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) 25th Oct. – 1st Nov. 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 25th Oct. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (G) **Mass Intention (B) + Amelia Miller RIP**
Tuesday 27th October	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Wednesday 28th October	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (R) **SS Simon & Jude App. Feast.**
Thursday 29th October	M 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Friday 30th October	B 10:00am	Weekday Mass (G)
Sunday 1st Nov. 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00am B 11:00am	Sunday Mass (W) **All Saints. Solemnity.**
Monday 2nd November	Time to be confirmed	Weekday Mass (V) **The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)**

St. Thomas of Canterbury – Golden Jubilee

St. Thomas of Canterbury celebrates 50 years in our current church on Friday 13th November 2026.

It is my pleasure as your Parish Priest to cordially invite YOU to celebrate the Golden Jubilee Holy Mass.

18:30 Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

19:00 Golden Jubilee Holy Mass

20:15 Finger Buffet with Tea & Coffee

Fr. Anil Zachary

Parish Priest

ST. THOMAS, BRANDON – GOLDEN (50) JUBILEE - 13th November 2026

After the Holy Mass we will be able to enjoy each other company with a social gathering, finger buffet, tea and coffee.

Can you help ? Don't worry if not, your presence is what matters most!

We need our wonderful parish family to support us by bringing a plate of food to share whether it be savoury or sweet. A sign up sheet will be available at the rear of each church for you to enter your name along with a note of what food you will be able to bring and share. For more information please speak with Barry or Angie at St. Thomas.

PARISH WINTER WARMER LUNCH 2026

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Pre- Christmas Winter Warmer Lunch

Sunday 29th November 2026, 1 for 1.30pm

St John's Church, Mildenhall.

Come along and enjoy an early Christmas meal with friends from our Parish.

More details to follow, but get the date in your diary so you don't miss out*!*

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, Lissy Zachariah, Zachariah Zachariah 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 as the clocks change and the nights grow longer, we may remember those in our community who feel the cold of winter and loneliness.
May we be willing to offer friendship and support to those in need.

Lord in your mercy

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.

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Treasurer – Philip Kemp

Thank you for your support at our recent Chickenfoot evening. Despite attendance being 50% down we received some generous donations and were able to raise the great sum of £392.00 for our church funds. It was a fun evening, lovely atmosphere and we must give a special thank you to Margaret Fulham for her organising the evening event.

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.

FOOD BANK - First Sunday of each Month

Next 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.

Dates for your diary

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

Parish Dates / Events	
13th Nov.	Golden Jubilee Mass St Thomas, Brandon
29th Nov.	Parish Winter Warmer Meal, St. John, Mildenhall

Second Collection Dates	
Dec. 13th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Weekly classes will run from mid January - June 2027 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brandon Thursdays 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. (school term time) Classes are taught by Jo Leveridge and Angie Jordan. Children from Y3 to Y7 from Brandon and Mildenhall Churches are welcome to join us to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, which will take place in June. (Date to be arranged.) Registration forms and Photographic Permission forms are available to families in both churches.

Please return these forms to Fr. Anil by Sunday, 22nd November.

If you have any questions please ring/text/WhatsApp: 07790 370532 (Jo Leveridge).

At the beginning of December, there will be an early evening meeting with Fr. Anil, Angie and me, where all parents and children will have a chance to find out more.

This will take place at St Thomas- date to be arranged.

God Bless.

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.