



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

Year C 14th — 21st September 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 14th September 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
	B: 11.00 am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 16th September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr
Wednesday 17th September 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor
Thursday 18th September 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 19th September 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
Next Sunday 21st September 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	Children's mass St John's Mass offered for Brian Vallack (RIP) (M)

PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS

Weekday Masses

Masses during the week at Brandon and Mildenhall are as per the week's newsletter.

Many thanks for all your generosity in helping the parish with funding.

PARISH FINANCES - Please note that there are many ways to support our parish:

The preferred option is by standing order or regular transfer—details below

1. Web Card donation using the DONA button on the parish website home page.
2. Cheques made payable to Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish
3. Cash donations—please help if you can by donating cash or cheques at the offertory in the baskets provided during service or at the back of the church. Donations can also be given for mass intentions and when lighting candles for special private intentions.
4. Parish bank acc details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish Lloyds

Bank Sort code 30-98-58

A/C No. 00489176. Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE BISHOP'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH—Sunday 28th September 2025

We have the wonderful honour of Bishop Peter visiting our parish to celebrate mass both at St. Johns and St. Thomas on the above date. The Bishop is visiting at my invitation made during our pilgrimage at Walsingham earlier this year. It is an opportunity for the Bishop to meet our parish family, and for you to meet the Bishop in your church. I hope that both churches will be full, so please do arrive early, and in good voice! Thank You. Fr Anil.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH—NEXT Saturday Sept 20th 2025 at 1.30 pm,

At The Presbytery - 18 Stuart Close, Brandon.

Please support this fund-raising event by signing up to bring a dish to share.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there but if you can't make it, please support the event after Mass by buying tickets for the raffle number squares in the weeks leading up to the event. Lots of nice prizes!

Sign up sheets will be available at both churches so that we can try to ensure a balance of dishes.

Please note the presbytery is in a small cul-de-sac shared with other neighbours with little parking for visitors. Please can we ask that you park with consideration to the neighbours ensuring they have clear access to and from their properties.

We hope to see the presbytery garden full on the day.

FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM -

Please pray especially at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour and especially Eileen Armour who remains in the hospital** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

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ANNUAL PARISH WINTER FAYRE - St John's church Mildenhall

This year we are reverting to an earlier date for our **Winter Fayre – it has been set for SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2025**. Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from early October. This is our biggest fundraiser so please **keep an eye on the newsletter for ways you can help**. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this event, please contact Chris Burrell from fundraising. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S ARTWORK FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

We are creating a magazine to celebrate the Catholic Jubilee year and would like to include some art work from the children in our parish. We are looking for pictures to represent “our parish family” and what our family looks like to them. If they could create their drawings or paintings and hand them in when they come to church so that we can create a nice, colourful representation of our parish. Thank you, Franki.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THIS PROJECT—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026 - if you have **any information** regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items, photos, stories about our parish to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a magazine, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CHILDREN'S MASS—21st September 2025

Children's liturgy started again during mass last Sunday and will continue during term time. Additionally on the 21st September, next Sunday and every third Sunday of the month will be designated as Children's mass at St John's to allow our children to play a more active role during the service.

For any more information regarding this please contact Sara Farrugia St John's.

CHICKENFOOT FUNDRAISER

Last Friday raised £603.00 for our parish. This is a wonderful boost and it brought people from both ends of the parish together again, as well as people who do not worship regularly with us. Approximately 70 people came to St John's church and it was a great evening—who would have guessed a game of dominoes could generate so much laughter or be so tiring! Many, many thanks to Mary, who made the evening run smoothly as always, Margaret Fulham for organising the evening, and for all those who brought raffle prizes, helped with setting up and serving coffees and teas. And finally, to all of you who attended and made the evening so special and raised the funds.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS - First Sunday of each Month

We still have great need for items for the food bank . Please, if you can spare any extra food items such as tins of vegetables, dry goods, cereals or any non-perishable foods etc. (in date please) leave them at the back of the church at St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday of the month**. Financial donations are also very welcome. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.

BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM- St John and St Thomas Parish

Our new Bible study program which commenced **Friday 12th September at St Thomas, will continue at St John's Mildenhall on the following Friday 19th September**, and weekly after that, alternating between Brandon and Mildenhall. Please see the sign up sheets at the back of each of the churches. I look forward to seeing you. Fr Anil

CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANERY - 6th DEC 2025

Please put this date in your diaries. The parish of St Edmund King and Martyr and others in the Bury St Edmunds Deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on **Sat 6th Dec 2025 at St Edmund King and Martyr, 21 Westgate St, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1QG from 10.00—12.30**. If there are charitable organisations i.e. people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see or think they should be represented at the festival, please email your ideas to [**caritas@rcdea.org.uk**](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk) now.

The festival will begin at 10.00 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. All are welcome

A REQUEST FROM THE PARISH

Are you a capable and enthusiastic DIY person, do you have a trade perhaps, plumber, carpenter, electrician or other? If so we would like to hear from you. As a parish we have two church buildings and a presbytery to maintain and the more hands willing to help the easier those task become. We also, at times, need to have qualified trades carry out work and we would like to use tradespersons from our own church family. If you can help and would like to add your name or business to our list, please contact Jo or Les at Mildenhall and Barry or David at Brandon. There is no such thing as too many people, so the more names we can gather the better. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please ensure all articles/notifications are sent to Jo Della Maestra by Wednesday of the same week if the article is to be included in Sunday's newsletter. Thank you.

ARTICLES FOR PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is prepared in final by Wednesday of each week. If you have any interesting or important information that you would like published please send to Jo Della Maestra by Wednesday at the latest so that the information will get included for print by Friday. Please send any information to [**jo.dellamaestra@btinternet.com**](mailto:jo.dellamaestra@btinternet.com) by Wednesday 5 pm. Thank you