



# 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 5th Oct - 12th Oct 2025**

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

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST</b>
Today Sunday 5th Sept 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 7th October 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 8th October 2025	B:	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 9th October 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass Saints Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs
Friday 10th October 2025	B: 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass Mass offered for Darren Francis (RIP)
Next Sunday 12th October 2025	M: 9.00 am	Sunday Mass
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	

## **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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### **DONATIONS FOR OUR PARISH IN AUGUST**

Total offertory donations **£3310 .00**

(Bank Transfers £1497.00, Cash £1580.00, Cheques £200.00,  
DONA website £33.00)

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity.

### **BISHOP PETER'S VISIT TO OUR PARISH**

It was wonderful to see so many people at our services this past Sunday in our Parish, when we celebrated two masses with Bishop Peter. He would like to express his thanks to all of us for the very special warm welcome and to let you know how happy he was to see our Catholic Family growing. He hoped that we continue growing and practice our faith and to keep doing the wonderful work within our parish and beyond.

### **CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**

There will be sign up sheets at the back of both churches for those who wish that their children or any other person undertake Communion /Confirmation classes within our parish. The dates, place and time will be announced at a later date.

Please speak to Fr. Anil for any further information.

### **BENEDICTION**

There will be Benediction at St Thomas starting this coming Friday and each Friday before Mass at 9.30 am.

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

Please pray 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 .....

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

Let us not forget those struggling to survive and live in war-torn areas of the world. Let us especially pray for the new peace initiatives in Israel and Gaza and that all those who remain hostages and prisoners be released to their families. Let us hope that the outcomes of peace talks are fair and allow people of all faiths to live full and safe lives in their land.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's liturgy has started again during mass at St John's and will continue during term time. It was so lovely to see the involvement of the children during mass on Sunday with the Bishop. For any more information regarding this please contact Sara Farrugia St John's Mildenhall.

### **\*\*\*\* PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO SUBMIT 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.

### **\*\* DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL PARISH WINTER FAYRE - St John's church Mildenhall\*\***

**Winter Fayre – it has been set for SAT 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025.** Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from early October. Please **keep an eye on the newsletter for ways you can help.** If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this event, such as stalls selling items or anything that might help raise funds, please contact Chris Burrell from fundraising. Thank you.

### **\*\*\*ON-GOING 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. If you think you might be able to help or recommend someone, 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.

### **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

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026** - We still need more **information/photos, stories or any news-worthy items, about our parish** to incorporate into our celebration of the 50th anniversary of our parish and publication of a magazine please contact those involved. Additionally, if any group or business would like to place an advert in the publication for a fee to help offset costs of printing, please speak to Franki (Brandon) or Fr Anil. For content, photos of the parish or any interesting history or archive material, please contact Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil. Many thanks.

### **50-50 CLUB WINNERS—September 2025**

First Prize- Jo Leveridge (No. 30)

2nd Prize- Eliza Gristock (No 124)

3rs Prize - Sue Dean (No 11).

The draw was made using Random Numbers.

### **ADVERTISING SPACE FOR ANYONE**

We would like to ask that if anyone might know of any business or individuals who would like to place a small advert for goods/services/clubs (in the local area) in the Jubilee celebration magazine, please see/speak to Franki at St Thomas/Fr Anil regarding this. It would be a way of accepting donations to help towards the cost of printing and would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

**PLEASE REMEMBER ANY 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 . Please contact John or Sinead Bruton for any more information.