



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 23rd— 30th November 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today 23rd Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
Christ the King	B: 11.00 am	
Tuesday 25th Nov 2025	M: 10.00 am	Mass
		Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Wednesday 26th Nov 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 27th Nov 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 28st Nov 2025	B: 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Next Sunday 30th Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
1st Sunday of Advent	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.

***CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES ***

SIGN UP sheets are at the back of both churches for those who wish their children /or if any adults also wish to undertake Communion /Confirmation classes.

The dates, place and time of the classes will be announced at a later date.
Please speak to Fr. Anil for any further information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

REMINDER OF CHANGE OF DATE—MEETING FOR PARENTS OF HOLY COMMUNICANTS OR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday 8th January 2026 at 6.00 pm at St Thomas Church Brandon.
Please collect an application form after mass on Sunday.

CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES OR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

Thursday 27th November 2025 at 6.00 pm at St Thomas Church Brandon.
Please collect an application form.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND CAROL SERVICE

Please put this date in your diaries. All are welcome on Saturday 20th Dec 2025 at 5.00 pm . The children of the parish (Brandon and Mildenhall) are reenacting and presenting a nativity play in conjunction with a Parish Carol Service this year at St John's Mildenhall. If your child would like to participate in the Nativity reenactment and carol singing, please contact Sara Farrugia at St John's Mildenhall. We hope that **MORE** children from the parish (particularly Brandon) would like to be involved. Rehearsals at present are scheduled for **Sunday 6th Dec 10-11.30 after mass** (we only have Mildenhall children at present) only just for script and acting

Sunday 14th after Mass full rehearsal

at Mildenhall for those who can attend 10.30—1.00 pm

Final Dress rehearsal Saturday morning 20th Dec (day of service) from 11.30—1.00 pm .
Please see Sara Farrugia next week to confirm your child is attending.

USE OF RESTROOM FACILITIES DURING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN OUR CHURCHES

For reasons of safety, please escort young children to the
restroom facilities during services. Thank You.

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**, 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 the upcoming Season of Advent, 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 PLEASE - DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976-2026 -**

Please provide any **information/photos, stories or any news-worthy items about our parish** for our the 50th anniversary magazine, to Mary Rider/Partick Finn or Fr Anil. **Any ARTWORK from the children** for the magazine can be given to Franki at Brandon. Many thanks.

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

A really **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who made this year's Christmas Fayre another great success. Everyone including Desmond, Joan, Mary, Liz & Frankie, Yolande & Tony, Jo, Jo L & Jo DM (a very popular name in our parish!) Bernard, Carmen & Lina, Alex, Sara (for her lovely hamper) Janine, Maura, Doris & Angie, Alan & Peter, John & Sinead for refreshments & bacon rolls, Philip (treasurer) and anyone we have forgotten to mention that helped. Thank you to all our parishioners, family, friends and members of the community that also supported us by coming out to buy and provided items for our event. So far we have raised an amazing **£2699.94 before costs**. We could not have done it without you so again, a big thank you from our congregation and our priest Fr Anil, Chris and Fund raising team.

****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, especially coming up to the Christmas Season. Donations of money are always very welcome.
Please see John or Sinead Bruton at St John's, Mildenhall.

REMINDER PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING - for the members of the Pastoral committee only at this time. The parish are meeting to discuss all the needs of the parish and held this time at **St John's church, Mildenhall on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.00 pm**. Apologies to Fr Anil/Barry Spencer if unable to attend. . Thank you

CARISTAS FESTIVAL IN BURY ST EDMUNDS DEANERY - 6th DEC 2025

Bury St 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 Mass** with Bishop Peter at 10.00 am followed by refreshments. It will end at 12.15 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. All are welcome.

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

RC Diocese of East Anglia

Registered Charity 278742

TOTAL OFFERTORY DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER—£3,895.70

Cash £1117.25

Bank transfers £2,658.35

Cheques £80.00

DONA Website Donations £40.01

Winter Fayre 15 November 2025 (after costs) £2,436.89

Thank you for your continuing generosity

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - On this Feast of Christ the King we also celebrate WORLD YOUTH DAY SUNDAY. Please pray or young people and all who work with them. Also take a newsletter which explains more about the work of our Diocesan Youth Service. If you would like to give financially to support this, valuable ministry in our Diocese, you can do this on line at **www.rcdea.org.uk/youth**

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**. Places are limited and accepted on a first come first served basis.