

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

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4th February 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (4th) 0915 Leiston Ints of Ryan Family
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

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

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (11th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend.

Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass.

This Weekend there is a retiring collection for Lepira in this their Centenary Year. This will enable Lepira to change the lives of many more people by finding, diagnosing and treating people affected by leprosy. To read some real-life stories of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepira, please visit www.lepra.org.uk

Feasts during the Week: Monday – St Agatha (*Memorial*); Tuesday – St Paul Miki & Companions (*Memorial*); Saturday – St Scholastica (*Memorial*).

Thursday is a Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking.

The Keypad on the door at Aldeburgh has recently been replaced. If you would like the access number, please just ask.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation - 9th June 2024. Please let me have any further names asap. There may also be some

adults who have missed out on this Sacrament but would now like to be Confirmed. Do have a word with me.

Lent 2024 Many thanks to those who have shared ideas with me.

Walk with me – A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2024 is available at the back of the church was just £1. An excellent little booklet with thoughts for prayer for each day of Lent and with an introduction by Bishop Peter.

Inviting young people (age 16 – 30) to Transform For Lent - The Diocesan Ignite Team are hosting a weekend retreat for young people at Clare Priory the weekend before Lent begins (10th – 11th February). Contemporary music, inspiring talks and passionate prayer times. For more information and to book a place see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

CAFOD Lent Lunch at Framlingham: Friday 16th February @12.30pm. You are all welcome to join us at Castle Community Rooms Framlingham IP13 9BQ @ 12.30pm

A light lunch will be provided: soup, bread and cheese followed by tea and coffee, in exchange for a donation according to your means. During lunch there will be a video presentation about James, the Liberian fisherman, who is the subject of this years CAFOD Lent appeal. If you would like to attend please email Claire on crobinson@cafod.org.uk by 12th February.

Our parish and others in the Ipswich deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on Saturday 24 February at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich. If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see or think that should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please email your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now. The Festival will begin at 9.30 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed throughout the day by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 2 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of or the whole event.

A date for your diary: Friday 1st March – **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at the Fairfield Centre, Aldeburgh at 11.00am. The prayer service, prepared this year by the WDP Committee of Palestine, is celebrated around the world. Do try and come along.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £347.50). 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.

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.

Every blessing for this coming week.

Fr David

Readings for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
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First reading **Job 7:1-4,6-7**

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than
pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have
passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 146(147):1-6**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.