

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd August 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh* Alec Gray RIP
Sunday (3rd)	0915 Leiston People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh* Bob Taylor RIP
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	0900 Leiston
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh* Archbishop Keating (FM)
Thursday	0900 Leiston
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh* Ints of Lidvall Family
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (10th)	0915 Leiston Deacon Mike Vipond RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh* Gregory McCormish RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this weekend and thank you for your offertory gift, which can be 'gift aided' by using one of the envelopes in your row of seats.

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Feasts this week: Monday – St John Vianney; Wednesday – The Transfiguration of the Lord; Friday – St Dominic; Saturday – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

SVP raffle tickets – Some were disappointed a couple of weekends ago when we ran out of tickets. An extra batch have now arrived and will be on sell this weekend.

Foodbank: We continue to collect non-perishable foodstuffs, household cleaning and personal hygiene products for the FoodBank in Leiston, at the back of both churches. It's a particularly difficult time for local families

with children on holiday from school. If you can make a donation of any of these goods they will be appreciated.

At its meeting last week of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Hugh de Las Casas announced he would be stepping back from the council. Members of the council felt the parish would want to join them in thanking Hugh for his major contribution to its setting up and becoming established. The council knows he will be greatly missed. Thank you, Hugh. One of Hugh's reasons for doing this is his commitment to what he calls 'churn' - the need for groups like our PPC to have a regular change in membership facilitated by members stepping back at intervals to give a balance between those with new ideas and established members. Any member of the parish who feels they would like to join the council should mention it to Fr David. All meetings of the PPC are open to all members of the parish and are advertised in the newsletter in advance.

We would also like to record our thanks to Chris Quinn who has chaired the Council over the past year. Although staying on the Council, Chris has decided to step down as Chair due to her many other commitments.

Could you take on this commitment? In 2026 our diocese celebrates its 50th Anniversary and it is hoped that each parish will have a contact person who will be a link with the small central group that Bishop Peter has set up under the direction of Fr John Morrill to help parishes celebrate this significant event. For more details, or to volunteer for this role, please have a word with Fr David

Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – You can read Cardinal Vincent Nichols' response to the third reading of the Bill at: cbcew.org.uk

The campaign for the defence of the sanctity, dignity and value of human life from conception to death continues and we are encouraged to continue our lobbying of parliamentarians in both Houses (Commons and Lords). The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has sent some postcards for you to request SPUC's Action Pack. Join the fightback by completing one of these cards and sending it off to SPUC.

Youth 2000 – Summer Festival: A 4-day Catholic Festival for young adults, explore faith, build relationships, find hope. 22-25 August at Ampleforth Abbey. See poster for more details.

The Shrine at Walsingham is seeking a dedicated and organised Sacristan to join their team. For more information, please see:

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/2025/07/22/job-advert-sacristan/>

Deacon Mike Vipond, known to many of you during his long ministry at Woodbridge and Framlingham, died in Ipswich hospital on the 25th July aged 84. May he rest in peace and rise in glory; and his wife, Ann and their family, find comfort at this time. His Funeral Mass is at Framlingham on Monday 11th August at 11.00am.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £348.57p. We are also

grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £640 per 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. **And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

The second collection for Stella Maris taken on the weekend 12/13th July amounted to £275. Many thanks.

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

Every blessing for the coming week ~ Fr David

Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.

O give success to the work of our hands.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Second reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' " But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'