



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 15th - 22nd February 2026

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Sunday 15th Feb 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
6th Sunday in ordinary time	B 11.00 am	Mass
Tuesday 17th Feb 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass Intention - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Wednesday 18th Feb 2026	B 10:00 am	Mass
	M 7.00 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday 19th Feb 2026	M 10.00 am	Mass
Friday 20th Feb 2026	B 09:30 am	Benediction
	B 10:00 am	Mass
Next Sunday 22th Feb 2026	M 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
1st SUNDAY OF LENT	B 11.00 am	

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Please note mass times for Ash Wednesday

10.00 am at St Thomas Brandon and 7.00 pm at St John's Mildenhall.

****NEXT WINTER WARMER LUNCHEON FUND RAISER****

Please don't forget that

**SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 at 1.00 pm at St John's, Mildenhall is our
Annual Winter Warmer luncheon. A**

sign up sheet is at the back of the church for those wishing to attend.

We will be holding a raffle so if people would like to donate raffle prizes for this event it will be greatly appreciated Many thanks, Chris (Fundraising)

PARISH of St Thomas and St John LENTEN RETREAT

The proposed date for this will be **Sunday 22nd March 2026 at St John's church, Mildenhall.** More specific information on activities and times will be forthcoming shortly as the program of events is finalised.

Please reserve this date for participation and put your name on the sign up sheet in the back of the church so that we can gauge numbers for a simple Lenten Lunch of vegetable soup, bread and fruit.

Many thanks, Fr Anil.

BISHOP INVITATION TO THE CHRISM MASS - NORWICH CATHEDRAL

We have been invited to this special service which will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 11:30 in St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich. The Bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their Bishop. In this service the Bishop blesses three oils—the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm, (oleum infirmorum) and holy Chrism (sacrum chrisma) which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. The tradition is rooted in the early Church as noted in the Gelasian Sacramentary (named after Pope Gelasius I.)

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 MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Bishop Peter has invited us to hold a number of Parish Missions around the Diocese of East Anglia to mark the 30th Anniversary. We will be in Bury St Edmunds for a week and the Bishop and Sister Catherine wish to extend an invitation to parishioners from this Parish to attend if they wish.

Some of the sisters from the community of Our Lady of Walsingham will be running the Parish Mission at St Edmunds in Bury St Edmunds from 22nd February to the 1st March 2026 to which all those in the vicinity are welcome to attend. There will be talks from Monday to Friday both in the morning and evening, a retreat day on Saturday 28th February 2026 along with other events including night adoration.

For a full program and further information go to
www.walsinghamcommunity.org/stedmunds.

A poster will be printed and seen in your church. Many thanks and God bless .
(Sister Catherine, Community of Our Lady of Walsingham).

FOOD BANK

If you are able to support our local food bank, the collection for items is every first Sunday of the Month. Your help with items such as tins of vegetables, soup, cereals, (all in date) and many more, is always gratefully received. If you need any further information., please speak to John or Sinead Bruton. Many thanks.

****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

**** 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 acc details: Brandon & Mildenhall Catholic Parish Lloyds
Bank Sort code 30-98-58 A/C No.00489176.
Contact Philip Kemp Treasurer

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BISHOPS DIARY—February 2026

Feb 18, Wed Bishop to celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass for Ash Wednesday at 17:30 in Cathedral.

Feb 22, Sun Bishop to attend Rite of Election at 15:00 at the Cathedral.

Feb 24, Tues Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at St Peter and All Souls, Peterborough. Format: 18:00 Exposition and confession 19:00 Mass 20:00 Light buffet or Soup.

Feb 25, Wed Bishop to attend Department of Dialogue & Unity meeting in London.

Feb 26, Thurs Bishop to attend Diocesan School's Service Commission Meeting at 10:45, Poringland.

Feb 26, Thurs Bishop to attend Lenten Station Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption & the English Martyrs, Cambridge. Format: 18:00 Exposition and confession 19:00 Mass 20:00 Light buffet or Soup.

***Feb 27, Fri Bishop to meet with Ignite Team at 18:00.
(ref: Latest online news at: www.rcdea.org.uk)***