

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

14th September 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (14th)	0915 Leiston	People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh*	
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Tom Rochford (FM)
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	Kirby Family (FM)
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	Ints of Piers & family
Sunday (21st)	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 in your row of seats, or from the back of church.

Tea/coffee is served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The feast of the holy Cross began in the year 335, when churches in Jerusalem, built on the sites of the crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ, were dedicated. It became a major feast, and any Christian who could make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem would try to be there for the celebration. The Cross is for us the channel of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and healing. It leads to the resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

This month we are celebrating the 'Season of Creation', which over recent years has become a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. You will find much more

information on The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website – [cbcew.org.uk/season of creation/](http://cbcew.org.uk/season%20of%20creation/)

Feasts this week: Monday – Our Lady of Sorrows; Tuesday – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian; Saturday – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions. (Martyrs of Korea).

Diocesan Newspaper – September issue is now available (free) from the back of church.

United Harvest Service this Sunday afternoon, 14th September at our church, Leiston at 3.00pm followed by a shared tea. Do invite family and friends to come along. Please bring contributions for the tea.

Aldeburgh United Service this Sunday evening, 14th September at the Baptist Church on the High Street at 6.00pm. Again, all are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our PPC will be meeting on Friday 19th September in All Saints Church Hall, Seaward Avenue Leiston at 4.00pm. All members of parish are welcome to attend. If you need help in getting there and would like to attend, contact Chris Quinn on 07886795380.

Foodbank: We continue to collect non-perishable foodstuffs, household cleaning and personal hygiene products for the FoodBank in Leiston, at the back of both churches. It's a particularly difficult time for local families with children on holiday from school. If you can make a donation of any of these goods they will be appreciated.

First Communion Programme for 2026. Please let me have the names asap of those who are at the stage of making their First Confession and Communion next summer. Year 3 and upwards.

I recently visited Fr Tony at his flat in Cambridge. He was in great form and sends his very best wishes to everyone.

Young Leaders Formation: The Ignite Team is excited to be launching a Young Leaders formation initiative, specifically for those aged 16 - 22 who want to be empowered for mission and equipped to serve other young people in the diocese. The launch weekend is 17th - 19th October held at Clare Priory. For more information, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £221. 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.**

Second collection next weekend for the Home Missions.

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

Readings for the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

First reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 78(77):1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38. R. cf. 7b

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and utter hidden lessons of the past.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

When he slew them, then they sought him,
repented and earnestly sought God.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Yet they deceived him with their mouths;
they lied to him with their tongues.
For their hearts were not steadfast towards him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger,
and did not stir up all his rage.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'