



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 A 10th May - 17th May 2026

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass
Tuesday 12th May	M	Sorry, No Mass Today
Wednesday 13th May	B	Sorry, No Mass Today
Thursday 14th May	M	Sorry, No Mass Today The Ascension of the Lord
Friday 15th May	B	Sorry, No Mass Today
Sunday 17th May 7th Sunday of Easter	M 09.00 am B 11.00 am	Sunday Mass Second Collection: World Communications Network (Holy See)

CHURCH CLEANING

If you are interested in helping the parish with church cleaning, please see Les Della Maestra for St John (M) and Jo Leveridge St Thomas (B).

CHURCH READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

Would any of our young people like to train as altar servers (daily and/or Sunday mass)

If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month

If you are able to support the food bank, please remember that the first Sunday of the month is designated for accepting any items that you may have such as tinned goods, pasta, non-perishables etc (all in date). Please leave any items in bags at the back of the church for collection. Donations including money are also very much appreciated.

For any more information, please see John or Sinead Bruton. Many thanks.

50/50 Club - If anyone wishes to join the 50/50 club draw, please contact Bernard Camenzuli at St John's Church or by email. The draw of 1st Prize of £20.00, 2nd Prize of £15 and 3rd Prize of £10 is held each month.

April 2026 'Random' draw winners are

1st No.12 Mrs D Taylor

2nd No.102 Dr John Bruton

3rd No.33 Mrs Janet Murphy

EASY EVANGELISATION 'Is It True?' is a new Catholic website designed to share reasons for our faith. <https://www.IsItTrue.net> is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

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 intention 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 27874

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

Please remember to pray at this time for **Stephen Dean, Sue Dean, Des Neville, Janet Kemp, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, Kath Cottrell, Frances Rutterford** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

That in this month of May, dedicated to Mary, we may look to her as a model of faith, and find comfort in her care. And may we be led by Mary to an increased love of her Son, who is always close at hand. **We pray to the Lord.**

We are recruiting for the All New Ignite Team

These are salaried positions which includes training as an apprentice for a nationally recognised qualification. For more information, please see **www.rcdea.org.uk/youth**

PRESBYTERY GARDEN Having carried out quite an extensive clearing of the over and undergrowth space has now opened up. I am now starting to create what will be two, possibly three flower beds, the first for many years. In order to fill the beds with colour I am appealing to our church family for any shrubs, perennial flowers or summer bedding plants they might like to contribute. Maybe you are planning to thin out or divide a plant root, if so please consider placing a root in a pot and bring it to church where I will happily plant it up in the new flower beds,
Be lovely to see some colour in the garden this year.

Thank you, David Parr.

VACANCIES

Head of School required for St Edmunds and St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schools, please see diocesan website for more details:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

A MESSAGE FROM FR. ANIL

I am on my annual holidays for a few weeks. I will be leaving for India on Tuesday the 12th May and will be back on 10th of June. We will have supply priests on each Sunday. Should you need the help of a priest, please contact Thetford or Newmarket parish priests or Claire Priory.

HOLY WATER FONT

We now have a wall hanging font inside of St. Thomas church, (left hand side as you enter through internal glazed double doors). The floor standing Baptismal font has suffered from constant moisture causing the lid to warp, we are hoping with some TLC to recover the lid to its original shape. The wall hanging font was found in the sacristy, obviously heavily used at some time in the past so it is nice to return it to its rightful place.

Dates for your Diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
May 14th	The Ascension of the Lord
June 28th	St Peter & St Paul (June 29th)
Aug. 16th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug15th)
Nov. 1st	All Saints
Dec. 25th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Parish Dates / Events	
June 20th 11am	First Holy Communion at St Thomas, Brandon
June 22nd 6.00pm	Confirmation at St Thomas Brandon
July 12th 1.30pm	Parish Picnic & BBQ John & Sinead Bruton's Garden, Worlington
Second Collection Dates	
May 17th	World Communications Network (Holy See)
June 21st	Bishops' Conference Life Charities
June 28th	Peter's Pence
July 12th	Stella Maris
Sept. 13th	Catholic Education Service
Sept. 20th	Bishops' Conference
Oct. 4th	Mission Appeal (details to follow)
Oct. 18th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

Did you know....

During the consecration by the Rt. Rev. Alan Clark of the stone altar within St. Thomas (1993—17 years after the church was built), that Relics of the English Martyr St. Philip Howard and the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) Martyr, St. Peter Chanel, were sealed in the new stone altar, in accordance with ancient custom.