



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 9th Nov - 16th Nov 2025

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MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

DAY	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION/FEAST
Today 9th Nov 2025	M: 09.00am	SUNDAY MASS
32nd Sunday in ordinary Time	B: 11.00 am	
REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY		
Tuesday 11th Nov 2025	M: 10.00 am	Mass
		Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wednesday 12th Nov 2025	B: 10:00 am	Mass
		Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Thursday 13th Nov 2025	M: 10:00 am	Mass
Friday 14th Nov 2025	B: 09.30 am	Benediction
	B: 10:00 am	Mass
Next Sunday 16th Nov 2025	M: 09.00 am	SUNDAY MASS
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 to undertake Communion /Confirmation classes including any others who may also wish to do so, within our parish. 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

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

This will be held on **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

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED - IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

There are labels available for anyone who may wish to remember loved ones during November. The labels are located on the table near the sacristy door. Please write the names of your loved ones on the labels and place on the white tree next to the altar.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROL NATIVITY AND CAROL SERVICE

Please put this date in your diaries. 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 play and carol singing during the service, please contact Sara Farrugia at St John's Mildenhall. There will be festive refreshments served afterwards. Please join us for this family event and please invite members of your family and friends.

HELP NEEDED! - If anyone is handy with making costumes and props, your help will be greatly appreciated. We need angel, shepherd, and various other costumes such as sheep/donkey/ other types of clothing for the children in their different roles. In addition we also need help with backdrops for the scenes for those that are artistic! Please See Sara, Jo or Anna at St John's. Please support our children in this event.

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, Barry Spencer** 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. Please pray especially for the people of Sudan and Christians in Africa who are being killed for their faith.

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

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.

****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.

****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. As it will soon be the Christmas Season, it might be nice for some festive food items to be included as a lovely gesture to those who may not be able to have something related to Christmas. Donations of money are always very welcome. Please see John or Sinead Bruton at St John's Mildenhall.

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.

****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.

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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