

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

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 7th JANUARY 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (7th) 0915 Leiston Agnes McDonald
RIP
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Monday No Mass Today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (14th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

Welcome to those who are visitors with us in this Christmas Season. Do enjoy your stay in this beautiful part of Suffolk. Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of **The Epiphany of the Lord**. Next weekend, which is kept as a special Day of prayer for peace (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time), there will be a retiring collection for **PAX CHRISTI**, whose work is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. They hold a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. I'm sure we all agree that the need for this has never been greater. If you can "gift aid" your contribution to next week's collection, then pick up an envelope from the back of church.

MANY APOLOGIES for those at home who were unable to connect to the parish live-streaming over Christmas. It was a technical problem at our end which is now fixed.

Crib Collection: Bishop Peter has asked that these be designated for The Holy Land. This is the final weekend for contributing to this collection.

The **Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar for 2024** is now available for just £3. It is packed with useful information and great value for the price!

Fr Tony is now in Montana care home, Great Barton near Bury St Edmunds. He continues to receive physiotherapy and is hoping his mobility will improve now the medics have got on top of the medical condition with which he was admitted. He sends his greetings to you all and appreciates your kind messages and prayers over the Christmas season. His current postal address is: Montana, East Barton Road, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 2RF

Feasts during the Week: Monday – The Baptism of the Lord;

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Synodal Pathway – Some have been asking "What happens next?". On the diocesan website (rcdea.org.uk) you will find the Synthesis Report from the First Session of the Synod held in Rome this autumn. The Second Session takes place in the Autumn of 2024. Bishop Peter is reflecting on the next step for us in the diocese.

First Communion and Confirmation 2024. Please let me have any names for these Sacraments asap.

Our parish and others in the Ipswich deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on Saturday 24 February at St Mary's Church in Ipswich. If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see or think that should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now. The Festival will begin at 9.30 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed throughout the day by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 2 pm with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of or the whole event.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. The only details you need are these: '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.** If you have a problem setting up a standing order Please get in touch.

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.

Please let me know of any parishioners currently unable to get to Sunday Mass and who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Fr David

Readings for The Solemnity of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back

to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.