



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

3rd Week of Easter, 14th – 20th Apr. 2024

Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 3

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<https://www.facebook.com/61551408430801/videos/838991557926444>

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Mass Times for the Coming Week

Sunday 14th Apr – 3rd Sunday of Easter	M: 09.00am	People of the parish
	B: 10.25am	(<i>Rosary</i>)
	B: 11.00am	
Tuesday 16th Apr – Easter Feria	M: 10.00am	
Wednesday 17th Apr – Easter Feria	B: 10.00am	
Thursday 18th Apr – Easter Feria	M: 10.00am	
Friday 19th Apr – Easter Feria	B: 9.00am	(<i>Adoration</i>)
	B: 10.00am	(<i>Holy Mass</i>)
Sunday 21st Apr – 4th Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations – 2nd Collection for Diocesan Priests' Training Fund	M: 09.00am	Kelly Warbourton ints.
	B: 10.25am	(<i>Rosary</i>)
	B: 11.00am	People of the parish

Please send notices for the Newsletter to par.uk@gmx.co.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

30 Apr, Tuesday, **Survivors of Sexual Abuse**
1 May, Wednesday, **St Joseph the Worker**
4 May, Saturday, **Churches Together Mildenhall Prayer Meeting**
5 May, Sunday, **Food Bank Collection, St John's**
9 May, Thursday, **The Ascension of the Lord**
12 May, Sunday, **World Communications Day**

19 May, Sunday, **Pentecost**
26 May, Sunday, **The Most Holy Trinity**
1 June, Saturday, **Churches Together Mildenhall Prayer Meeting**
2 June, Sunday, **Corpus Christi**
2 June, Sunday, **Food Bank Collection, St John's**

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

Fr Antony writes ... "We are joining this Diocesan sponsored initiative and inviting all Parishioners to reflect on how you can best use your God-given gifts to help sustain the spiritual vigour of our Parish and help it grow further as a community of the faithful. You will have an opportunity to hear more about this during the Sunday Masses on **14th, 21st and 28th April.**" See also my letter in the Special Notice section of the Newsletter page on our website.

Fundraising Update

Christine Burrell has provided an update on the fundraising team's efforts – and successes – so far this year. She also offers a big thank you to all those involved. *As a parish, we also thank Christine and her entire team and helpers for their continued good works on our behalf.* See the flyer in the Special Notices section of the Newsletter page of our website.

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4th – 5th May

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! Followed by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

"Marriage celebration, new mums' group and solo retreat

"...The Diocese of East Anglia's annual Marriage Celebration Mass will take place on Saturday June 1, starting at 11.30am, at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All married couples and their families are welcome! Those couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to fill in the online Booking Form and so have their names read out during Mass, and receive a certificate. Certificates are for one year, five years and every multiple of five, until 60 years, then every individual year after 60 years...."

"The Dominican Sisters of the Convent of St Catherine of Siena are delighted to offer hospitality for private retreats and quiet breaks in their poustinia, a small (1 person) hermitage at 153-155 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0DH. The poustinia is fully self-contained and en-suite, with a comfortable sofa-bed (towels and bed-linen are provided). Previous guests have remarked on how tranquil it is...."

Diocese of East Anglia, Keith Morris, 5 Apr 2024. Full article at

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-celebration-new-mums-group-and-solo-retreat/>

"Apply to join the Ignite Team!

"...If you are aged 18-30, leaving school or university this summer, between jobs, or just want to do something different, then ... Why not join the Ignite Team?..."

"For more information and to apply please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth ..."

Diocese of East Anglia, Ignite, 7 Apr 2024. Full article at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/apply-to-join-the-ignite-team/>

“Bishops’ Conference department welcomes Vatican declaration on Human Dignity

“...The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales welcomes the declaration on human dignity, *Dignitas infinita*, published by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith earlier this week. In our troubled times, it is important for Christians to proclaim the inherent and unconditional dignity of all human beings, without exception, as being the basis for authentic human rights....There are many areas where human dignity is misunderstood and human rights are under attack....

“As the document explains, by proclaiming that the Kingdom of God belongs to the poor, the humble, the despised, and those who suffer in body and spirit, Jesus recognised the dignity of every person, especially those who were considered ‘unworthy’. (*Dignitas infinita*, 19) In our parish, civic and political life, we must, therefore, never forget the human dignity and human rights of the poor, prisoners, the sick, and those living with disabilities....”

The Catholic Church, Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, 10 Apr 2024. Full article at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-conference-welcomes-vatican-declaration-on-human-dignity/>

April edition of Catholic East Anglia is available - back of the church and at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/CEA-April-24-Web.pdf>

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community... and all those in our intercession books: Marion Arkell, Eugene Armour, Stephen Dean, Stephen Delahuntey, Mary Gillen, Philip Kemp, Virginia Knab, Li-Li Richardson, Michael Rooney, all who have cancer, and all suffering from the COVID-19 disease.

