



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

23rd Week of the Year, 8th – 14th September 2024

Sunday Year B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 3

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Mass Times for the Coming Week

Sunday 8th September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Education Day	M: 09.00am	
	B: 11.00am	People of the parish
Tuesday 10th September – Feria	M: 10.00am	<i>NO MASS</i>
Wednesday 11th September – Feria	B: 10.00am	<i>NO MASS</i>
Thursday 12th September – Feria	M: 10.00am	<i>NO MASS</i>
Friday 13th September – St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor	B: 10.00am	<i>NO MASS</i>
Sunday 15th September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Evangelii Gaudium Day - 2nd Collection for Home Missions	M: 09.00am	People of the parish
	B: 10.25am	<i>Rosary</i>
	B: 11.00am	

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

22 September, Sunday, **The Harvest**
 4 October, Friday, **Harvest Fast Day**
 5 October, Saturday, **Churches Together
Mildenhall Prayer Meeting, 9am, St Mary's**
 6 October, Sunday, **2nd Collection for CAFOD**
 6 October, Sunday, **Food Bank, St John's**
 13-19 October, **Prisons Week**
 20 October, Sunday, **World Mission Day**
 20 October, Sunday, **2nd Collection for Missio
(APF)**
 2 November, Saturday, **Churches Together
Mildenhall Prayer Meeting, 9am, Methodist**

3 November, Sunday, **Food Bank, St John's**
 10 November, Sunday, **Remembrance Day**
 17 November, Sunday, **World Day of the
Poor**
 24 November, Sunday, **Christ, the King of
the Universe**
 24 November, Sunday, **Youth Day**
 1 December, Sunday, **1st Sunday of Advent,
Year C**
 7 December, Saturday, **Churches Together
Mildenhall Prayer Meeting, 9am, St John's**
 8 December, Sunday, **Food Bank, St John's**

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Today is Education Sunday

Bishop Peter has a special message (attached) of thanks to God for all those involved in Catholic Education. He concludes with a special request for us to consider how we might use our time and talents to support the governance of our schools as volunteers.

Nial Murphy's Funeral Arrangements

Nial's funeral Mass will take place at St John's Catholic Church in Mildenhall on the 17th September at 1pm, followed by the burial in Freckenham Churchyard. The graveside service at Freckenham church will be roughly 2.15/2.30 pm. The service will be taken by Fr Luke. Rev Mark will be in attendance at the churchyard.

Leaving collection for Fr Antony

Fr Antony's final Sunday Masses are on 22nd September (not 15th as previously announced) before he moves to his new parish. A collection is underway for his leaving gift. If you would like to contribute, cash and cheques can be handed to Chris Burrell or Philip Kemp at St John's or to Jo Leveridge at St Thomas's. Alternatively bank transfers to the Parish Account reference 'Fr Antony' can also be made.

Diocesan Retreat Day for Women, Saturday October 12th

Theme: **“Called to More: Finding God in the Hidden Things of Daily Life.”**

This retreat aims to provide women with the tools and insights needed to recognise and embrace the divine presence in every detail of their lives, fostering a deeper and more intimate connection with God. It is a unique opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and reflect on how God is present in every moment, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant. We warmly invite all women to join us for a day of reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

Time: **11am – 4pm (Optional parish mass at 10.30am)**

Location: **Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. In the hall.** Retreat led by: **The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham**

Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, though soup and bread will be provided. The suggested donation for the day is between £5 and £10, payable on the day via cash or card.

For mothers attending the retreat, there will be childcare facilities provided on-site by the Sisters.

Due to the limited space, booking is essential for this retreat. Please complete the booking form found at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/> .

For any further questions, please contact Antonia Braithwaite at mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

50-50 Club August Draw -- 1st - £20: No. 46, Janet Murphy;

2nd - £15: No. 143, Sue Dean; 3rd - £10: No. 108, Des Neville.

The **September Catholic East Anglia** is now available in the back of the church and online at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/CEA-Sept-24-Web.pdf>

“Pope at mosque in Indonesia: May we cultivate friendship as pilgrims on our way to God

“...[Pope Francis] said may each of us in our spiritual journey ‘walk in search of God and contribute to building open societies, founded on reciprocal respect and mutual love, capable of protecting against rigidity, fundamentalism and extremism, which are always dangerous and never justifiable.’...”

