at St John's Mildenhall. We hope that all the children of the parish would like to be involved in some way and there will be festive refreshments served afterwards. Please join us for this family event and please invite members of your family and friends.

If parents are able to help with costumes/artwork or props for this special event, it will be much appreciated !!! Thank you

Thank you

VACANCY FOR REGIONAL PORT CHAPLAIN FOR EAST ANGLIA PORTS

Bishop Peter has requested this vacancy be advertised for an organisation called **Stella Maris** in order to **recruit a Regional Port Chaplain**. For more information please see <http://www.charityjob.co.uk/organisation/stella-maris>.

With Thanks - Fr Peter Wygnanski

****CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANERY - 6th DEC 2025******

Please put this date in your diaries. The parish of St Edmund King and Martyr and others in the Bury St Caritas East Anglia Festival on **Sat 6th Dec 2025 at St Edmund King and Martyr, 21 Westgate St, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1QG from 10.00—12.30 Mass** with Bishop Peter at 10.00 am followed by refreshments. It will end at 12.15 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. All are welcome.

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

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