

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd August 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (23rd) 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh* Ints of Felicity
Lidvall

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston Fr Dick Healey RIP

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Thursday 0900 Leiston

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* David Morris RIP &
John Moor RIP

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (30th) 0915 Leiston John Harvey RIP

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 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.

This Weekend we welcome Sister Juli, a Missionary Sister of St Peter Claver who is making an Appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver work in solidarity with missionaries around the world, especially in regions where the Church is poor and resources are limited. Through prayer and practical support, they help sustain missionary

work in pastoral ministry, education, and healthcare. I'm sure you will be generous to this appeal.

Feast Days this week: Monday – St Bartholomew; Thursday – St Monica; Friday – St Augustine; Saturday – The Passion of St John the Baptist.

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 next weekend 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 for your support.

Eucharistic Congress Ipswich – Invitation. From the sixth to the thirteenth of September, Ipswich will hold its very first Eucharistic Congress. You may not have heard the word "Congress" before. A Eucharistic Congress is simply the Church gathering together, in one place, to adore Our Lord in the Eucharist, to be taught about this great gift, and to be sent back out to our parishes renewed. Great cities have held them for well over a hundred years, drawing hundreds of thousands of people. Ours is smaller and closer to home — a gathering of the parishes of the Ipswich area — but it carries exactly the same heart: to place Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, at the very centre of our life together. For one week, the prayer of our parishes will be centred entirely on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is a shared work of the parishes of the Ipswich Deanery of Saint Edward, in our Diocese's Jubilee Year — and it belongs not to one parish, but to us all. Here is what the week holds. It begins in our Catholic schools. On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Ignite team will be visiting the children — bringing the faith to life for our young people — and all our Catholic schools will come together for whole-school Masses, joined as one. Across the week there will also be time for adoration — quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament — offered across the whole deanery, so that every parishioner can find a moment to spend with Our Lord (*Here in our parish we will have 15 minutes of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after each Mass that week, beginning on the 6th*). And then everything leads to Sunday the thirteenth of September. That day, the Church of Ipswich will gather for the great Mass of the Congress — the principal Mass of the day, celebrated by our Bishop. This is the moment the whole week has been building towards. But it is not only the Mass. There will be inspiring talks from international guest speakers, and — the heart of the day — a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Ipswich, carrying Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace. To walk together through Ipswich, publicly, behind Jesus in the Eucharist, will be something none of us will forget.

It is important to register. Space is limited, and if you think you might come on that Sunday, you need to book your place. It is completely free, but seats are genuinely limited, so please don't leave it. You can register at eucharisticcongressipswich.org Registering also helps the organisers enormously to know the numbers we are planning for — and when you book, please do let us know of any access requirements, so that everyone is looked after on the day and if you are going, then perhaps offer a lift to

someone who might not otherwise be able to get there. Do make a note of this special week.

Suffolk Churches annual Cycle Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to take part, either by cycling or walking, then pick up a sponsor form, together with list 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. The funds raised make a massive contribution to the preservation and future of the historic churches and chapels of Suffolk. If you love cycling or walking, then this is a good one for you!

Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Faith & Light, part of the L'Arche family supporting those living with learning difficulties/special needs and their families, invite all with leaning difficulties or special needs to a join them at their pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 5th September. A light lunch is available at the Village Hall in Walsingham High Street from 12.00 noon, we walk the Holy Mile at 13.00 and celebrate Mass together in the Chapel of Reconciliation at 15.00.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection £511.23p. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £826 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. **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.

Every blessing for the coming week Fr David

Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord God of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. R8bc

*O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

*O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.*

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

*O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.*

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

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discard not the work of your hands.*

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you

say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.