

## Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh (with All

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**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**

### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* Tony Mathias RIP

**Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston Terry Alcock RIP

1100 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

**Monday** No Mass Today

**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston

**Wednesday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*

**Thursday** No Mass Today

**Friday** No Mass Today

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

**Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>)** 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh\* Ints of Piers Lidvall

### Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming)

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We extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors with us on this August Bank Holiday weekend, and wish you a pleasant stay in beautiful Suffolk.

Do pop in for tea/coffee which is served in the hall after the Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Please note that as well as Monday, there is no morning Mass on Thursday and Friday this week.

Feasts of the week: Tuesday – St Monica; Wednesday – St Augustine; Thursday – The Passion of St John the Baptist.

We are still looking for an organist at both Aldeburgh and Leiston. Do you know anyone who can help?

Mission Today – the “red Missio box” summer magazine is now available at the back of church. It has some great information about the church’s mission work in various parts of the world. Do help yourself to a copy.

Sacred Space (chanting, meditation, readings), first Saturday of the month at All Saints, Leiston. 4.00-5.00pm. All are

welcome and for more information call Caroline on 01728 832044

**Eucharistic Congress – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** at Oscott College, Birmingham. Each deanery of the diocese is asked to send two representatives. If you are interested, then have a word with me. It will be an early start. There will be a coach travelling from the diocese, but I’m not sure yet of the pickup point.

**March for Life:** The March for Life UK will take place in London on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint, whether that’s ‘pills by post’ abortions, ‘decriminalisation’, buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year’s March for Life which is ‘Abortion isn’t Healthcare’. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) If you are interested in attending please contact our Diocesan Pro Life Rep, Katy Torcat, for local travel information from the Diocese: [katytorcat@gmail.com](mailto:katytorcat@gmail.com)

**Suffolk Churches annual Cycle Ride and Stride** will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. There are sponsors forms, together with lists of open churches, at the back of church. 50% of your money will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the other 50% to our parish.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week’s plate collection was £370.45p. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £690 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.**

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

Fr Tony was here recently for a wedding at Aldeburgh. It was great to be able to welcome him back. Although restricted to his wheelchair, he was in good form and sends his very best wishes to you all. He is still waiting for a place in Cambridge.

For those parishioners going on holiday over the next few weeks, have a safe journey and an enjoyable break.

Every blessing.

*Fr David*

**Readings for 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**First reading**

**Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23**

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good*

**Second reading**

**Ephesians 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn6:63,68**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'