

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th January 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh* Philip Hardy RIP
Sunday (18th)	0915 Leiston
	1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	0900 Leiston Mgr. David Manson RIP
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh* Fr John Hayes RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*
	1400 Funeral Service at Leiston for Jackie Ghislaine Bruce-Jones RIP
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (25th)	0915 Leiston People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh* Victoria Prentis

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 from the back of church.

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

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

Feasts of the Week: Wednesday – St Agnes; Saturday – St Francis de Sales.

This weekend we return to Ordinary Time. It is also Peace Day and there is a retiring collection for the work of Pax Christi.

"The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in

peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice". There are special donation envelopes at the back of church by which you can also request more information about the work of Pax Christi.

UNITY WEEK SERVICE – This is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th January) and we are hosting a United Service for Aldeburgh this Sunday evening at 6pm. Do make a special effort to come along. We will be welcoming members from the congregations at the Parish Church and the Baptist Church.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 9.00am on Saturday 31st January in the Parish Hall, Leiston Church, Seaward Road, Leiston. All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting.

Modern Day Slavery: Caritas East Anglia has updated the leaflet which highlights the present Diocesan initiative in tackling modern day slavery. Copies of this very informative and practical leaflet are available at the back of church.

Diocesan Yearbook and Calendar of feasts and seasons for 2026 is now available for just £5. A great buy.

A "pocket size" **Safeguarding information booklet** which gives the action you should take if concerned about a child or adult at risk, has been produced by the diocese. Copies are available at the back of church.

Pilgrimage Opportunities for Young People: Summer 2026 Lourdes and Summer 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul. Find out more at our Launch on February 22nd 2026 at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT. The afternoon starts at 1pm (please bring a packed lunch) and will end by 3:00pm. www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Don't forget to let me know if you are unable to attend Mass due to ill health, as we can arrange a home visit with Holy Communion.

Also, remember that the weekly Newsletter is available on the parish website.

A letter has come via the presbytery for Mark & Shirley Kalinauckas – please collect from Fr David.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £331.50p. 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.

Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him —
for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength —
he says:
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R 8a, 9a

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.'

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.'

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14a, 12a

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'