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

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6th OCTOBER 2024

Masses during the Week All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*

Sunday (6th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish

1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass Today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston Fr Chris Hogan RIP **Wednesday** 0900 Aldeburgh* Alice & John Martin

(FM)

Thursday No Mass Today Friday No Mass Today

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (13th) 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh* Fr Bernard Heath RIP

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

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

Children's Worksheets (LOOK) are always available at the back of church. They are based on the Sunday readings.

The annual Mass Count takes place over the next three weekends.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY ENVELOPES will be collected as you leave Mass today.

Please note that there is no morning Mass this week on Thursday or Friday.

Feasts of the week: Monday – Our Lady of the Rosary; Wednesday – St John Henry Newman.

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at the URC church. All welcome.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem had called for Monday 7 October 2024 to be a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land amidst the ongoing violence and hatred. As Monday will mark the first anniversary of the commencement of present hostilities, the Holy Father in his General Audience last week joined with the Patriarch in commending this day of prayer to all Christians.

In a letter, Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, explains how The Holy Land has been experiencing unprecedented levels of violence and hatred over the past year, leading to significant suffering and the loss of innocent lives. His Beatitude calls upon all people of goodwill, especially those in positions of authority, to work towards justice, dignity, and security for everyone involved in the conflict. He sees this being achieved through prayer and sacrifice, leading to a personal commitment to peace by rejecting hatred in all its forms, supporting those in need, and promoting reconciliation and encounter.

Prayer for Peace

Lord our God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Father of all mankind, Who in the cross of Your Son and through the gift of His own life, at great cost You wished to destroy the wall of enmity and hostility that separates peoples and makes us enemies: Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit, that He may purify us from every feeling of violence, hatred and revenge, enlighten us to understand the irrepressible dignity of every human person, and inflame us to the point of consumption for a peaceful and reconciled world in truth and justice, in love and freedom. Almighty and eternal God, in Your hands, are the hopes of all and the rights of every people: Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us so that, with Your help, they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor and of those who suffer the consequences of violence and war; may they promote the common good and lasting peace in the region and throughout the earth. Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, obtain the gift of peace for the Holy Land that gave birth to you and for the whole world. Amen.

A message from Elizabeth Clark: 'I have recently volunteered as the Missio Local Secretary for Our Parish. For those who already hold Red Mission 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.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride: Many thanks to all who volunteered to sign people in at our two churches. If you took part and collected Sponsorship, then please hand it in to Fr David ASAP – thanks.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £304.26. 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.

Every blessing.

Fr David

Readings for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

First reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,

and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,

for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127(128)

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united,

man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.