



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 September 12th – Sunday October 3rd 2021

"Bishop for Life Issues asks Catholics to oppose Assisted Dying Bill"

"Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October.

"It encourages them to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why they oppose this legislation and particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed.

"It urges discussion and communication about this important matter."

*(With permission) Sep 8th 2021, Independent Catholic News [Source: CCN]
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/42999>*

"Listening to the Faithful: Vatican releases Synod Preparatory Document"

"The General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops has presented the ... handbook - to guide the journey of the Synod on Synodality.

"Listening without prejudice; speaking out with courage and parrhesia [speaking candidly]; dialoguing with the Church, with society, and with the other Christian confessions are among the guiding principles that will direct the path of the Synod on Synodality.

"The solemn opening of the Synod will take place in Rome on October 9-10, and in the particular Churches on October 17; and will conclude in the Vatican in 2023 with the assembly of bishops from around the world.

"The Preparatory Document, released on Tuesday, is intended above all to be an instrument facilitating the first phase of listening and consultation of the People of God in the particular Churches, which will take place from October 2021 to April 2022."

*(With permission) Salvatore Cernuzio, Sep 7th 2021, Independent Catholic News
<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/42992>*

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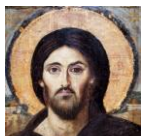
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Notices

If you have information you want to appear in the Newsletter, please send to par.uk@gmx.co.uk by 12 noon on Wednesday.

Fr Luke away: Fr Luke will be on leave from the afternoon of 12th Sept to Thursday 30th Sept inclusive. Fr Denys Lloyd will be supplying for the Sunday Masses during this time. There will not be any weekday Masses until Friday October 1st.

Second Collections: 19th Sep, Home Mission Sunday and 3rd Oct, for CAFOD following Family Fast Day on Friday, 1st Oct. Please transfer money and reference the collection in the transfer or hand money to the parish office.

Breckland Parishes Faith Academy

Catholic Education in

Philosophy and Theology for Everybody

A series of monthly talks on human formation and the Catholic Faith

Adoration at 7.00 pm, Talk at 7.30 pm
St. Thomas of Canterbury Church
Brandon
and live-streamed

October 21st 2021: “Finding Happiness”
What is happiness, exactly? Does it have a divine dimension? Philosophy and the natural and social sciences are providing interesting answers.

November 18th 2021: “Understanding Your Temperament”
How an Ancient Theory of Personality Can Foster Humble Self-awareness and Genuine Love of Others

December 16th 2021: “Positive Psychology and the Science of Virtue”
A new domain in the field of psychology has discovered what the Church knew all along!
More details and full programme to follow...

Your Parish (and your Priest) Needs You!

We need:

1. Readers for both churches
2. Someone to organise the reading rota for St Johns, Mildenhall.
3. People to join the sacristy team at St Johns, Mildenhall

Huge thank you for all who helped with the parish BBQ last weekend. It was wonderful to gather people together again and to raise money for the parish. We raised:

£429

First Holy Communion 2021/22

Registration and details of the course will emerge by the end of October. Watch this space for more information...

St Therese of the Child Jesus VD. Mem. - Commemorated on 1st Oct.

Also known as ‘Thérèse of Lisieux’ and ‘The Little Flower’, “born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin (2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897) ...“Therese has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. Together with Francis of Assisi, she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church. Pope Pius X called her ‘the greatest saint of modern times’ ...“In her quest for sanctity and in order to attain holiness and to express her love of God, she believed that it was not necessary to accomplish heroic acts or great deeds. She wrote, Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love. “The little way of Therese is the foundation of her spirituality.”

Wikipedia

Sunday Homilies can be listened to again at: <https://anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour> and on all major Podcast platforms

Mass is available to view and follow online live at:

www.facebook.com/bmrparish/live and <https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com>

Year of the Family - TOP FAMILY VALUES FROM 'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' WEBSITE

The sixth-eighth of the Top 10 family values according to 'The Bible and Catholics' website.

"PRAYER – SIMEON AND ANNA (LUKE 2:25-38)

"Often, it is those who are older in age who become the prayer warriors of our families and churches. When younger people tend to want everything in the here and now, older people can provide a long-term perspective, they are our living memory. They can set the example of faithful service, patience and trust in God's promises. Simeon and Anna are two such people who are honoured in the Bible. Simeon is described as righteous and devout and Anna as someone who did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. Both are present when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple as a new-born, and both recognise that in Jesus all of their prayers have been answered. How amazing it must have been for them, who had believed they would see this day, that their countless prayers and hopes had been answered and they could now die in peace. They remind us just how significant the prayers of our grandparents and all who are older in years are, and that we should always cherish them. This year Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July in churches across the globe.

"BELONGING – THE CHURCH FAMILY (EPHESIANS 2:19-22)

"There's a deep desire in every one of us to belong. Unfortunately, that desire for belonging can sometimes be misplaced, either in persons or ways of looking at the world, but in Christ we are given the opportunity to belong not only to him but to one another through our adoption into God's family. To belong to God's family, at its core, is to follow Jesus's two commandments to love God and one another (Mark 12:30-31), just as Jesus said 'For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'" (Matthew 12:50)

"For some of us who don't have families or have difficult relationships with family members, being part of God's family means gaining a loving father (God), mother (Mary) and older brother (Jesus) and quite a few less than perfect church siblings!

