



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) 4th – 11th October 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 4 th Oct. 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) <i>Second Collection – Mission Appeal</i> Mass Intention Fr. Anil, his Mum and Family.
Tuesday 6 th October	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Wednesday 7 th October	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) Our Lady of the Rosary. Mem.
Thursday 8 th October	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Friday 9 th October	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (W) St. John Henry Newman PD. Feast.
Sunday 11 th Oct. 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) Mass Intention (M) + Eileen Armour First Anniversary

MISSION APPEAL TODAY – 4TH OCTOBER.

We warmly welcome Sr. Mary Sebastian from the sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, for the work of Missionary Sisters of England and Wales to support the poor and marginalized. Working in different countries of the world serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people. Please show your support.

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of people with mental illnesses.

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.

September Prize Winners, drawn at random are:

1st Carole London, 2nd Kevin Hamilton and 3rd Gill Caple.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note, it is a requirement of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month

This Sunday is donation time for 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.

Guided Retreat at Clare Priory led by Fr George Donaghy OSA

Halloween weekend, 30th Oct to 1st November For more info contact:
clarepriory@clarepriory.net

or phone 01787 277326. Ensuite room and meals included in price
£200.00

Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NX

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, Eugene Armour, Yan Cheung, 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 ...

For all of us: that inspired by today's Gospel we may focus on justice and mercy in the way we treat others and generosity with the resources we have been given- remembering that all we have is on loan, and that it is Jesus Christ who is the cornerstone.. *Lord in your mercy*

CHICKENFOOT – FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next fundraising event for the parish is a Chickenfoot Evening which I hope is already in your diary but if not it will be on FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 7.00pm for prompt 7.30pm start at St. John's the Evangelist, Mildenhall. £5 adults and £2.50 children. Raffle on the evening at £1 per ticket strip. Feel free to bring your own nibbles/drink for interval time but we will serve tea and coffee for those who would like. Sign up sheets at both churches which is so we know how many tables to prepare. If you have never played, why not come along and enjoy learning to play the fun domino themed game. Others will be happy to teach you or you can speak with Mary or Les at Mildenhall and Doris or Barry at Brandon for a quick explanation prior to the evening.

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.
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.

RC Diocese of East Anglia Registered Charity 27874

Treasurer – Philip Kemp

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation

Nov. 1 st	All Saints
Dec. 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events

9 th Oct.	Chickenfoot Evening – St John (Mildenhall)
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Second Collection Dates

Oct. 18 th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13 th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund



RETREAT: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

20th–23rd November 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God.

Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate.

Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>