



# 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 Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

## DIVINE INTIMACY

"The way to God is an inner journey, inspired in the deepest recesses of our being by the Holy Spirit. This journey takes into account the place of both the mind and the heart in our spiritual life. Synchronising our minds and our hearts allows us to unite these two aspects of our being into one in our search for God. If we seek God daily, with our heart and mind prayerfully attuned as one, we will receive eventually the gift of an inner light that will show God's presence in our innermost being. The eyes of our heart and mind will become clearer, purified and ready to gaze on the light that shines from God's countenance, as it once did for the three apostles on Mount Tabor during the Lord's glorious Transfiguration.

"Once the Lord bestows the mysterious light of his presence on us, we must do everything on our part to keep him with us. ... [We] need to apply ourselves constantly to the remembrance of God, not only during times of prayer, but throughout the day's activities. If we show undying devotion to God at all times and keep our inner eyes fixed on his presence, we can be sure he will remain faithful to his promise:

*I am with you always, to the end of the age*

*Mt. 28:20)"*

*Blessings of the Daily • Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette*

## Prayer:

Lord Jesus, may everything I do begin with You, continue with Your help, and be done under Your guidance. May I grow in Your Love and Your service, and become a pleasing offering to You; and with You to Our Father.

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## Mass & Holy Communion. Fr Luke writes.....

The current lockdown laws are more flexible than the ones we had in March. You are allowed to leave your house and you are allowed to travel to a place of worship for private prayer. Regrettably, however, we are not allowed to celebrate a public Mass. Therefore, Mass will be streamed live from my chapel 10am Tues-Fri and 11 am Sunday. **After the Sunday Mass I will open St Thomas Church Brandon from 12-2pm for private prayer. (masks and usual social distancing must be observed) I will be at Church and will give Holy Communion individually to those who would like to receive Jesus at this at time.** If you are unable to travel, the restrictions permit me to enter homes "if it is part of my work" so please message me and I will arrange a way that you can receive Holy Communion.

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# Notices

If you have information you want to appear in the Newsletter, please send to [facaple@gmail.com](mailto:facaple@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Wednesday.

**NEW RADIO PROGRAMME** starting Sunday 4th October: **I BELIEVE** - a study of the articles of the Creed. During the course of 15 weekly episodes, Fr Luke Goymour explores the Creed and how it guides Catholics through what they believe and how it forms the Church's teachings and traditions. Episode 1 looks at the first phrase of our declaration of Faith: "I believe in God..." It will first broadcast on Sunday at 11.15am and 10.30pm and be repeated later in the week on Monday at 1am, and Saturday at 5.45am and 3.15pm. Listen online via the radio Maria website or through the Radio Maria World Family app <https://radiomariaengland.uk/how-to-listen-to-us/>

**Winter Fayre** Traditionally, this is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. We usually raise between £3000 & £4000, which goes a long way to paying the bills and keeping our Church going.

This year, we are asking you to save up the money you would have spent on supplying the fayre items and then on buying them back(!) and **donate it to Parish funds**, via Phil, details as usual in newsletter. Please make sure that these extra donations are identified as 'Autumn Fayre' and then we will put all names into a raffle, to be drawn on **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> November**. As previously mentioned in the newsletter, **Eileen** has kindly agreed to bake her famous **Porter cakes** to order. Cost is £10 – a bargain for a delicious cake full of fruit & Guinness! Order direct with Eileen or email [cfburrell55@gmail.com](mailto:cfburrell55@gmail.com) Also, **Sinead** has offered to make her lovely **chocolate Santa sleighs** to order. Again, contact her direct or use email above. Finally, I know that many of you Stock up on jams & chutneys, so **Sue** has been busy preparing her wares. All priced at £1.50 for a small jar or £2 for a large jar. Contact Sue or email me, as above. Many thanks in advance – I know you will all be as generous as ever!

## Catholic Church welcomes ICSA report into abuse

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has welcomed the report, published today, (10<sup>th</sup> Nov) from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

Read more and access full statement here: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/catholic-church-welcomes-iicsa-report-into-abuse/>

<b>Jam</b>	<b>Jelly</b>	<b>Apple &amp; raisin chutney</b>
Apricot	Bramble	
Blackberry & apple	Crab apple	
Blackcurrant	Rosemary	
Marrow & ginger		<b>Luxury mincemeat with brandy</b>
Plum	<b>Marmalade</b>	<b>£2.50</b>
Raspberry	Seville orange	
Strawberry	Lime	

**Second Collections:** We are currently unable to hold any second collections at Mass and we are not obliged to do so for the remainder of this year. If, however, you would like to donate to one of these collections, please make a bank transfer to the parish with the relevant charity as the 'payee reference', alternatively you can send a cheque to the parish with the name of the second collection written on the back of the cheque. The three collections that are listed in bold are Holy See collections which remain mandatory collections for this year, the parish, therefore, will make a donation to these, if you would like to give to these causes (even retrospectively) then please donate either via bank transfer or cheque as outlined above. The collections are:

15th November World Communications Day, 29th November Day for Life, 6th December Home Mission, 20th December Dependant Priests Diocese of East Anglia

**Prayer of St Alphonsus** to be said at the Online Mass:

"My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen."

