

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh (and All Saints, Leiston, IP16 4BA)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10th December 2023

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday:	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (10th)	0915 Leiston	Agnes McDonald RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (17th)	0915 Leiston	Ints of Pauline & Stephen (60 th Wedding Anniversary)
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming

Welcome to those who are visitors with us this weekend.

Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass – Come and join us in the hall. Don't forget that the weekly Newsletter is published each week on the parish website.

We are now well into the beautiful season of Advent. The season of Advent differs from Lent, in that it is a time of waiting, listening, and watching. It is the great season of Hope. Given that Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday, we get the shortest Advent possible. The fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas eve. Hence even more reason to make the most of these next two weeks. Perhaps you could attend an extra Mass during the week, as together we listen to the Word of God, preparing us for the coming of his Son. Some have been asking about Mass times on Christmas Day. The weekend 23/24th December will be as usual. On the evening of Sunday 24th there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston; Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be at Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.30pm. On Christmas morning there will be the 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

Fr Tony is now in Montana care home, Great Barton near Bury St Edmunds. He continues to receive physiotherapy and is hoping his mobility will improve now the medics

have got on top of the medical condition with which he was admitted. He is reluctant to receive too many visitors, in addition to his family and members of the clergy but would very much enjoy receiving messages and cards. He is planning to return to the parish when he has returned to better health. More details of that nearer the time. His current address is - Montana, East Barton Road, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 2RF

Next weekend there is the annual second collection for the Dependent Priests' Fund, which helps to support our retired and sick priests of the diocese. Please 'gift aid' your contribution if you are a taxpayer, by picking one of the special envelopes at the back of church.

Feasts during the Week: Wednesday – St Lucy;
Thursday – St John of the Cross.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

CAFOD – World Gifts catalogue available at the back of church. Do pick up a copy.

MISSIO Calendar 2024 – available from the back of church. Free

We are looking for a new Cleaner for Leiston Church and Hall. This is a paid position and training will be given. This will be a weekly commitment with extra, a couple of times a year, when the wooden floor in the hall will need repolishing and buffing. Please Contact Jill Wilson at Church or at altivolant.pww@gmail.com or 01728 663438. We also need to think about the Church in Aldeburgh – Same Person? Someone different?

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. The only details you need are these: 'St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account' Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048. **And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.** If you have a problem setting up a standing order Please get in touch.

Some of those joining us for Mass through the live streaming have asked for the words of The Spiritual Communion Prayer: "Lord God, our light and our Salvation, We praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire that you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face, and to receive you sacramentally. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us faithfulness in this present life, so that we may come to know and praise your beauty with all our brothers and sisters. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.

Have a good week - Fr David

Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent (B)

First reading **Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 84(85):9-14**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second reading **2 Peter 3:8-14**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation **Lk3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he

said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'