



# 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 20th - 27 July 2025**

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## **MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 20th July 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	Replacement priest
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Today (replacement priest) Mildenhall St Mary Magdalen
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	B: 10:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday 24th July 2025	M: 10:00 am	NO MASS
Friday 25 July 2025	B: 10:00 am	NO MASS
Next Sunday 27th July 2025	M: 09.00 am	Sunday Mass
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

## **PARISH AND CHURCH NEWS**

**PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Anil Holiday ...** “I am on my annual holidays for a few weeks. I will be leaving for India on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and will be back on 20<sup>th</sup> of July. We will have **supply priests on Sundays and on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at Mildenhall (so far)**. Should you need the help of a priest, **please contact Thetford or Newmarket parish priests or Claire Priory.** “

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** Period 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025-20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 **there will be No WEEKDAY masses at Brandon/Mildenhall except as noted above.** Fr Anil will be returning after Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July and will announce any changes to weekday masses.

### **DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026**

Please if you have any information regarding the collection and editing of news-worthy items about our parish to incorporate into our celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish and publication of a brochure, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil.

**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 account details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish Lloyds

Bank Sort code 30-98-58

A/C No. 00489176. Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

***RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 278742***

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025** there will be a second collection to contribute funds for essential improvements to the sacristies at both our churches and for some new vestments. The sacristy is a sacred place of prayer and preparation for the priest and servers before and after mass, ensuring the smooth and reverent conduct of worship. It also has a vital role for storing sacred objects and vestments. This will also be a practical way for our Parish to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese. Donations can also be made by bank transfer to the Parish bank account (ref sacristy). The total cost will be in the region of £2,500.00. Your generosity is once again appreciated. With grateful thanks, Fr Anil.

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

Please pray especially at this time for Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Joan Neville, Eugene Armour and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time.  
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be .....

**PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS:**

***Please continue to pray for peace in the world. There is conflict in many parts of our world and we need prayer, especially at this time.***

**PRAYER:**

“O God of peace, who art Peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and those in conflict may forget evil and be healed.”

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND CATECHISM—St John's and St Thomas**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—SUMMER BREAK. Due to many families being away on holiday during the summer months and numbers of children attending during this period going down, children's liturgy will be suspended until after the summer holidays in September. For information please speak to Sara at St John's/Angie at St Thomas'.

**RED CHARITY BOXES—MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Please note the Red Boxes for the Missionary Society charity are due in as soon as possible but if you have forgotten them, please can you hand them in to Bernard Camenzuli. (M) by next Sunday. Many thanks.

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

It has been proposed that Friday 5th September will be our next fund-raising event. Margaret Fulham, from Lakenheath has offered to run a 'Chickenfoot' evening for our funds. This is a fun, double –twelves domino game for all ages 7 upwards! No worries if you do not know how to play, all will be explained and very easy to understand 'on the job'! Final details to be confirmed but probably will start around 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm prompt start at St John's Mildenhall. The evening should end around 9.30 pm. You can bring your own nibbles and drink. There will be an entry fee and raffle on the night. Any queries please contact Mary Rider on 01638 714369/07854 79160. Hope to see you all!

**A BIG THANK YOU**

A very warm THANKS to Fr John from all of us for all his support and kindness in filling in for Fr Anil during his annual leave.

***It is very much appreciated.***

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Please contact our parish web editor Barry Spencer if you have any articles or additions.

### **MAILING LIST FOR NEWLETTER AND MASS SHEETS**

If anyone would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact **parishwebeditor@yahoo.com** or call 07771 590387 to ensure the email addresses are updated to the mailing list.

**NEWLETTER:** Items to be included in the newsletter need to be passed on to Les or Jo Della Maestra - **leslie258@btinternet.com** NLT Wednesday before publishing on Friday.

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

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

### **PILGRIMAGE—OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

***Monday 25th August 2025 - at the Catholic Shrine, Walsingham***

***Led by—Fr Zvonimir Pavicic OFM—Parish Priest of St James Medjugorje***

***Start 1.15 pm—Gathering, Rosary and Litany***

***Talk by Fr Zvonimir followed by a break and opportunity for the  
Sacrament of reconciliation***

***3.45 pm Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction***

***5.30 Departure***

***Please note that the Shrine requires any priest or deacon seeking to exercise his ministry at the shrine during the pilgrimage to submit a copy of his celebret to  
celebret@walsingham.org.uk—2 weeks beforehand.***

### **DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES See <http://www.redea.org.uk/vacancies>**

The Shrine in Walsingham is currently seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team. The vital role supports the daily liturgical life of the Shrine, ensuring sacred spaces are well-prepared, reverent and welcoming for all pilgrims and visitors. For more information, please see

[Www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/06/23/job-advert-sacristan/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/06/23/job-advert-sacristan/)

### **St Luke's Way Pilgrimage of Hope -Thursday 4th September 2025 - Sat 13th Sept 2025**

***The eastern Pilgrimage of Hope Way Start Date 4th Sept 2025 - End date Saturday 13th September 2025 at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham.***

*If you are interested - For a detailed map of the route and more information see  
<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/st-luke-s-way>.*