



# 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 12th - 19th April 2026**

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

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST</b>
<b>Sunday 12th Apr 2026</b>	<b>M 09.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>B 11.00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 14th Apr 2026</b>	<b>M 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th Apr 2026</b>	<b>B 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 16th Apr 2026</b>	<b>M 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday 17th Apr 2026</b>	<b>B 10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 19th April 2026</b>	<b>M 09.00 am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>B 11.00 am</b>	

## **WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

***Mass times April 2026 resume as normal***

The coming week's schedule is at the front of the newsletter.

### **Thank you**

Thank you all those who gave gifts to Fr Anil during the Easter celebrations.  
It is very much appreciated.

God bless you all. *Fr Anil*

### **THIS COMING SATURDAY - Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Bury Deanery Day - 18th April 2026**

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations for the Diocese, Bishop Peter has asked us to run special Deanery youth events. We're excited to be running a day for Bury Deanery on April 18th. **It will be held at St. Benedict's School in Bury**, the day will include inspiring talks, music, prayer, and delicious food!

For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see **[www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)** If any youth or young adults are able to come to any of it, you are very welcome, but I appreciate weekends are busy.

Thank You.

**Hamish MacQueen**  
**Director of Youth Services**  
**Diocese of East Anglia**

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

A huge thank you to the cleaning volunteers who have kept both churches in a spotless state. We are always looking for additional volunteers to help. At present it will only require two hours of your time once a month. If interested, see Les DellaMaestra for St John volunteers.

### **CHURCH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Are you interested in becoming a reader or wine minister?

If so, please speak to Fr Anil.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

We are in need of members in the Parish (particularly our young people) to consider becoming altar servers. (Daily and Sunday Mass). If interested, please speak to Fr Anil.

**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.

**\*\*IGNITE FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE \*\***

ALL young people in Year 8 upwards are invited to the **Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026**. Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 4th. See [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information.

**Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!**

**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.

**MUSIC EVENING IN AID OF THE FOOD BANK—25th APRIL 2026**

One of our Choir members at St John's, Mildenhall - Mike, is part of a band called **'AFTERBURN'** and the Band will be holding a performance in support of the local food bank charity. The Event is on **APRIL 25th 2026 starting at 7.30 pm AT LAKENHEATH METHODIST CHURCH in aid of the KINGS PROJECT MILDENHALL FOOD BANK**

**Please come to the show, it's FREE if you BRING SOME FOOD for the food bank . Suggested items: Canned meats, beans, veg and fruit. Dried cereal, instant coffee or tea, cooking oil, soups and other non-perishable goods. [www.afterburn.rocks](http://www.afterburn.rocks) (limited parking outside the church)**

**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***

**\*\*We are recruiting for the All New Ignite Team!\*\***

Leaving school or university in the summer, or would like to do something 'different'? We are looking for people to join the All New Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. **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](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)**

**BISHOP'S DIARY APRIL 2026**

Apr 15, Weds at 15:00

**Bishop to attend St Bede's and All Saints Inter-Church AGMs**

Apr 16, Thurs

**Bishop to visit St Martha's Primary School**

Apr 17 – 24, Fri – Fri

**Bishop to attend the Plenary Meeting of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in Rome.**

Apr 26, Sun at 12:00

**Bishop to celebrate Consecration Mass at St Philip Howard, Cambridge**

Apr 27, Mon at 18:00

**Bishop to meet with Ignite Team**

Apr 28, Tues at 11:00

**Bishop to attend Bishop's Council in Poringland.**

Apr 30, Thurs at 15:00

**Bishop to attend Ecumenical Church Leaders meeting in Norwich**