



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 2nd—9th Nov 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today Sunday 2nd Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
ALL SAINTS - 31st Week of Ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
Monday 3rd Nov 2025	M: 09.30 am	Mass for commemoration
	B: 10.45 am	Of All Saints
Tuesday 4th Nov 2025	No mass	<u>No usual mass today at Mildenhall at 10.00</u>
Wednesday 5th Nov 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Thursday 6th Nov 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 7th Nov 2025	B 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Next Sunday 9th Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	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.

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

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CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES—SIGN UP sheets are at the back of **both churches** for those who wish their children to undertake Communion /Confirmation classes including any others who may also wish to do so, within our parish. the dates, place and time will be announced at a later date. Please speak to Fr. Anil for any information.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS (or any others)

This will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at 6.00 pm at St Thomas Church Brandon. **Please collect an application form after mass on Sunday.**

****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.

Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S ARTWORK Please don't forget to give any of your children's artwork to Sara (St John's) or Franki (St Thomas) if you wish it to be considered for the Parish Magazine.

Thank you, Franki.

**** Women of the Parish— are you interested in going on a**

WOMEN'S RETREAT? **

On **Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November 2025** at the peaceful Clare Priory Retreat Centre, **Sudbury**. Free parking is available on site, and dietary requirements (including vegetarian and vegan options) can be accommodated when booking.

Location: Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Sudbury CO10 8NX.

- **Cost:** £170 – £220 (depending on accommodation choice). at transformministries.uk/events. For further info—email info@transformministries.uk.

CELEBRATION OF MASS IN SPANISH - with BISHOP PETER

Bishop Peter, Bishop of East Anglia welcomes you to celebrate Mass in Spanish at **St Laurence's Catholic Church, 91 Milton Road, CAMBRIDGE CB4 1XB** on **Saturday 8th November 2025 at 1500 hours** followed by a reception with the Bishop.
For more information please contact **07799 603169 (Regina)**.

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** and all in our parish who are challenged with health issues at this time.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE.

Let us pray that peace in the world so that people of all faiths are able to live peaceful and safe lives in their land.

*** DON'T FORGET OUR ANNUAL PARISH WINTER FAYRE - St John's Church Mildenhall***

Winter Fayre – SAT 15th NOVEMBER 2025 at St John's Church Mildenhall. 10.00 am—1.00 pm. Please remember this date and bake as many items for our cake stall. Additionally we need, bottles (wine etc.) for our raffle and tombola prizes, children's toys and other Christmas-related items. If you have sold or are still selling raffle tickets, please give any sales to Chris Burrell or Mary Ryder. We look forward to as many generous donations as possible and that most importantly, you come to the Fayre on the day and bring lots of friends and family. This is one of our biggest fund raising events to help our parish. Many thanks, Chris.

****INVITATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (YEAR 7+)****

An invitation to young people year 7+, especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders, to HOPE 2025! This is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November in your Parishes. It includes Live Music, Inspiring Talks Passionate Prayer and Good Food. It will be held at St John's Cathedral Narthex from 2.00 pm to 8 pm (to included joining the parish Vigil Mass) on Saturday 8th November 2025. Entry £5.00 at the door.

See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more information.

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

Please put this date in your diaries. The parish of St Edmund King and Martyr and others in the 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.

VACANCY FOR REGIONAL PORT CHAPLAIN FOR EAST ANGLIA PORTS

Bishop Peter has requested this vacancy be advertised for an organisation called **Stella Maris** in order to **recruit a Regional Port Chaplain**. For more information please see <http://www.charityjob.co.uk/organisation/stella-maris>.

With Thanks - Fr Peter Wygnanski

MODERN SLAVERY

Please continue to pray for the victims & survivors of **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MS/HT)**. Saturday 18TH OCTOBER marked the UK's Modern Slavery Day. Pope Leo wants us to continue to "find" enslaved brothers and sisters in our communities and to help them. So, the Diocese is looking for young & older volunteers to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The only qualification is your compassion and humanity. Please see Freedom Watchers at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/> or contact Diocesan MS co-lead john_simong@hotmail.com to discuss volunteering.

PLEASE SUPPORT CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day

Thank you for your generous response to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Your donations are helping families in Ethiopia, providing safe water for 300 families. Your support will help more communities have better access to safe. For more information see cafod.org.uk/harvest.

Information on sending your parish collection to CAFOD Cheque - Send a signed cheque made payable to 'CAFOD' to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB.

Include the name of your parish and town and the name of the appeal (e.g. Harvest Appeal) so we can thank you. Please include Gift Aid declarations and direct debit forms with the cheque in the post. You can use the Freepost envelope provided in your Fast Day pack. Please do not send cash in the post.

BACS transfer Account name: CAFOD Account number: 11769410
Sort Code: 16-00-30 Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland

Include the name of your town and parish as the payment reference. Please email dpt@cafod.org.uk confirming the amount, date of remittance and reason for donation (e.g. Harvest Family Fast Day collection) and any other details you want to include. Send Gift Aid declarations and direct debit forms to CAFOD by mail.

Via the CAFOD website

Click this [link](#). You will be prompted to enter payment card details; after submitting them you will be prompted to give your parish name and address. Don't forget to send Gift Aid declarations and direct debit forms to CAFOD by mail.

50/50 club winners: 1st Prize Lorna Leek (No. 35)

2nd Prize Bickers Family (No. 109)

3rd Prize Elisabeth Gristock (No. 27)