

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th January 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (11th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston Special Intention
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Delphine Trinick FM
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday No Mass today

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Philip Hardy RIP
Sunday (18th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

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.

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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord.

Jesus goes into the River Jordan to be baptised by John. Suddenly the Skies open. God's Spirit comes down in the form of a dove. Then God speaks for everyone to hear: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In our own baptism we pass through the waters to enter a new life in Christ, and we become the beloved Daughters and Sons of God.

Please note that there is no morning Mass on Monday or Friday this week.

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. This is the final week for giving.

Feasts of the Week: Friday – St Fursey; Saturday – St Anthony

Next weekend we return to Ordinary Time. It is also Peace Day and there will be a retiring collection for the work of Pax Christi.

"The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice". There are special donation envelopes at the back of church by which you can also request more information about the work of Pax Christi.

Diocesan Yearbook and Calendar of feasts and seasons for 2026 is now available for just £5. A great buy.

UNITY WEEK SERVICE – We are hosting a United Service for Aldeburgh next Sunday, 18th 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. We need two or three volunteers to make the tea/coffee after the Service. Can you offer?

A "pocket size" **Safeguarding information booklet** which gives the action you should take if concerned about a child or adult at risk, has been produced by the diocese. Copies are available at the back of church.

Don't forget to let me know if you are unable to attend Mass due to ill health, as we can arrange a home visit with Holy Communion.

Also, remember that the weekly Newsletter is available on the parish website.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £240.15p. 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.

Have a blessed and peaceful New Year.

Fr David

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:
Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord full of power;
the voice of the Lord full of splendour.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mk9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:

'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'