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

Thomas Adams, Charles Aldrich, Eileen Armour, Ivy Ayres, Michael Bayuard, Joan Bellow, Isabella Blatch, Barbara Blong, Marie Boon, William Bridges, Mary Brown, Ben Bulley, Alfred Busuttill, Viola Celentane, Rosemary Chisholm, Marie-Jeanne Ciantar, James Collins, Jim Cottrell, Helen Crick, Margaret Cullen, John Doyle, Anne Durrant, Bill Dykes, Kathleen Dykes, Bruce Edwards, Ronald Emeny, Bernard English, Margaret Farr, Ronald Farr, Mary Fortune, Brendan Fulham, Albert George, Harold & Rose Gould, Rose Gower, Edna Greenfield, Queenie Harwood, Michael Hassey, Bill Herrington, George House, Winifreda Hutchby, Anthony Grice, Elena Anna Hueller, Cedric & Irene Human, Kazimierz Iwankcki, Chester Jureko, Violet Jureko, Charles Keatley, Waclaw Russell Klemantonisz, Douglas Knab, Oscar & Mary Knab, Emily Korobczuk, Stefan Lachowycz, George Lawrence, Gerald Linstead, Rafaela Lopez, Michael MacNamara, Ed & May Malloy, Muriel Malone, George McDonald, Charles McFarlane, Catherine McKenna, Patrick McKenna, William McKenna, Paddy McLoughlin, Patricia Metcalf, Albert Mooney, Peter Moore, Mary Mulvihill, Michael Murray, Gary Natella, Stanley Nay, Brendan Neville, Aoibheen Norman, Bridie O’Brien, James O’Brien, Anna O’Grady, Richard Parsons, Rosemary Peters, Simon Pettit, Father Anthony Philpot, Rudy Pianà, Kenneth Pullen, Patrick Quinn, James & Blanche Richardson, Linda Richmond, Bob Rider, Nuala Ritnam, Margaret Rose, Father Ivan Rudkin, Manuel Sebastian, Beryl Secrett, Peter Seekings-Foster, Eira Sims, Archbishop Peter Smith, Molly Starr, Anneliesa Stowers, Bernard Tickner, Patricia Townsend, Mavis Tristram, Wladyslaw Urban, Brian Vallack, Lillian Vennell, Peter Vine, Betty Wales, Francis White, Julie White, Sydney White, Elsbeth Winnik, John Wiswell, Jonathan Wojtasz. Yuan Rong Fen, and all victims of COVID-19. **AMEN**

Parish Finances - Offertory Donations

Your offertory donations are important and make up the largest source of Parish income. Here is a reminder of the ways you can make your contribution:

1. Standing Order or regular bank transfer. Bank details below. **This is the preferred option.**
2. Web card donations using the DONA button on the Parish Website Home Page.
3. Cheques (payable to Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish)
4. Cash donations. A basket is available for cash and cheque offertory donations at the back of each church.

Gift Aid: Please consider Gift Aiding your donations if you are a UK taxpayer. An additional 25% of what you give is returned to us by HMRC. You are only required to provide your name and address and to sign confirming you pay income tax. Those already in the Gift Aid scheme who donate electronically or by cheque will have their donations readily credited to their Gift Aid record. However, if you make cash donations, you will need to put it in an envelope with your name OR your Gift Aid number. (Contact Philip if you are not sure what it is).

Thank you for your continued and generous financial support of our Parish.

Parish Bank Account: - **Account Name: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish**
Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-98-58, A/C No: 00489176

Questions? Contact: Philip Kemp, Parish Treasurer, Tel 07514430468, Email pjkemp1@gmail.com or Fr Antony.

National Cycle of Prayer (*Easter*)

New Members of the Church: The Easter Season is ... the time for post-baptismal catechesis ... with the newly baptised....

Prayer: *Father, you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received in faith.*

Roman Missal

Vocations: Especially on World Day of Prayer for Vocations — 4th Sunday of Easter

Prayer: *Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.*

Raise up worthy ministers of your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.

Roman Missal

Human Work: Especially on St Joseph the Worker — 1 May

Prayer: *God our Father, creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call men and women to develop and use their gifts for the good of others.*

With St Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. **Roman Missal (adapted)**

The Right Use of the Media: Especially on World Communications day – 7th Sunday of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, 19th May.

Source: Diocesan Calendar, East Anglia 2024 Yearbook, Dioceses of East Anglia

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES. - See also <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/>

AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL: TEACHER OF SPANISH (MATERNITY COVER – FULL TIME)

AT ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE: PRIMARY MUSIC PPA TEACHER (PERMANENT – 2 DAYS / WEEK).