



# 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*

Week Ending Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Fr Luke will be away September 14 – 29**

## MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS

*Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways— it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.*

Isaiah 55:6-9

Besides being a word far too big for breakfast, anthropomorphism has been invented to express our understanding of things non-human. We use it in many ways to attribute human traits, emotions, or intentions to non-human entities. For example, I have a neighbour who does this in relation to her dog, who has hands, not paws. There may be times when you treat your computer as human, for example, by raging at it when something goes wrong. Even more common is to treat your car as if it were human, asking it to go faster, shouting at it when it breaks down, and so on.

It is so common, that it is too easy to use it in thinking about and talking to God.

In the passage from Isaiah quoted above, God firmly and lovingly reminds us that it doesn't work, if we rely on our image of Him. "My ways not your ways" is a straightforward way of saying "Take care. I'm not to be treated exactly as if I am like you." We cannot fully understand God (or ourselves for that matter!). This means that we should take great care, for example, in making judgements, especially about other people and their behaviour and motives. It's best left to God to judge the worth of people.

This is not to say that we can know nothing about God. What we know and understand comes from Him. To acquire such leaning means we have to be able to listen to Him. More on this next week,

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## This is not the normal Newsletter

In Fr Luke's absence, this is a brief bulletin to update you over the next week.

## PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS

**Our churches are now open for Mass**, although heavily restricted. Mass times are on page 2 in this week's newsletter. **Masses will still be available each weekday (except Monday) online.**

If you can attend at least one of the masses on Sunday or through the week, it will be a delight and a blessing to welcome you.

*Please remember! To attend Sunday Mass in person you must book from 1pm on Wednesday for the following weekend*

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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.

## ONLINE CELEBRATION OF MASS

**Can't find Mass on Facebook? Don't worry you can now just visit our website!**

The Facebook live-stream is now integrated with our parish website, **this means you can simply go to the parish website and see the live stream.**

The video will appear in a screen below the main logo. (on some devices it can take up to a minute to connect) If it doesn't appear after a few minutes refresh the page. For those of you who are using Facebook and commenting please continue to do so as you can only interact with the page through Facebook.

**Fr Luke on Holiday:** Fr Luke will be on Holiday from 14<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September. During this time there will not be any weekday Masses. The two Sunday Masses will be celebrated by a visiting Priest and streamed online as usual.

# Autumn Fayre

**Watch this space for news of how we hope to run a virtual Autumn Fayre. It is our main fund raiser of the year and our Church needs funds!**

Eileen has already proposed that she is happy to make her wonderful Christmas cakes. They will need to be pre-ordered, and will cost £10 - excellent value for a cake full of fruit & brandy.

More details to follow, and please get in touch with your ideas at [cfburrell55@gmail.com](mailto:cfburrell55@gmail.com)

## Family Fast Day is Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>

Please use October 9<sup>th</sup> as your fast day and then send the donation saved by fasting to us in one of these ways:

1. By making a transfer from your bank account to the parish'. 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
 or
2. By sending a cheque to the parish made out to Brandon & Mildenhall RC Parish.  
Please do not send cash

## PARISH DIARY • TWENTYFOURTH TO TWENTYFIFTH WEEKS OF THE YEAR

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • HOME MISSION</b>	<b>M: 9 AM Mass B: 11 AM Mass (and online)</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>M: 9 AM Mass B: 10 AM Mass (and online)</b>	<i>Priest's Intentions</i>

N.B. Mass is celebrated in both Churches and also is available to view and follow online live at:

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