



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) 20th – 27th September 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 20 th Sept. 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i> (Home Mission Sunday effective Sept 26) Second Collection: Bishops' Conference
Tuesday 22nd September	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Wednesday 23rd September	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) St. Pius of Pietreicina P. Feast
Thursday 24 th September	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) Our Lady of Walsingham Feast
Friday 25 th September	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Sunday 27 th Sept. 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G)

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

Treasurer – Philip Kemp

CHURCH READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

ST. THOMAS CHILDRENS LITURGY

We are pleased to announce that today Sunday 20th September, our children's liturgy will commence. The leaders will be Angie, Erika and Lorraine.

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.

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.

Guided Retreat at Clare Priory led by Fr George Donaghy OSA

Halloween weekend, 30th Oct to 1st November For more info contact:
clarepriory@clarepriory.net

or phone 01787 277326. Ensuite room and meals included in price £200.00

Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NX

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, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, 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 ...

We pray for the repose of the soul of Noah Woods - holding in our hearts the anguish of his family as they waited and hoped for his safe return, and their heartbreak when that hope was lost.

May Noah rest in peace, and may his family be comforted by God's love.

We pray today for all families who have suffered the unbearable loss of a child. **Amen**

CHICKENFOOT – FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next fundraising event for the parish is a Chickenfoot Evening which I hope is already in your diary but if not it will be on FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 7.00pm for prompt 7.30pm start at St. John's the Evangelist, Mildenhall. £5 adults and £2.50 children. Raffle on the evening at £1 per ticket strip. Feel free to bring your own nibbles/drink for interval time but we will serve tea and coffee for those who would like. Sign up sheets at both churches which is so we know how many tables to prepare. If you have never played, why not come along and enjoy learning to play the fun domino themed game. Others will be happy to teach you or you can speak with Mary or Les at Mildenhall and Doris or Barry at Brandon for a quick explanation prior to the evening.

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress, Saturday 10th October

The diocese is delighted that fifty places are available for participation in the National Eucharistic Congress in London on the 10th of October this year. The day begins at midday with Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe. After a picnic lunch, the day will culminate with a historic Eucharistic Procession, through the streets of London, from Southwark to Westminster Cathedral where devotions will continue into the evening.

Those who would like to register interest in participating in this momentous celebration of our faith are asked simply to email the Diocesan Adoremus

Representative, peter.wygnanski@rcdea.org.uk to receive further information.
(Those taking part will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event.)

With many thanks and God bless

Fr Peter Wygnanski

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
Nov. 1 st	All Saints
Dec. 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events	
9 th Oct.	Chickenfoot Evening – St John (Mildenhall)

Second Collection Dates	
Oct. 4 th	Mission Appeal (details to follow)
Oct. 18 th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13 th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

The title **Our Lady of Walsingham** originates from a series of visions experienced in 1061 by Lady Richeldis de Faverches, a devout Anglo-Saxon noblewoman in Walsingham, Norfolk, England. According to tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary transported Lady Richeldis in spirit to Nazareth, showing her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and instructed her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. This structure, known as the Holy House, became a major pilgrimage site in medieval England, attracting both royalty and commoners.

After Lady Richeldis' death, her son Geoffrey de Faverches entrusted the care of the Holy House to his chaplain and later established a priory, solidifying Walsingham as a centre of Marian devotion. Although the original shrine was dismantled during the English Reformation, devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham was revived in the 19th and 20th centuries, it remains a significant pilgrimage destination for both Catholics and Anglicans.

The **feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham** is officially observed on **24th September** in both the Catholic and Anglican churches. In 2024, the Vatican granted permission for this feast to be celebrated as a new feast in the dioceses of England and Wales, marking its formal recognition in the Catholic liturgical calendar. The feast commemorates the Marian apparition, the building of the Holy House, and the enduring devotion to Mary in Walsingham. Liturgical celebrations include Mass, processions, and prayers reflecting on Mary's role as a model disciple.