



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) 26th July – 2nd August 2026

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DATE	TIME	MASS/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 26 th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00 am B 11:00 am	Sunday Mass (G) World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly
Tuesday 28th July	M 10:00 am	Weekday Mass (G)
Wednesday 29th July	B 10:00 am	Weekday Mass (W) SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus Mem.
Thursday 30th July	M 10:00 am	Weekday Mass (G) Mass Intention (M) + Eileen Armour
Friday 31st July	B 10:00 am	Weekday Mass (W) St. Ignatius of Loyola P Mem.
Sunday 2 nd Aug. 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	M 09:00 am B 11:00 am	Sunday Mass (G)

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.

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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

We will be commencing our children's liturgy in September at St. Thomas Brandon which will be run by Angie & Erika, detail are to follow.

RED MISSIO BOXES

Please can you bring your red boxes to church at the start of August, noting boxes should be handed to Bernard at Mildenhall and Joanne Taylor at Brandon, or you can hand them to fr. Anil, thank you

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.

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, Kath Cottrell, 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 ...

That on this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly we may be thankful for all those who have guided and encouraged us in our lives- for the faith they have handed on and the love they have shared. May we acknowledge their gift and honour them with gratitude. **Lord in your mercy**

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.

CHURCH READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

Are you interested in becoming a reader or eucharistic minister?

Would any of our young people like to train as altar servers
(daily and/or Sunday mass)?

Sunday Mass Greeters, to welcome people into our church?

If so, please speak to Fr Anil or a member of the PPC.

We are also looking for people who are able to volunteer time to help with church duties, whether that be an hour a week, or an hour a month, any time you could offer to help would be appreciated.

We are always looking for people who can help with a variety of tasks like

- Cleaning
- Gardening
- Decorating
- Tidying specific areas
- Tea and coffee rota after Sunday Mass

Please speak to any member of the PPC or Fr. Anil to offer your time for the benefit of our parish family.

Dates for your diary

Holy Days of Obligation	
Aug. 16 th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15 th)
Nov. 1 st	All Saints
Dec. 25 th	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Dates / Events	
	Watch this space !

Second Collection Dates	
Sept. 13 th	Catholic Education Service
Sept. 20 th	Bishops' Conference
Oct. 4 th	Mission Appeal (details to follow)
Oct. 18 th	MISSIO (The Assoc. for the Propagation of the Faith)
Dec. 13 th	Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

Did you know ?

July 29: Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus—Memorial

First Century

Martha: Patron Saint of cooks, butlers, dieticians, homemakers, innkeepers, maids, single laywomen, servers, and travellers

Mary: Patron Saint of spiritual studies and lectors

Lazarus: Patron Saint of gravediggers

Pre-Congregation canonization

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“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” is how John’s Gospel describes Jesus’ special relationship with the three siblings we honour today (July 29th) ([John 11:5](#))

Jesus’ authentic humanity included forming friendships and spending time with friends.

He ate and laughed with them, listened to them, and loved them.

From Heaven, Jesus extends His perfect human and divine love to everyone