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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th January 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (12th)	0915 Leiston	Antonio & Carmela Saggese RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Mike Maybury RIP
Monday	No Mass Today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Fr David Barnes RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (19th)	0915 Leiston	People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting the parish this weekend as we celebrate the feast of The Baptism of the Lord, which marks the end of the Christmas season.

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.

Crib Collection: Bishop Peter has asked that this be given to our twin diocese in the Holy Land and as such will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem. There is a collection basket beside the crib. This weekend is the final opportunity for giving to this collection.

UNITY WEEK SERVICE – We are hosting a United Service for Aldeburgh next Sunday, 19th January at 6pm. Do put the date in your diary so that we have a good turn out that evening. We will be welcoming members from the congregations at the Parish Church and the Baptist Church.

I'm looking for a few readers for the service – let me know if you can help.

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at the Quakers Meeting House, Waterloo Avenue. All welcome

Parochial Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025 in Parish Hall, Leiston Church, Seaward Road Leiston. All parishioners who attend both churches in the parish of Aldeburgh and Leiston are invited to attend this meeting. It is the last chance for the parish to contribute to the diocesan consultation. The meeting will agree the answers to the Bishop's questions about the future of the parish and its place in the diocese. If you would like more information, or help in attending the meeting contact Chris Quinn - chrismquinn@me.com 07886795380 or any of the council members. A draft copy of our report is attached. Come and share your thoughts.

Next Sunday is PEACE SUNDAY and there will be a second collection for Pax Christi, who work with others to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

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.

The **Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar for 2025** is now available for just £3. It is packed with useful information and great value for the price!

Catholic Listening & Prayer Ministry (Confidential Support for over 18s) The diocese offers a team of Helpers who will listen with compassion and love and offer guidance and support through prayer. They will signpost to further sources of help if needed. All Helpers have undergone training in prayer, listening, spiritual guidance, safeguarding and GDPR. Email: listeningministry@rcdea.org.uk
www.rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer
information cards at the back of church.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £154.00p. 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.**

The funeral Mass for Pauline Matthias is on Monday 27th January at 11.00am in Aldeburgh.

We remember those who are sick and housebound in the parish and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year.

*Have a blessed and peaceful New Year.
Fr David*

Readings for The Baptism of the Lord (C)

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go on up to a high mountain,
O Sion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Behold your God!'
Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R1

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!

O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!

On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
with its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand, they are well filled.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia.
He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'