

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th August 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (24th)	0915 Leiston	Dame Cleo Laine 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 (31st)	0915 Leiston	Sir Sandy Gall RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this Bank Holiday 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 or Friday morning this week.

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

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.

Next weekend there will be a Mission Appeal made by Fr Ignatius Nguyen on behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

'Founded in 1703, The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are a Religious Congregation dedicated to sharing hope and love worldwide. For over 300 years, our mission has been clear: to evangelize the poor and the needy, pursue justice, foster peace, care for creation, inspired by Luke 4:18 and advance God's kingdom here on earth. Today, more than 3,000 Spiritans from all continents bring this mission to life in over 60 countries, serving where the need is greatest—hospitals, parishes, prisons, schools, and refugee communities. We also support integral development for young people and work for justice globally. As Pope Francis reminded us in May 2023, we serve "in simplicity of life, respecting peoples and cultures," embracing the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Your support and prayers keep our mission alive. Together, we carry the Spiritan light to the world's darkest corners'.

I'm sure you will respond generously to the Appeal.

First Communion Programme for 2026. Please let me have the names asap of those who are at the stage of making their First Confession and Communion next summer. Year 3 and upwards.

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 £373.09p. 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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the Lord, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'