

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh (and All

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th April 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (28th) 0915 Leiston Sir Peter Batho RIP
1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass Today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston For Survivors of
Sexual Abuse

Wednesday No Mass Today

Thursday No Mass Today

Friday No Mass Today

Saturday (5th) 1800 Aldeburgh*

Sunday 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwgLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend. Coffee etc is served in the hall after the Mass at Leiston – All welcome.

If you were away last weekend, then do pick up the information/nomination sheet for the Parish Pastoral Council we are setting up in the parish.

The May issue of the Diocesan Newspaper is now available at the back of church. It's free!

Tuesday is a special Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse. There is Mass at Leiston that morning. You may like to use the following prayer on that day:

Heavenly Father, who love and care for all your children, especially the smallest and the most vulnerable, we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults who have been hurt and abused and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to respond to the needs of many broken lives.

We pray that within their families and communities they may find understanding and support so that, with the help of your

grace, their wounds may be healed and they may know peace. Amen

Organists – Do you play the organ; or know anyone who would be willing to play either at Leiston or Aldeburgh? **Do let me know.**

A message from CAFOD: The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an emergency appeal for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut as the government say they need to keep weapons out.

But the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today. The situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. The UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms. "At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory." *Telley Sadia, CAFOD's country representative for Sudan.*

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for those wishing to respond to this urgent Appeal.

Feasts this week: Monday – St Catherine of Siena; Wednesday – St Joseph the Worker; Thursday – St Athanasius; Friday – SS Philip & James; Saturday – The English Martyrs.

Day of Recollection for those discerning a call to priesthood – Saturday 11th May, 10.30-2.30pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, Thetford. Do pick up a flyer at the back of church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Bank Holiday Monday – 6th May. One of the major annual events of the year in the life of the Diocese. Gather in Friday Market Place at 11.45am; Procession to Chapel of Reconciliation followed by Service of Reconciliation at 2pm and Mass at 3pm. Bring a packed lunch. Do book the date. I have three seats if anyone would like a lift.

A Christians Together Event in Church Square, Leiston on Saturday 20th July, 11am-4pm – Readings and Music based on the Psalms. Can you take part and be sponsored? Proceeds to the Bible Society. Leaflets in the porch at Leiston.

Fr Tony would like to express his gratitude to the people of the parish who so generously contributed to his retirement gift which will be put to good use in his Cambridge flat. There's no date yet for the move because there are no current vacancies, but it shouldn't be too long. Not a day goes by without me thanking the Lord for all the love and support you showed while I was with you and for its continuation over the last eight months!

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. The plate collection last weekend was £236. 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. 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.**

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. Every blessing for this Easter Season.

Fr David

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

First reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,

but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he
knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch
that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'