

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st August 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Ints of Liz Quinn
Sunday (31st)	0915 Leiston	Sir Sandy Gall RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	No Mass today	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (7th)	0915 Leiston	Ints of Felicity
		Lidvall and 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 you can 'gift aid' 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 Friday this week (I have an early meeting in Poringland).

This weekend we welcome Fr Ignatius Nguyen, who is making a **Mission Appeal** 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.

This week also sees the start of the 'Season of Creation', which over recent years has become a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. You will find much more information on The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website – cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/

Feasts this week: Wednesday – St Gregory the Great.

Diocesan Newspaper – September issue is now available (free) from the back of church.

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.

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. Many thanks.

We also need volunteers to welcome those visiting our churches on the day. Can you spare an hour? Sign up at Leiston and Aldeburgh.

Awake Suffolk Coastal Mission is a mission to East Suffolk planned for this September. A particular event you may like to share in is a walk from Thorpeness to Aldeburgh on Wednesday 10th (10.00am – 1pm). Meet at the Meare in Thorpeness. Bring a packed lunch. Everyone Welcome. See poster for full details.

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 £425.90p. 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 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R cf. 11b

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God;
they shall exult with glad rejoicing.
O sing to God; make music to his name.
The Lord is his name.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Father of orphans, defender of widows:
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your heritage languished, you restored it.
It was there that your flock began to dwell.
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'