



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

## From Ascension to Pentecost

Jesus has just ascended to rejoin his heavenly Father. Christ, of course, was not abandoning his followers. He went to fulfil his promise to send the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide and inspire us in the mission Jesus has set us - to bring all to Him and to the path to heaven.

The Holy Spirit is not an "add-on", a worthwhile bonus to the wonders of Jesus. St Basil the Great wrote:

*"All living things turn to the Holy Spirit in their need for holiness. ... The Holy Spirit ... extends his own light to every mind to help in its search for the truth."*

This is what those in the upper room that day experienced - not just a capacity to communicate with their world, but the insight, wisdom and language to bring forth the Good News. And the Holy Spirit offers us the same gift - not a Berlitz course in a foreign language, but a far more exotic tongue - the language of love and salvation.

## A Gift of Tongues

In that room the world turned upside down. This was no gift of Greek or Latin nor any patois of the world then known, These were words familiar but forgotten, grammar and syntax learnt at mother's breast, cast off, life's first lessons unlearnt. New understanding bursts into flame, excised crisp cynicism and terror's fear, the dull language of despair and death displaced by a lexicon of love: -

a language to talk peace, abandon war;  
to join in reconciliation  
minds and bodies once used to slaughter;  
to win what's worth the winning for all;  
to deploy the strong subtle syntax  
of forgiving; to give and accept  
clemency with humble compassion;  
to slough despair, put on hope;  
to put up with, and not to put down;;  
to offer a hand, withhold the fist;  
to offer words for unity, not croak  
apartheid; to sing love, drown out hate.

*Tom Caple*

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## Our Churches

**St Thomas'**, Brandon Road, Weeting, Brandon IP27 0PT

**St John's**, St John's Close, Mildenhall IP28 7NX

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**Confirmation Mass Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 19:00** Bishop Alan is coming to Confirm two of our young people, Tom and Roisin Gray, All are welcome to attend this Confirmation Mass – Please come and support our young people.

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**Setting up St John's for Sunday Mass.** St John's is used during the week by various community groups. This is one way in which we fulfil our mission in the local community. It means that we have to clean and set up the church each week. The most important task on these occasions is to prepare the altar for mass. Lorna, Jo and Janine help with this at the moment, but we do need some others to provide backup when any of these is away. Please speak to Fr Luke.

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**Bishop Alan has invited all married people** across the Diocese of East Anglia to celebrate at the annual Marriage and Family Life Mass on **Next Saturday June 8** at 11.30am at St John's Cathedral in Norwich. All are welcome and those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter) will receive a certificate. If you would like to register for a certificate please contact Bonnie Lander Johnson on [mflc.eastanglia@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflc.eastanglia@rcdea.org.uk) or 07849357518. Join Bishop Alan after Mass for tea and cake in the Narthex and cathedral gardens. Photographs will be available for purchase online. There will be a collection at the Mass for those who wish to help the Marriage and Family Life Commission in their work.

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**Takeaway Sunday Lunches at the Orient Express (Great Eastern Hotel) Brandon** If you are struggling to get a roast dinner ready after Mass at Brandon, consider taking one home with you from the Orient Express Carvery! For £9:99 they give you a takeaway tin and you fill it with freshly cooked food and locally sourced meats.

**Anna Liwak**, the parishioner from Brandon who created our beautiful Paschal candles is now taking commissions for Candles: Her candles are handcrafted and can be personalized for First Communion, Baptisms, Memorials, Anniversaries or any other important occasions. Individual prayer candles are also available. For more information please contact Anna on 07741209889 or check out her Facebook page: 'Artistic Heart.'

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**Learn more about your faith!** Fr Luke writes: *I am gradually revamping the resources and CTS racks in our churches. New 'CTS Essentials' leaflets have been purchased dealing with a variety of subjects including: Contemplative Prayer, the Blessed Sacrament and Sunday Mass please feel free to take any of these leaflets. (These leaflets are free - even if they are priced at 20p!) Books and booklets remain as individually priced, but I will be updating the selection shortly – Please use this resource to help nourish your faith.*

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**Sunday 30th June, 'Bring and Share Picnic,'** at the Bruton's in Worlington (address TBC) **1pm** Tickets £3:00 per person. Raffle for the Medaille Trust. Please bring your own seat or blanket. If you would like alcohol, please bring a bottle along! There will be pulled pork and sausages on the menu but we need all parishioners who are planning to come to tick on a sign up list what salad or desserts they are happy to bring on the day. List will be at the back of the church.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish AGM: Open Meeting of the Parish,</b> <b>June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm</b> at St John's Mildenhall, all are welcome to attend. If you would like to have an item added to the agenda, please speak or email Fr Luke</p>
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**YOUR  
RED  
BOX**  
PLEASE  
Bring your  
box to  
Church  
NEXT  
SUNDAY  
(JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>)

TO BE A CHRISTIAN IS TO BE A MISSIONARY - YOU CAN HELP BY  
PRAYING FOR THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES  
AND  
DONATING THROUGH USING A RED BOX  
**NOT GOT A RED BOX?**  
CONTACT SUE DEAN OR FR LUKE NOW

***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, Mary Gillen, Bridhe Heron, George Pearson, Lou and Barb Kaprowicz*

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

*Barbara Blong, Eileen Boon, Alicia Campos, Sally Cheung, Philip Dean, Bernard English, Lorenzo Fatibene, Brendan Fulham, Irene Human, Reg Jackson, Chester Jureko, Greg Kane, Brendan Neville, Monique Newman, Ian Pearson, Kenneth Pullen, Ivy (Doreen) Rak, Peter Seekings-Foster, Paul Starr*

**AMEN**

### 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

**Saturday 8 June**     **Marriage and Family Life Mass** St John's Cathedral, Norwich at 11:30 am

**Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>** **Confirmation Mass – Brandon at 7pm**

**Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>** **Parish AGM at 7:30 PM**

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

**Sunday 2 June**     **Catholic Communications Network**

**Sunday 16 June**     **Day for Life**

### Money Matters

#### Offertory collection, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Standing orders	£131.00
Gift Aid envelopes	£35.00
Non-Gift Aid	£367.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£533.01</b>

**Teas and Coffees at Mildenhall:** This is a valuable act of service and ministry to the parish, which helps to build up the community. Please consider signing up and serving our parish family in this way.

Or - bring a cake!

### 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.

### Please pray for:

*Maja, Lena, Magda, Kacper, Lucy, Lily, Korolina, Mario, Olivia, Krzystof, Nina, Elizabeth, Matei, Adriana and William*

**Who make their First Holy Communion this weekend!**

### PARISH DIARY

7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Yr C Psalter Wk : 3	Feast	Time, Place, Service M: Mildenhall: B; Brandon	Mass Intention/Details
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN EASTER</b>	<b>M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass</b>	<i>People of the Parish Margaret Long RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>EASTER FERIA</b>	<b>B: 9:30 AM MASS</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Wednesday, 5<sup>h</sup> June</b>	<b>St Boniface</b>	<b>B; 9:30 AM MASS</b>	<i>Ignite Prayer Partners</i>
<b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>M; 9.30 AM MASS</b>	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>B: 9:30 Mass</b>	<i>Priest's Intention</i>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>M: 9.00 AM Mass B: 11.00 AM Mass</b>	<i>Rev Liam Armour RIP People of the Parish</i>