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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th January 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (26th)	0915 Leiston	Ints of Hugh de Las Casa
	1100 Aldeburgh*	
Monday	1100 Aldeburgh*	Funeral Mass of Pauline Matthias RIP
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Geraldine Elwes & Heather Ewart RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Fr Sean Carroll (Westminster) RIP
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (2nd)	0915 Leiston	Fr Paddy Gannon (Southwark) RIP
	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 visiting the parish this weekend.

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.

Today is 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Six years ago, Pope Francis instituted this day to be kept on the Third Sunday in ordinary time to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture. The theme for this year is taken from the psalms: 'I hope in your Word'.

Feasts of the week: Tuesday – St Thomas Aquinas; Friday – St John Bosco.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord. Readers, please note that the readings are proper for the feast day.

Don't forget to let me know if you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass over a period of weeks, as a home visit can be arranged. Please have the permission of the person concerned if you are passing on someone else's details.

The Sound System at Leiston was recent upgraded and the loop system was also improved. Hopefully you will notice the difference.

The Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar for 2025 is now available for just £3. It is packed with useful information and great value for the price!

Inviting all young people in Year 9 and above to 'Flame' at Wembley Arena: The Diocesan Youth Service is excited to be taking a group to 'Flame' on March 15th. Flame is the largest catholic gathering of young people in the UK, coming together to experience the best in international speakers, artists and performers. It is a vibrant experience of young Church, concluding with Adoration led by most of the Bishops of England and Wales. For details and to book a ticket and place on the coach, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Headship vacancy at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Peterborough. Please see Diocesan Website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

Catholic Listening & Prayer Ministry (Confidential Support for over 18s) The diocese offers a team of Helpers who will listen with compassion and love and offer guidance and support through prayer. They will signpost to further sources of help if needed. All Helpers have undergone training in prayer, listening, spiritual guidance, safeguarding and GDPR. Email: listeningministry@rcdea.org.uk www.rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer information cards at the back of church.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £279.40p. 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.**

Last week's Second collection for Pax Christi amounted to £246.10p. Many thanks.

The funeral Mass for Pauline Matthias is on this Monday, 27th January at 11.00am in Aldeburgh.

We remember those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.

Fr David

Readings for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R John 6:63c

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect;
it revives the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The precepts of the Lord are right;
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding for ever.
The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, just.

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer!

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;
to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'