



# 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 11th - 18th January 2026**

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

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
<b>11th Jan 2026 Sunday</b>	<b>M: 09.00 am</b>	<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>
<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>B: 11.00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 13th Jan 2026</b>		<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
		<b>Fr Anil Deanery Meeting. Brandon</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th Jan 2026</b>	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 15th Jan 2026</b>	<b>M: 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday 16th Jan 2026</b>	<b>B: 09:30 am</b>	<b>Benediction</b>
	<b>B: 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Next Sunday 18th Jan 2026</b>	<b>M: 09.00 am</b>	<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>
<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>B: 11.00 am</b>	

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### \*\*FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES\*\*

#### \*\*REMINDER\*\* PARENTS OF HOLY COMMUNICANTS OR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you still need to sign up for these classes please fill in an application form and give to Fr Anil.

### \*\*CONFIRMATION CLASSES\*\*

**REMINDER** - Confirmation classes have now begun. However, if you still wish to participate and have not yet registered, please fill in a sign-up sheet and see **Fr Anil/ Sara Farrugia for more information.**

### 50/50 CLUB

Please could all members who subscribe to the 50/50 club renew your subscriptions for the coming year 2026. If you might like to join the 50/50 club, the cost is £13.00 per year, with a draw each month and an extra one at the end of the year. You will need to provide a random number for entry into the draw, that has not been chosen by others and that number will be entered into the draw each month. 1st Prize £20.00, 2nd Prize £15.00 and 3rd Prize £10.00 prize winners are notified in the parish newsletter each month. It is a great way to help towards much needed funds for the parish. If you need to renew or would like to join the 50/50 club please contact Bernard Camenuzli for more information at St Johns, Mildenhall or see contact details at the front of the newsletter.

Many thanks, Bernard.

### RED BOX COLLECTIONS

If you still have red boxes with donations, please give them to or contact Bernard Camenuzli at St John's, Mildenhall or Angie at St Thomas' Brandon. Many thanks.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS

Penelope Elizabeth Goode Post and Emilia Victoria Stawiarz were presented with their Bronze Medallions and Certificates on Sunday, 4th January, by Father Anil in recognition for their continued service to the Parish as altar servers. Thank you 'our angels' from the entire Parish. Father Anil would like to invite other young members of our Parish to undertake the special privilege of being an altar server...a very special way to serve Our Lord. **If interested, please contact Father Anil.**

### \*\*PERFORMANCE AT APEX BURY ST EDMUNDS\*\*

Oscar Lyons, a jazz pianist and parishioner in Bury St Edmunds, will be performing at the Apex with his ensemble on **Friday 16th Jan 2026**. The music that Oscar creates is an expression of his faith. His prayer is that this performance will point to the objective beauty of the Lord. See the Apex website ([www.theapex.co.uk](http://www.theapex.co.uk)) .

**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** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues or need our support at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be ...

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.**

During this New Year 2026, let us continue to pray for peace in the world. Let the message of Christ unite us as one world to live together in love and harmony.

**A CONTINUING REMINDER—DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026 BROCHURE**

Frankie has now put together quite a lot of information for our celebratory Brochure which includes some wonderful articles on the history relating to our Parish. If you still have anything you think might be useful to include **about our parish, please contact Franki at Brandon or Fr Anil. We will announce the closing date for this shortly.**

**CHICKENFOOT PARISH FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026 7.00 PM FOR 7.30 START**

To be held at St John's church. Cost £5.00 adults, £2.50 Children. There will also be a raffle during the evening with tickets costing £1.00 per strip. Lots of nice prizes. Coffee, tea and squash on offer during the interval but please feel free to bring your own nibbles/drinks if you wish.

The last Chickenfoot evening in September 2025 proved to be a great success and if you were not there do not worry about how the game is played. There are many people who will know how to play or Margaret/me and others will help. Sign up sheets are now available so please sign up and make up a table with others, ideally six per table. Let us make this another very successful evening fundraiser for our Parish. We really look forward to seeing you! Many thanks, Mary Rider  
(please contact me if you need any more information 01638 714369).

**NEXT WINTER WARMER LUNCHEON FUND RAISER**

Please put this date in your diaries - **SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 1.00 pm at St John's, Mildenhall.** If you have any questions regarding this event, please speak to Chris Burrell.  
Many thanks, Chris

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER ANY FOOD BANK DONATIONS \*\***

St John's Mildenhall each **first Sunday of the month, ( please leave at the back of the church).** Your help as always is greatly appreciated. Donations of money are always very welcome. **Please see John or Sinead Bruton at St John's, Mildenhall.**

**\*\* REMINDER FOR PARENTS DURING MASS\*\***

Parents are reminded to escort their children to the restroom facilities during mass/ services. Thank you.

**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

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**\*\*YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT 6TH - 8TH MARCH 2026\*\***

The Diocese Youth Service is organising a retreat in York during Lent, for young women (age 18—35). For more information and to book a place. See [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth).  
Places are limited and accepted on a first come first served basis.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH DISABLED AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN - Easter 2026**

HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) is a national charity that, each year, takes disabled and disadvantaged children and vulnerable adults on a life-changing pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes in the south of France. Lourdes is a place of healing, prayer, and profound encounter, and travelling there as part of the Easter pilgrimage creates memories and moments that last a lifetime. It also offers families and carers a much-needed week of rest, knowing their loved ones are being cared for with dedication and compassion.

Norwich Group 111 is now preparing for its next pilgrimage at Easter 2026, and support is urgently needed to make this possible. Each child ideally has two helpers to ensure they receive the very best care throughout the week. As a result, fundraising must cover the costs for both the children and the volunteer helpers who give their time so generously.

Any donations, large or small, will help make this joyful and transformative experience a reality for local children who need it most.

Those wishing to donate, learn more about the group, or explore volunteering opportunities are invited to contact

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**Group Nurse:** Pippa Beard [appiP@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:appiP@hotmail.co.uk)

**Grateful thanks are extended for all prayers and support.**

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/help-hcpt-give-children-a-life-changing-pilgrimage/>