(The Catholic Church, Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales, 5 September 2024.) For the full message see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-at-mosque-in-indonesia-may-we-cultivate-friendship-as-pilgrims-on-our-way-to-god/>

“A hope that you can believe in (Fr Alvan Ibeh, Voice of Hope column)

“...We are living in a world filled with diverse beliefs and countless paths to spiritual fulfilment. This makes it therefore important to note that the decision to follow Jesus, remains one of personal choice rather than compulsion. This foundational aspect of Christianity underscores the importance of free will, love and personal conviction in the journey of faith....This voluntary aspect of our Christian vocation is crucial because it aligns with the nature of God, who desires a genuine relationship with His followers, not one born out of coercion....”

(Diocese of East Anglia, Keith Morris, 31 August 2024. For the full article, see <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/a-hope-that-you-can-believe-in/>

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 Delahunty, Mary Gillen, Philip Kemp, Virginia Knab, Phil & Priscilla Richardson, Michael Rooney, all who have cancer, and all suffering from the COVID-19 disease and its effects.

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

Edward Adams, Thomas Adams, Charles Aldrich, Eileen Armour, Ivy Ayres, Joan Bellow, Isabella Blatch, Barbara Blong, Catherine Brence, William Bridges, Mary Brown, Ben Bulley, Alfred Busuttill, Rosemary Chisholm, Marie-Jeanne Ciantar, James Collins, Jim Cottrell, Helen Crick, Margaret Cullen, John Doyle, Bill Dykes, Kathleen Dykes, Bruce Edwards, Ronald Emeny, Bernard English, Bishop Michael Evans, Margaret Farr, Mary Fortune, Brendan Fulham, Albert George, Harold & Rose Gould, Edna Greenfield, Fr Ben Grist, Bill Herrington, George House, Winifreda Hutchby, Anthony Grice, Elena Anna Hueller, Cedric & Irene Human, Kazimierz Iwankcki, Chester Jureko, Violet Jureko, Wacław Russell Klemantonisz, Douglas Knab, Oscar & Mary Knab, Stefan Lachowycz, George Lawrence, Gerald Linstead, Edna Lovell, Peter Lynham, Bridie MacGowan, Ed & May Malloy, Annie McCafferty, Catherine McKenna, Patrick McKenna, William McKenna, Paddy McLoughlin, Patricia Metcalf, Albert Mooney, Herbert Moore, Mary Mulvihill, Nial Murphy, John Murray, Michael Murray, Stanley Nay, Brendan Neville, Bridie O'Brien, James O'Brien, Anna O'Grady, Richard Parsons, Rosemary Peters, Simon Pettit, Father Anthony Philpot, Rudy Pianà, Patrick Quinn, James & Blanche Richardson, Linda Richmond, Bob Rider, Nuala Ritnam, Fr Ivan Rudkin, Michelle Sansom, Peter Seekings-Foster, Paulo Silva, Molly Starr, Anneliesa Stowers, Bernard Tickner, Patricia Townsend, Fr Paul Trinder, Mavis Tristram, Wladyslaw Urban, Brian Vallack, Lillian Vennell, Peter Vine, Julie White, Sydney White, Elsbeth Winnik, John Wiswell, 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 (*Ordinary Time in Autumn*)

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) i.e. from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Students and Teachers, especially on Education Day, 8th September

Prayer: *God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask him to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers. For students, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom of understanding. For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students.* **Book of Blessings**

The Spread of the Gospel: especially on Evangelii Gaudium Day, 15th September, and World Mission Day, 20th October

Prayer: *O God, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, look upon your abundant harvest and be pleased to send workers to gather it, that the Gospel may be preached to all creation and that your people, gathered by the word of life and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the path of salvation and love.* **Roman Missal**

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; especially on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1st September and 22nd September.

Prayer: *O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them to promote your praise and the wellbeing of all.* **Roman Missal**

Justice and Peace in the World: especially on Harvest Fast Day: Friday 4th October.

Prisoners and their Families: especially on Prisoners Sunday, 13th October, and in Prisons Week, 13-19 October

All Victims of War: especially on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November

Young People: especially on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 24th November

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