

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

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

<b>Saturday:</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Thomas Coffey RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	
	1800 Leiston	(Christmas Family Mass)
	2100 Aldeburgh*	(Mass during the night; Carols begin at 20.30)
		William Lane RIP
<b>Christmas Day</b>	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	1000 Leiston	People of China
<b>Wednesday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	
<b>Thursday</b>	0900 Leiston	
<b>Friday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	
<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday (31<sup>st</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Maud Bourke RIP

#### Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming)

**Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Christmas weekend.** Do enjoy your stay in this beautiful part of Suffolk.

**Christmas Masses:** On the evening of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston (family Mass); Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be at Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.30pm. On Christmas morning there will be the 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

Leiston outdoor Carol Service in Library Square on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. This is organised by the Christians of the town. All are welcome.

**The collection taken at the Christmas Masses** is personal to the clergy. May I also taken this opportunity of thanking you for your cards and gifts and to express my gratitude for the welcome you have given me since my arrival in the parish, back in September.

**Mass on Boxing Day** will be at 10.00am at Leiston.

**Crib Collection:** Bishop Peter has asked that these be designated for The Holy Land.

**Friday Abstinence** is dispensed this week.

**Catholic East Anglia** (our diocesan newspaper) – The latest issue is now available at the back of church. It's free, so do pick up a copy on your way out of church.

**The Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar for 2024** is also now available for just £3. It is packed with useful information and great value for the price!

**Fr Tony** is now in Montana care home, Great Barton near Bury St Edmunds. He continues to receive physiotherapy and is hoping his mobility will improve now the medics have got on top of the medical condition with which he was admitted. I visited him last Tuesday and he was in good spirits. He sends his greetings to you all and appreciates your kind messages and prayers. His current postal address is: Montana, East Barton Road, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 2RF

**Feasts during the Week:** Tuesday – St Stephen; Wednesday – St John the Evangelist; Thursday – Holy Innocents; Friday – St Thomas Becket.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**Synodal Pathway** – Some have been asking "What happens next?". On the diocesan website ([rcdea.org.uk](http://rcdea.org.uk)) you will find the Synthesis Report from the First Session of the Synod held in Rome this autumn. Bishop Peter is reflecting on the next step for us in the diocese.

**First Communion and Confirmation 2024.** Please let me have any names for these Sacraments asap.

**MISSIO Calendar 2024** – available from the back of church. Free

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections (last week's plate collection was £266.35p). We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. The only details you need are these: '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.** If you have a problem setting up a standing order Please get in touch.

Last week's Second Collection for the Dependent Priests' Fund came to £514.07p. Many Thanks.

**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.

Please let me know of any parishioners currently unable to get to Sunday Mass and who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

*Have a blessed & Peaceful Christmas - Fr David*

**Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)**

**First reading**                    **2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

**Responsorial Psalm**            **Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29**

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.'

*I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

**Second reading**                    **Romans 16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**                    **Lk1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
let what you have said be done to me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**                                            **Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the

child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.