

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh (with All Saints, Leiston, IP16 4BA)

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th SEPTEMBER 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (8th) 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh* Eric Sandon RIP

Monday No Mass Today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Archbishop Keating
(FM)

Thursday 0900 Leiston Boucicault (FM)

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* Jenny Mary Ogilvie
(FM)

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Ints of Piers Lidvall

Sunday (15th) 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming

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

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

This Sunday is kept at Education Sunday and Bishop Peter has written a letter to us, which is attached to this newsletter.

Feasts of the week: Friday – St John Chrysostom; Saturday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Leiston Churches Together Harvest Celebration this Sunday at St Margaret's Church at 3 pm. Harvest Celebration followed by Bring and Share tea. Look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate God's harvest for us all.

Also, the monthly United Prayer Gathering is at our Church on Tuesday 10th September at 10 am. All welcome.

Churches Together in Aldeburgh are now going to meet for an evening Service three times a year (plus the Carnival

'Songs of Praise), rather than the monthly Service at the Fairfield Centre. The first of these will take place next Sunday at the Baptist Church on the High Street, at 6pm. We are hoping that this new arrangement will enable greater attendance. We are hosting on Sunday 19th January 2025 and The Parish Church on 25th May 2025. Do note the dates and try to come along.

Prayer for Vocations: Each weekend a particular parish in the diocese is selected to offer prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend it's our turn! If you could also remember the intention in your personal prayers this week, it would be much appreciated.

Meeting of the Parochial Pastoral Council: The next meeting of our newly established Council will take place on 30th September at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Leiston. The Council has ten members currently, but all members of the parish are invited to attend and contribute. An agenda will be published nearer the time and the minutes of the meeting will be published afterwards. An important item on the agenda will be questions the Bishop will be circulating as part of his consultation on structures in the diocese. If you would like any more information, or would like to attend but need a lift, please contact Chris Quinn, chrismquinn@me.com, 07886795380.

Suffolk Churches annual Cycle Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 14th 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.

We also need welcomers to be at the church and to sign people in. Can you spare an hour? Then sign up at the back of church – Many thanks.

A message from Elizabeth Clark: 'I have recently volunteered as the Missio Local Secretary for Our Parish. For those who already hold Red Boxes, I have left envelopes at the back of the church for you this week (both Leiston and Aldeburgh). If you cannot see your envelope, do please contact me and I can arrange delivery. And if anyone would like to know more or would be interested in having a Red Box in your home, do please contact me, Elizabeth Clark, on 07951 596 852.'

Diocesan Retreat Day for Women: The theme for this year's retreat is "Called to More: Finding God in the Hidden Things of Daily Life." This retreat aims to provide women with the tools and insights needed to recognise and embrace the divine presence in every detail of their lives, fostering a deeper and more intimate connection with God.

· **Date:** Saturday October 12

· **Time:** 11am – 4pm (Optional parish mass at 10.30am)

· **Location:** Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda,
Newmarket, CB8 8LT. In the hall.

· **Retreat led by:** The Community of Our Lady of
Walsingham.

Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, though soup and bread will be provided. The suggested donation for the day is between £5 and £10, payable on the day.

For mothers attending the retreat, there will be childcare facilities provided on-site by the Sisters.

Due to the limited space, booking is essential for this retreat. Please complete the booking form found at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/>.

For any further questions, please contact Antonia Braithwaite at mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

Matthew and Victoria from our parish, are looking for accommodation in the area to rent, or in exchange for work, as they are awaiting their first baby. A flat, an annexe, a bungalow, a tiny cottage - anything would do. Contact details via Fr David.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £288.06. 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.**

Second Collection next weekend for Home Missions.

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.

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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'