

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th July 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Brendan O'Shea RIP

Sunday (26th) 0915 Leiston Fr David's Ints
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Tessa Clark RIP

Thursday No Mass today

Friday No Mass today

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Alec Gray RIP

Sunday (2nd) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

Today is kept as The World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish and thank you for your offertory gift, which you can 'gift aid' by using one of the envelopes at the back of church.

Refreshments served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

As you leave Mass today, do pick up a Prayer Card to use in preparation for the Ipswich Deanery EUACHARISTIC CONGRESS, 6-13th September 2026.

The Celebration Mass two weeks ago at Leiston marking the Golden Jubilee of the diocese and my own 50 years of ordained ministry was truly a wonderful event and I want to express my gratitude to the whole parish for making it so memorable. These things don't just happen – there is much hard work behind the scenes, and I want to say a

huge 'Thank you' to everyone. My family and friends made many positive comments about the welcome and joyfulness of the parish. Thank you all so much and thank you for the cards and gifts.

Feast Days this week: Wednesday – St Martha, Mary and Lazarus; Friday – St Ignatius of Loyola; Saturday – St Alphonsus of Liguori.

The SVP Summer Raffle is here! Multiple prizes from £100 to £5,000! SVP members will be selling tickets after Masses in both Aldeburgh and Leiston this weekend and 29th-30th August. Please bring cash -£1 per ticket, ££5 per book. Proceeds are split equally between the national SVP office and our own SVP conference, which helps local people in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Food bank donations: Families come under increasing pressure during the summer holidays without the support of free school meals and breakfast clubs. Please be generous in your continued donations in the box in the church porch for the food bank at Leiston. They have asked for more toiletry items especially toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet rolls, shower gel and shampoo. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Lunchtime Concert Monday July 27th at 12.00 in Aldeburgh Parish Church. Recital in aid of Save the Children by Helen Stanley - violin, Nadia Lasserson - piano and Tom Hodgkinson - guitar. Elgar - violin sonata, Mozart - Variations on *Helas, J'ai perdu mon amant* and Downland - Lute music. This series of concerts has raised over ££8,000 on the door since 2021. Please help us continue to support them.

Gospel-A-Thon: Saturday 1st August 10.30-12.30pm, in Church Square, Leiston, organised by Leiston and Saxmundham Christians Together. We will be reading all 16 chapters of Mark's Gospel interspersed with music & song. Donations to local charities. Can you take a slot? Sign up in the porch at Leiston.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st - 28th August 2026 You can find more information on the diocesan website <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage-21-28-august-2026/> and on the Catholic Association website: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/calourdes125> Also by contacting Deacon Huw Williams: e-mail: Huw.williams@rcdea.org.uk Mobile: 07399 163718 – please leave a message.

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life Saturday 1st August 2026: This pilgrimage, to be led by Bishop Peter Collins of East Anglia, will go to England's Nazareth, the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal. Please join the pilgrimage to help build the 'great prayer for Life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II.

Jubilee Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome (27-31st October): The cost of the pilgrimage is ££1,550 per person sharing a twin

or double room, with a limited number of single rooms available for a supplement of ££220. The price includes return airfare with 10kg carry-on baggage, accommodation, transport in Italy, guiding services, gratuities and entrance fees. Please note that the itinerary is not suitable for less able travellers. There are a few remaining places available. For more information please see: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/diocese-to-celebrate-golden-jubilee-with-pilgrimage/>

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £218.20p. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £826per week. Have you set up a Standing Order with the parish? It's easy: 'St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account' Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048. **For Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

Last week's Second Collection for Stella Maris amounted to £235.60p. Many thanks.

I am very grateful to Fr Chris Dobson who will be covering our Sunday Masses for the next two weeks.

We remember those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Every blessing for the coming week Fr David

Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First reading 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a

O Lord, how I love your law!

You, O Lord, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold.
O Lord, how I love your law!

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

O Lord, how I love your law!

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

O Lord, how I love your law!

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple.

O Lord, how I love your law!

Second reading

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'