

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th January 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (25th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh* Victoria Prentis

Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday No Mass today
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (1st) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwgLRDw/livestreaming

This Sunday (3rd in Ordinary time) is known as 'Sunday of the Word of God', when we express appreciation for the Scriptures which we hear proclaimed each week at Mass and in our personal reading of the Bible.

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.

Sorry, there is no Mass on Thursday this week as I have to be in Poringland for an early meeting.

Diocesan Newspaper – The February issue has just arrived. Do pick up a copy as you leave Mass. FREE!

Feasts of the Week: Monday – Ss Timothy & Titus; Wednesday – St Thomas Aquinas; Saturday – St John Bosco.

UNITY WEEK – The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes this Sunday. Many thanks to all those who helped last Sunday with the hosting of the United Service at Aldeburgh and all those who came along to share in this special time of prayer. It was a lovely evening.

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.

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

World Day of Prayer: You are warmly invited to join the churches of Aldeburgh on Friday 6th March 2026, to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. Every year on the first Friday of March the great wave of prayer begins on the international dateline in Samoa. Early in the morning Christians begin praying for our world. As the earth rotates a great wave of prayer begins to build, and sweeps across the oceans, islands and continents, further and further west as the day wears on. Finally, 24 hours later, it reaches American Samoa, where the final WDP Service takes place.

This year we will be praying for Nigeria, the country where you are most likely to lose your life for your faith if you are Christian. There will be a Friday morning Service at 11.00am in the Fairfield Centre, followed by a free soup & bread lunch. Put the date in your diaries! 6th March 2026.

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 to the presbytery for Mark & Shirley Kalinauckas – can anyone assist with passing it on?

Looking for lodgings! One of our delightful young parishioners is looking for somewhere to lodge from the beginning of April. She is a carer at Garrett House but sadly there is a significant rent increase from April, and she needs to find a new place to stay in Aldeburgh.

Can you help? If so, please get in touch with Joyana Thariath on 07776 807454. References available.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £280.20p. 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.**

Last week's Second Collection for Pax Christ raised £270.38p Many thanks.

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 the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First reading

Isaiah 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom
and healed every affliction among the people.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.