

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(With All Saints, Seaward Avenue, Leiston,
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th September 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (7th)	0915 Leiston	Ints of Felicity Lidvall and family
	1100 Aldeburgh*	
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Fr Brian McWilliams RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston	Andrew & Tim Gilbert RIP
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (14th)	0915 Leiston	People of the Parish
	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.

This month we are celebrating 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: Monday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saturday – St John Chrysostom.

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

Many thanks for your generous response to the Mission Appeal last weekend. I know that some made a donation online and a few envelopes came in during the week, but the actual plate collection was £370.00p. If anyone who was away would like to make a contribution to the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), then there are some envelopes at the back of church.

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at Leiston Baptist Church, John Street, IP16 4DR. All welcome.

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 still 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.

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. Please bring contributions for the tea.

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

I recently visited Fr Tony at his flat in Cambridge. He was in great form and sends his very best wishes to everyone.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £194.50p. 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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.*

Second reading

Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 119(118):135

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine forth on your servant,
and teach me your decrees.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'