

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (5th)	0915 Leiston 1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass Today
Tuesday	0900 Leiston
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday	1000 Aldeburgh* 1900 Leiston People of the Parish
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*
Saturday (11th)	1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday	0915 Leiston Tom Coffey RIP 1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors with us this Bank Holiday Weekend. Coffee etc is served in the hall after the Mass at Leiston – All welcome.

The May issue of the Diocesan Newspaper is now available at the back of church. It's free!

When visiting the church at Aldeburgh, please ensure that the door is locked when you leave. You will need to turn the handle on the inside to ensure the latch has fully come out. There have been a few occasions recently when the church has been left open.

On Thursday we keep the Solemnity of **The Ascension of the Lord**. It is a Holyday of Obligation and Mass in Aldeburgh is at 10.00am and in Leiston at 7.00pm

A message from CAFOD: The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an emergency appeal for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still

going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out.

But the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today. The situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. The UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms. "At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." *Telley Sadia, CAFOD's country representative for Sudan.*

There is a Second Collection this weekend for those wishing to respond to this urgent Appeal. There are gift aid envelopes at the back of church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – On this Monday – 6th May. One of the major annual events of the year in the life of the Diocese. Gather in Friday Market Place at 11.45am; Procession to Chapel of Reconciliation followed by Service of Reconciliation at 2pm and Mass at 3pm. Take a packed lunch. I have two seats in my car if anyone would like a lift.

A Parish Pastoral Council for our parish – We are planning to form one soon to enable greater participation of all within our community of Aldeburgh and Leiston. There is a leaflet at the back of church giving more information and a nomination slip. The Council will meet 4/5 times per year and the commitment will not be too onerous. **Act NOW** by either nominating someone, or by volunteering yourself; or both!

Service of Thanksgiving for Sir Peter Batho RIP at the Parish Church in Aldeburgh, on Wednesday 8th May at 2pm. I will be taking this Service.

The Leiston food bank is grateful for the generous donations from the boxes in the back of both our churches. Contributions have been rather sparse recently, so the SVP would like to encourage you to bring to Mass (or drop off at any time) whatever food and toiletry items you can spare and place them in the boxes. SVP members collect them every Friday and take them to the food bank. The current request is for more pasta and jarred or packeted sauces. Thank you.

Knights of St Columba – an order of Catholic gentlemen with the 3 aims of Charity, Fraternity and Unity. It has a branch based in Ipswich and surrounding area and if you may be interested in a chat about the order please contact either Brother Christopher Uzokwe 07734 328112 or Brother Allan Girot 01394 272683.

A Christians Together Event in Church Square, Leiston on Saturday 20th July, 11am-4pm – Readings and Music based on the Psalms. Can you take part and be sponsored? Proceeds to the Bible Society. Leaflets in the porch at Leiston.

Fr Tony would like to express his gratitude to the people of the parish who so generously contributed to his retirement gift which will be put to good use in his Cambridge flat. There's no date yet for the move because there are no current vacancies, but it shouldn't be too long. Not a day

goes by without me thanking the Lord for all the love and support you showed while I was with you and for its continuation over the last eight months!

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. The plate collection last weekend was £275.56. We are also grateful for the generous weekly Standing Orders, which currently amount to about £690 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 week for The Catholic Communications Network.

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. Every blessing for this Easter Season.
Fr David

Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

First reading **Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 97(98):1-4**

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows
God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:

not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'