

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th August 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (10th)	0915 Leiston	Deacon Mike Vipond RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Gregory McCormish RIP
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	1000 Aldeburgh*	Ints of Piers Lidvall & Family
	1900 Leiston	People of the Parish
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (17th)	0915 Leiston	Philip Burling RIP and welfare of Burling family
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/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, or from the back of church.

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

On this coming Friday we celebrate **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a Holyday of obligation, and the time of Masses are as above.

Feasts this week: Monday – St Clare; Thursday – St Maximilian Kolbe; Friday – **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**.

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at the Leiston and Saxmundham United Church, High Street, Leiston. All welcome.

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.

Aldeburgh Carnival United Service: next Sunday (17th) at 1800 down on the sea front. All welcome.

At the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, 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. It will be a limited commitment. For more details, or to volunteer for this role, please have a word with Fr David.

The UK **March for Life** is an annual pro-life event held in London, aiming to raise awareness about the value of every human life from conception to natural death. This year it will take place on **Saturday, 6 September**. The day begins with an indoor festival featuring talks, testimonies, music, prayer, and activities for all ages. This is followed by a peaceful march through the city, ending in Parliament Square. Rooted in Christian values, the event promotes compassion, hope, and support for women. More information is available at www.marchforlife.co.uk

Day of Renewal: "A Fountain of Hope" at St Henry Morse Church, Shelfanger Rd, Diss, IP22 4DX. **6th September 2025 10:00 - 16:15** Guest speaker Father Alvan Ibeh SMMM "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*" (Matt 11:28) The day commences with Mass at 10am. You can expect inspiring talks from Fr Alvan along with Praise & Worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fellowship, opportunity for Reconciliation & individual prayer ministry. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. The event is free, donations to cover costs

are much appreciated. For more info email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith: 07869 652115

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £412.80p. 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.**

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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R12b

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give

them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'