"CELEBRATION – THE WEDDING AT CANA (JOHN 2:1-11)

"The wedding at Cana like a modern wedding drew together family and friends from far and wide. Celebrations and holidays are an opportunity to reconnect with family members and to thank God for his grace and generosity. It wouldn't have been expected by the Jewish leaders at the time that the promised messiah's first public miracle would involve turning water into wine at a wedding feast, but thankfully, Jesus' concern for the wedding couple (and an arm twist from mum) reveals that God loves a joyful celebration. We are all invited to the heavenly banquet with all saints and sinners, called by God. Something of that joy should be in every Mass when we celebrate with Jesus the free meal of the family of God."

With permission, The God Who Speaks, 22nd June 2021,

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/our-top-tens/our-top-ten-family-values/>

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, Eugene Armour, Frederick Clifford, Stephen Dean, Stephen Delahuntey, Mary Gillen, John Leitch, Michael Murray, Linda Richmond, Michael Rooney, Lou & Barb, 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:

Edward Brian Adams, Charles Aldrich, Eileen Armour, Honora (Nora) Frances Breen, Catherine Brence, Rosemary Yolanda Chisholm, Marie-Jeanne Ciantar, James Collins, Doreen Coor, Jim Cottrell, Connie Doyle, John Doyle, Bill Dykes, Ronald Emeny, Bernard English, Margaret Frankland, Brendan Fulham, Amy Glenister, Egildda Risina Gooch, Robert William Gordon, Fr Ben Grist, Marion Holmes, Ellen Geraldine Hood, George House, Cedric Human, Irene Human, Winifreda Hutchby, Jamina Janiszewska, Douglas Knab, Oscar & Mary Knab, Peter John Lynham, Bridie MacGowan, Patrick Joseph MacLoughlin, Annie (Nancy) McCafferty, Eileen McLoughlin, Herbert Edward Moore, John Murray, Brendan Neville, Jerzy Okulick-Kozaryn, Josef Palik, Beverly Pierce, Thomas Joseph Preston, Patrick Quinn, James & Blanche Richardson, Bob Rider, Nuala Ritnam, Fr Ivan Rudkin, Molly Starr, Anneliesa Stowers, Fr Paul Trinder, Mavis Tristram, Tadeusz Tryjanowski, Brian Vallack, Gwendolyn Vallack, Rosamund Jessie Wass, Lilian Conanan Woods, Robert Joseph Wyndham, and all victims of COVID-19.

AMEN

If you have anyone you wish to add to our lists of the sick (or remove) and departed, please send a note to par.uk@gmx.co.uk. For those departed, please include the date of death if known.

PARISH FINANCES

A sincere thank you to all those parishioners who have generously contributed to helping to keep the Parish going financially since the first coronavirus lockdown in March 2020. It is now more than a year since Sunday offertory collections ceased, and we have also had reduced rental income and fundraising. A number of parishioners have started making regular offertory contributions by standing order, electronic bank transfers or by cheque. Some have also responded by making extra contributions. This has been enormously helpful, not just as a vital source of income in place of Sunday collections, but also because social distancing requirements have made normal weekly counting and banking processes impossible to operate.

A NEW WAY OF GIVING

While we are still unable to have normal cash collections during Mass we have been looking at additional ways parishioners can easily make their Mass offering and donations. You can now do this through the parish website <https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com/>. On the Home Page simply click on the **DONA** button to donate to our parish online. This action takes you to our secure online donation portal. When you see the input page, simply *enter the amount you want to donate*, then click 'Donate'; on the next page, *enter your credit or debit card details* and again click 'Donate'. That's all you need to do to help keep our parish going financially.

You will also be asked if you wish to **Gift Aid** your donation. *By clicking 'yes'* there is a *one time registration* which just involves inputting your name and address. The system will remember you next time you donate. Remember, if you are a UK taxpayer HMCR will pay the parish back 25% of the tax paid on whatever you contribute. If this does not apply to you or you would rather not, then *simply click 'no'*.

If you would like to help further, please consider the following:-

- 1 If cash is the only way you can realistically give, then this is of course welcome too. (*Bank details: Lloyds Account: Sort Code 30-98-58, Ac/no 00489176*)
- 2 Please support any fundraising activities where you can.

Philip Kemp, Parish Treasurer. Contact: pjkemp1@gmail.com Tel 075144304 68

THE PARISH DIARY

24TH-26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME • PSALTER WEEKS 4, 1, 2	FEAST	Time, Place, Service www.facebook.com/bmrcparish/live and https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com/	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday Sep 12 th	THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – EDUCATION DAY	M: 9:00 am Mass B: 11:00 am Mass & streamed	<i>Patrick Leahy RIP People of the Parish</i>
Sunday Sep 19 th	THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – HOME MISSION DAY (2 ND COLLECTION)	M: 9:00 am Mass B: 11:00 am Mass	<i>Brian Vallack People of the Parish</i>
Sunday Sep 26 th	THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	M: 9:00 am Mass B: 11:00 am Mass	<i>Jim Cottrell People of the Parish</i>
Friday Oct 1 st	ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS VD. MEM. HARVEST FAST DAY	B: 10:00 am Mass & streamed	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>
Sunday Oct 3 rd	THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (2 ND COLLECTION – CAFOD)	M: 9:00 am Mass B: 11:00 am Mass & streamed	<i>Maria de'Asprentacao (Cecilia) People of the Parish</i>