

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th August 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (17th) 0915 Leiston Philip Burling RIP
and welfare of Burling family
1100 Aldeburgh* Lita Barbosa RIP

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

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Thursday No Mass today

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*

Sunday (24th) 0915 Leiston Dame Cleo Laine
RIP

1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this Aldeburgh Carnival 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.

Please note that as well as Monday there will be no Mass on Thursday morning.

Carnival United Songs of Praise, led by the churches of Aldeburgh, this Sunday (17th) at 6.00pm at Moot Hall Greens. All are welcome.

Feasts this week: Wednesday – St Bernard; Thursday – St Pius X; Friday – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

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 involve very little work. For more details, or to volunteer for this role, please have a word with Fr David.

Suffolk Churches annual Cycle Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 13th September. If you would like to take part, either by cycling or walking, then pick up a sponsor form, together with lists of open churches, from the back of church. 50% of your money will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the other 50% to our parish.

Dates for your diary:

United Harvest Service on Sunday 14th September at the Catholic Church, Leiston at 3.00pm followed by a shared tea. Do invite family and friends to come along.

Aldeburgh United Service on Sunday 14th September at the Baptist Church on the High Street at 6.00pm. Again all are welcome.

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 £417.20p. 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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2. 3. 4. 18. R14b

Lord, make haste to help me!

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry.

Lord, make haste to help me!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
made my footsteps firm.

Lord, make haste to help me!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

Lord, make haste to help me!

Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay.

Lord, make haste to help me!

Second reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'