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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd March 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Teresa Gray RIP
Sunday (2nd)	0915 Leiston	Deacon Simon Cockshute RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	Ruth Kent RIP
Wednesday	1000 Aldeburgh*	Ints of Moyra Bennett
	1900 Leiston	For the Parish
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Andrew Gilbert RIP
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (9th)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Michael Williams RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this weekend. 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.

Children's Worksheets (LOOK) are available at the back of church. They are based on the Sunday readings.

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.

Feasts of the week: Saturday – St Felix (*Secondary Patron of the diocese*).

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March:

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

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

The Service this year has been prepared by women of The Cook Islands. **All are 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 2025 going to be special for YOU?

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ 5th March

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) & 7.00pm (Leiston).

Walk with me – A Journey of Prayer for Lent 2025 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.

Lent Conversations: We plan to have three of these during Lent on three important topics.

Saturday 15th March, following the Saturday evening Mass at Aldeburgh ~ 'Rest: Do you have to work at it?'

Wednesday 26th March at 7pm at Leiston (there will be a Mass at 6.30pm) ~ 'The History and Spirituality of the Option for the Poor'.

Wednesday 9th April at 7pm at Leiston (there will be a Mass at 6.30pm) ~ 'Homelessness? Closer than you think!'

The topics will be introduced, followed with a time for open Conversation. They will last for no more than an hour. Put the dates on the calendar as the more who come, the richer and more fruitful our discussions will be.

Stations of the Cross: These will take place during Lent. The first being on Friday 14th March at Leiston at 11.30am (*before the CAFOD soup lunch*). Please let me know if you, or a group, would like to lead a session.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day ~ Friday 14th March. Envelopes will be available next weekend. There will be a Soup lunch at Leiston that day 12.00-14.00. Do note the date and try to come along.

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/>

Other suggestions for Lent: Attend a weekday Mass throughout Lent; Search "Christian Art" and see a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage – it is free.

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 £210.39p 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.**

Last week's Second Collection for the Society of Unborn Children raised £196.87p. Many Thanks.

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 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First reading

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the

good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'