

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th February 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (16th) 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh* Geraldine Elwes and
Heather Ewart RIP

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Philomina Arakkal
RIP

Thursday 0900 Leiston

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* Maria Nwankwo RIP

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*

Sunday (23rd) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish

1100 Aldeburgh* Josephine Quinn RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming)

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Today is kept as **Racial Justice Sunday**, when the Church focuses on the need to oppose Racism and pursue Racial Justice with renewed vigour.

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our 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.

Do pick up the February issue of the Diocesan Newspaper. It's free!

Feasts of the week: Saturday – The Chair of St Peter.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will take place this coming Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 7.00pm in The Parish Hall Leiston on Seaward Avenue, IP16 4BA. All members of the parish are warmly invited. Please contact Chris Quinn

(chrismquinn@me.com 07886795380) for more information, or if you would like help with getting there.

Victims of Human Trafficking: There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 5,000 in the Diocese, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, read the leaflet available at the back of the church, and go to santamartagroup.org/resources. Further information about what is being, and can be done at Diocesan level around combatting slavery (and the leaflet) can be found at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/> The Norwich Justice and Peace group hosted a Presentation on Modern Slavery on 6th February. You are invited to watch the recording at <https://www.youtube.com/@JandPNorwich> "

Assisted Suicide Bill: You will all be aware that the Bill has moved to the Committee Stage. It is evident that many of the concerns which were expressed before the Second Reading vote have already been validated. The overall allocation of time for detailed discussion has been much limited by the fact that the proposal is moved as a Private Members Bill. Valid criticism has been raised in many quarters regarding the bias on expert input to the Committee, many opponents of the proposals being excluded. Even the Royal College of Psychiatrists were initially not included on the list of those who would address the Committee. There was a refusal to seek the opinions of those who would highlight how the legislation in Canada has suffered a sequence of alterations which have loosened safeguards. One of the most significant safeguards that was highlighted in the initial sponsoring the Bill was the proposed involvement of a High Court Judge. It seems likely that this element will be removed. When the Chief Medical Officer for England and Wales, Sir Chris Whitty, offered evidence to the Committee, he highlighted the dangers of the proposed legislation being rushed. He also commented on how extremely difficult it is to define terminal illness. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will issue a joint Pastoral Letter soon. We are urged to write to our local MP to express opposition in principle to assisted suicide and to the now deeply flawed parliamentary process.

CAFOD: How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching this inspirational event (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee); including interviews with Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.

How are you preparing for Lent? Come to "Don't forget the Holy Spirit", a day of renewal at **St Laurence's Church, Milton Road, Cambridge on Saturday 1st March, 10:00 – 16:00** with Guest speakers Fr Matt Anscombe & Caroline Sadd. The day includes Mass (10:30), praise & worship, inspiring talks, real-life accounts of transformation, reconciliation, exposition & prayer ministry. Please bring a

packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. For more info email: renewaleastanglia@gmail.com or phone Pam Smith: 07869652115

Access to the church in Aldeburgh: The keypad lock has given up!! Future access will be with a key and there is now a key box fitted to the gate post. Ask for the code. When returning the key to the box, please remember to flip the small black latch to the up position and re-arrange the numbers, before sliding up the cover. If anyone needing regular access and finding the key box too fiddly would like a key, then just ask, although they cost £10 each.

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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £219.75p. 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.**

Second collection next weekend for the work of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading **Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a**

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Blessed indeed is the man

who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord,
and who ponders his law day and night.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who

laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'