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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd February 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

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| Saturday | 1800 Aldeburgh* | |
| Sunday (23rd) | 0915 Leiston | People of the Parish |
| | 1100 Aldeburgh* | Josephine Quinn RIP |
| Monday | No Mass today | |
| Tuesday | 0900 Leiston | William Lane RIP |
| Wednesday | 0900 Aldeburgh* | |
| Thursday | 0900 Leiston | |
| Friday | 0900 Aldeburgh* | Tim Gilbert RIP |
| Saturday | 1800 Aldeburgh* | Teresa Gray RIP |
| Sunday (2nd) | 0915 Leiston | Deacon Simon Cockshute RIP |
| | 1100 Aldeburgh* | People of the Parish |

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming

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!

A prayer for Pope Francis for a speedy recovery:

May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days.

Amen.

May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm.

Amen.

May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen.

Second collection (White Flower Appeal) this weekend for the work of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn

Children). Do pick up a postcard and sign it in support of all life, however small, vulnerable or marginalised and either send it direct to SPUC, or return next week and we will send the cards together.

Feasts of the week: Saturday – St David.

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.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March:

The Fairfield Centre, Aldeburgh at 11.00am, followed by free soup and bread lunch.

All Saints Church, Leiston at 2.00pm, flowed by refreshments.

The Service this year has been prepared by women of The Cook Islands. **All are Welcome.**

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year: You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up at: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

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 £274.09p. 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.

Fr David

Readings for 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading **1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R8a

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to

you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'