

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th February 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (15th)	0915 Leiston 1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	0900 Leiston Kirby Family (FM)
Ash	1000 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Wednesday	1800 Leiston
Thursday	0900 Leiston
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh* Tom Rochford (FM)
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (22nd)	0915 Leiston People of the Parish 1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming

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.

This Sunday is a Day of prayer for the unemployed.

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

It's Lent Again! We are invited to journey through this Season to the most important Christian Festival of the Year – **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.**

Lent is not just about giving things up; it is also about doing something extra. Whatever we decide to do should be helping us "to die a little more to self". It is a Season of **Prayer**, and prayer acquires strength when accompanied by **fasting** and **almsgiving**. During Lent we have our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and his journey to Jerusalem and we journey

with him. Lent is about growing in love for God, for one another and for those most in need.

How is LENT 2026 going to be special for YOU?

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ 18th February: Today is kept as a day of **Fasting** and **Abstinence**. It is a day we should make every effort to join with our Parish Community at Mass and so get Lent off to a good start. At Mass we will be signed with the ashes; the traditional sign reminding us that this is a season of **Repentance** and **Renewal**. We are called to "Repent and believe in the Gospel".

Mass times: 10.00am (Aldeburgh) & 6.00pm (Leiston).

Walk with me – A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2026 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.

Lenten Conversations

We will be running three conversations this lent. All at Leiston church starting at 1830, following Mass at 1800.

1. 12th March. Searching For Prayer, led by Patricia Newton
2. 19th March. Social Media, led by Johnny Dawson. (a teenager or twentysomething would be welcome help)
3. 26th March. God chooses the Poor, led by Christine Quinn

Each will be a lively discussion and debate the more varied the ideas the more interesting they will be. If you can help with any of the sessions, please send Johnny an email. [johndawson@blueliner.co.uk](mailto: johndawson@blueliner.co.uk) all welcome, bring a friend.

Food bank collection 21st/22nd March

Please bring whatever you can as a special collection for our local food bank. All items welcome big and small but especially Toiletries, Nappies, pasta, rice, sources, and tinned food.

Stations of the Cross: These will take place during Lent and will be announced in the newsletter. Please let me know if you, or a group of parishioners would like to lead a session.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day ~ Friday 27th February. Envelopes will be available next weekend for collection the following weekend.

Other suggestions for Lent: Attend a weekday Mass each week during Lent. Search "Christian Art" online and see a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage – it is free. Read a Lenten Spiritual book.

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

Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Ipswich. The day will include Inspiring talks, prayer, games and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see 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.

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.

Special announcement. Please put Sunday, 12th July in your diary, we will be celebrating 50-year anniversaries with a special Mass and party where we hope as many parishioners and friends of the church can attend. Details will follow as planning firms up.

Rachel's Vineyard: A healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion. Their next Retreat weekend in the diocese is 6-8th March. For information see the poster in the porch.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £227.61p. 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.**

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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

First reading

Sirach 15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Lord, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'