**FACE COVERINGS:** There are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering. Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances, noting that some people are less able to wear face coverings, and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others. This includes (but is not limited to):

- **Children under the age of 11** (Public Health England does not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons)
- people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability

## WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts are CAFOD's alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Perfect for Christmas Presents, you can choose a unique, virtual gift for someone that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. And they come with free delivery! For more information go to <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>. A sample of what's on offer: Keep Clean kit £6, Teach someone to Read £10, Water for a Family £33

### *First Holy Communion 2020/21*

*We now have plans to run FHC communion programme this academic year (this year's current class will be contacted separately about arranging the celebration of their Holy Communion) If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2021 please contact Fr Luke ASAP. (Plans are underway to begin a new programme in January)*

### A TIME FOR JUSTIFIABLE OPTIMISM

News of success in testing a new vaccine with which to fight the Covid-19 disease comes at the right time, when many are confused, frustrated or downcast as the coronavirus continues to spread and restrictions aimed at halting it seem more and more to turn houses into prisons and homes into cells of isolation.

We should therefore rejoice in the optimism that the New Year will hopefully bring the beginning of a nationwide vaccination programme and that we will see the threat posed by Covid-19 reduced to the same manageable level of Flu and other viruses. But the battle is not over yet! In the meantime, we must continue to observe government regulations and guidance, wear masks, keep our distance and cautiously safeguard and respect the safety and dignity of others and ourselves.

A daily prayer for this might help:

Lord: Help us to control our impulses and maintain discipline safeguarding the health and wellbeing of those around us and others we encounter today. Amen

### *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, Frederick Clifford, Stephen Delahuntey, Mary Gillen, Darren Francis, Michael Murray, Michael Rooney, Linda Richmond, Bob Rider, Lou & Barb, and all suffering from the COVID-19 disease.*

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

*Sue Aldous, Charles Aldrich, Gill Aldrich, Ian Allen, Eileen Armour, Sonia Buonocore, Veronica Clifford, Thomas Cobbett, David Dallimore, Bernard English, Howard Fears, Mary Philomena Fortune, Egilda Rosina Gooch, Patricia Hardy, Queenie Harwood, George House, Bridhe Heron, Irene Human, Chester (Czestaw) Jureko, Julian Jureko, Violet Jureko,, Greg Kane, Edna Lovell, Bridie McGowanMary Molloy, Herbert Moore, Brendan Neville, Bridie O'Brien, Anna O'Grady, Natalia Patynska, George Pearson, Ian Pearson, Beverley Pierce, Alice Rooney, Thomas Rowland, Patricia Townsend, Peter Seekings-Foster, Paulo Silva, Christopher Patrick Tuohy, Brian Vallack, Liam Wales, John (Jack) Wiswell, Philomena Wiswell and all victims of COVID-19.*

**AMEN**

## Keeping the Parish Going

Thank you all for helping to keep the parish going, your generosity means we are surviving as a parish. Although we have returned to public Masses, **we are still not able to take a collection at Mass**, so we continue to rely on your giving:

If you have not already done so, please consider how you can donate at least equal to your normal giving. Here's how you can do this:

1. By Standing Order or Direct Debit. Details of the parish's bank account are: -
  - a. Bank Name: Lloyds Bank plc
  - b. Bank Address: Thetford (309858) Branch
  - c. Sort Code: 30-98-58
  - d. Account Number: 00489176
2. By making a transfer from your bank account to the parish's, using the details above.
3. By sending a cheque to the parish made out to Brandon & Mildenhall RC Parish.

Please do not send cash

We suggest that you arrange these payments on a monthly basis, starting on the first Monday of each month.

THANK YOU for helping to keep the parish going.

Philip Kemp

Parish Treasurer

### 50-50 CLUB

#### September winners

1st no. 116 Betty House £20  
 2nd no. 69 Mr & Mrs Watts £15  
 3rd no. 2 Janice Whitaker

#### October Winners

1st no. 72 Frank Devlin £20 1  
 2nd no. 98 John Bruton (Miss D) £15  
 £10 3rd no. 71 Mrs R. Rye £10

Outstanding prizes have now been paid by bank transfer where bank details are known or a cheque has been posted to winners. Many thanks for your continued support.

## PARISH DIARY – THIRTY THIRD WEEK OF THE YEAR

33 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FEAST	Time, Place, Service <a href="http://www.facebook.com/bmrcparish/live">www.facebook.com/bmrcparish/live</a> and <a href="https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com/">https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com/</a>	Mass Intention/Details
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November Psalter 1	WORLD DAY OF THE POOR	11 AM Mass via internet 12-2pm St Thomas open for Private Prayer and Communion	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	FERIA	10: AM Mass via internet	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	FERIA	10 AM Mass via Internet	<i>Tex Moustache RIP</i>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	FERIA	10 AM Mass via Internet	<i>Deceased Deanery Clergy</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	ST EDMUND, KING & MARTYR	10 AM Mass via Internet	<i>Holy Souls</i>
34 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 21 <sup>th</sup> November	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YOUTH DAY	11 AM Mass via Internet 12-2pm St Thomas open for Private Prayer and Communion	<i>People of the Parish</i>

N.B. Mass is available to view and follow online live at:

[www.facebook.com/bmrcparish/live](http://www.facebook.com/bmrcparish/live) and <https://stthomas-stjohnparish.com/>