



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

Sunday 17th March– Sunday 24th March 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Forgiveness

"Nor do I condemn you. You may go." (John 8:11)

Forgiveness, in its truest and highest form, is a free act of love. But precisely because it is an act of love, it has its own intrinsic demands: the first of which is: "God alone is absolute truth. But He made the human heart open to the desire for truth, which He then fully revealed in His Incarnate Son. ...". Pope John Paul II

Christians must let go of resentments and forgive those who have wronged them so that they may experience God's forgiveness, Pope Francis has said.

This can be particularly difficult when "we carry with us a list of things that have been done to us," the pope said in his homily on March 6th at morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

"God's forgiveness is felt strongly within us as long as we forgive others. And this isn't easy because grudges make a nest in our heart and there is always that bitterness," he said.

Prayer

Lord Jesus

In your mercy heal us;

In your love and tenderness, remake us;

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness;

For the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

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Reflection for Lent

Purpose in penitence

Reconciliation is not an end in itself. St Teresa of Avila summed up beautifully why we need to cleanse our souls in readiness for Christ's Resurrection and Ascension.

CHRIST HAS NO BODY

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the
world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

*Father of goodness and love,
hear our prayers for the sick
members of our community...
and all those in our intercession
books.*

*Marion Arkell, Sue Dunleavey,
Mary Gillen, Bridhe Heron,
George Pearson, Lou and Barb
Kasprovicz.*

*May the souls of all the
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace, especially:*

*Barbara Blong, Andrea Boon,
Margaret Byford, Sally Cheung,
Philip Dean, Bernard English,
Patrick Finnegan, Egilda Gooch,
Michael Hassey, Queenie
Harwood, Irene Human, Violet
Jureko, Jean Kasprovicz, Vida Joy
Linstead, Charles McFarlane,
Monica McIntosh, Rev. John
McNally, Mary Mallows, Muriel
Malone, Peter Moore, Brendan
Neville, James Parr Margaret.
Rose, Allen David Sanson, Patrick
Scannell, Peter Seeking-Foster,
Betty Wales*

Stations of the Cross

Brandon

Each Friday at 1200 noon

Mildenhall

Each Friday at 12:30pm

Please Note

If you would prefer to follow the Stations in the Evening at Mildenhall, please let Tom Caple know. If enough people want this we can arrange an additional Stations Group.



CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S WEEKS (CPW) HOLIDAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CPW offers a chance to enrich and develop your faith, as well as warmly welcoming people from other faith traditions who are in sympathy with the catholic tradition. Events range from 1-day meetings to 7-day holidays, from retreats to conferences to walking holidays. They vary from activities for whole families (in school holidays) to 18+ events: and they are affordable holidays in comfortable accommodation. A limited number of leaflets are available. For details talk to Gill or Tom Caple.



REAL EASTER EGGS!

Real Easter Eggs are available again. As usual they include a booklet giving the True Easter story. The price is unchanged from last year - £3.99.

This is an important opportunity to ensure that children get the full Easter story and not myths about bunnies, Peruvian bears or other commercial stories. And they make ideal presents for children, grandchildren, other relatives and even yourself!

To order see the poster and sign-up sheet on the notice board. Gill Caple can answer any questions you have.

Newsletter Teaching Supplements “What we believe” *Fr Luke writes:* I have decided to produce regular (or semi-regular depending on commitments!) articles which I shall include with the newsletter from time to time as a supplement entitled ‘what we believe’. I hope to explore with you some aspects of our faith that perhaps, we haven’t always (or at least recently) thought about too deeply. It is not always possible and not really the right forum to explore these themes in depth in homilies so I have decided to explore them in written form with the hope that we can go a bit deeper and, if you wish, read at your own pace and re-read as necessary. I may also in time have these available online as well. We start this weekend with, the first reflection on the Creed: ‘I believe...in God’.

Parish Secretary: Angela Jordan (Angie) from St Thomas’ is now helping with some of the administration at the presbytery. She is usually around on Thursday afternoons, so if you phone the presbytery on Thursday you may well get on Angie on the phone. For general enquiries or less urgent requests feel free to email Angie at bmrcparishsecretary@gmail.com

Notre Dame High School, Norwich – Deputy Headteacher required for September 2019, please see Diocesan Website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival May 4th - 5th
Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff including sumo suit wrestling! Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

Sick Visits

If you are unwell or know someone who is unwell and would like Fr Luke to visit, please contact him, either by phone or email. If you do not let anyone know then it is hard to visit you. Please do not assume that Fr Luke knows that someone is sick or wants a visit.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 19th - Solemnity of St Joseph

March 22nd - St Nicholas Owen

March 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity

April 6th – Parish Reconciliation Service at Brandon

Dates for SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 19th - Holy Land Shrine

Money Matters

Offertory collection, Sunday 24 February 2019

Standing orders	£131.00
Gift Aid envelopes	£141.00
Non-Gift Aid envelopes	£20.00
Loose plate	£274.96
TOTAL	£566.36

Our Charity of the Year: The Medaille Trust

Please remember our commitment to continue to donate throughout the year. Buckets are in place at the back of our churches. Any spare change will be appreciated (notes and cheques too!) and Jacinta mentioned that gift cards from places like Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S etc are useful.

FOOD BANK

THE NEXT FOOD BANK DAY IS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH.

Please remember that those who need food also need other things that you can give, especially hygiene materials and products for babies.

Please do **not** donate fresh food or out-of-date items, alcohol, medicines, secondhand clothing or used hygiene materials.

Weekday Masses

The Eucharist is at the heart of what we do as Catholics. If you are free in the week why not come to weekday Mass? A weekday Mass usually does not have any music and can be quieter and more reflective than our Sunday celebration. Mass takes about 20-30 mins and it is a wonderful way to nourish your faith in Jesus Christ. As Masses are normally at 9:30 am they make a great start to the day and a great Lenten observance!

PARISH DIARY

2 nd week of Lent, Yr C Psalm Wk 2	Feast	Time, Place, Service M: Mildenhall; B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday 17 th March	2 ND SUNDAY IN LENT	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Frank Long RIP
Tuesday 19 th March	ST JOSEPH	B: 9:30 AM Mass	Priests Intention
Wednesday, 20 th March	Lent Feria	B; 9:30 AM MASS	Margaret Long RIP
Thursday, 21 st March	Lent Feria	M; 9.30 AM MASS	Priests Intention
Sunday 24 th March	3 RD SUNDAY IN LENT	M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass	People of the Parish Kevin Tompkins RIP

Extra Mass on Tuesday this week, 9:30am at Brandon