

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (3rd)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	Fr Bernard Heath (FM)
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Thursday	0900 Leiston	
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (10th)	0915 Leiston	Special Intention
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwglRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this Bank Holiday weekend.

Refreshments served in the hall after the Sunday Mass at Leiston. All welcome.

Diocesan Newspaper – The May issue is now out. Do pick up a copy as you leave Mass. FREE!

Feasts and special Days this week – Monday The English Martyrs; Tuesday a Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: This Monday, 4th May. 10.30am arrivals at the Catholic Shrine where confessions will be available until 11.30am, when there will be the welcome and reception of banners. Mass at 12noon with Bishop Peter, followed by picnic lunch. The crowning of the statue is at 14.15pm followed by the procession to the Abbey grounds in the village for prayers and Benediction.

"Head to Heart": Retreat Day for Women on Saturday 23rd May with talks given by the sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at their home in Dereham, Norfolk. The day will explore some of Saint Edith Stein's ideas of what it means to be a woman and the unity God desires to bring us to, as well as how to carry the crosses of daily life. The day will include talks, discussion and fellowship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well as a cream tea. Booking essential! Booking Form and all information found at: www.rcdea.org.uk/east-anglia-diocese-announces-retreat-day-for-women/

United Service on Sunday 17th May at the Parish Church, Aldeburgh at 6.00pm. This is one of three joint Services during the year. Do come and support this time of prayer together with other Christians of our town.

'One Mass Sunday weekend'. On the weekend 11/12th July there will only be one parish Mass which will be at Leiston at 11.00am. More details to follow but do book the date now.

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the Diocese's hugely popular annual **Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday 13th June 2026 at 11.30am** at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries will receive a certificate from the Bishop.. For more details and to register please go to: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome to mark the 50th anniversary of the Diocese. All are warmly invited to consider joining Bishop Peter and fellow pilgrims for what promises to be a grace filled and memorable Jubilee journey to Rome. Organised in partnership with Pilgrimage People, the five-day pilgrimage will take place from 27th to 31st October 2026. The cost of the pilgrimage is £1,550 per person sharing a twin or double room, with a limited number of single rooms available for a supplement of £220. The price includes return airfare with 10kg carry-on baggage, accommodation, transport in Italy, guiding services, gratuities and entrance fees. *Please note that the itinerary is not suitable for less able travellers.*

A deposit of £400, together with a completed booking form at the link below, is required ASAP, with the balance due by 4 August 2026. <https://bit.ly/EA50Rome>

More information on joining the pilgrimage can be found on the Diocesan Website, or from Elizabeth Pugh at Pilgrimage People on office@pilgrimagepeople.org

Forthcoming Diocesan/Deanery events to which you are invited:

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Tuesday 26th May (*half term*). Details on the notice board.

Our Lady of Ipswich walking Pilgrimage from four locations across Ipswich for Mass at St Pancras Church in honour of Our Lady of Grace on Saturday 30th May. Full details on the notice board.

Eucharistic Congress, Ipswich (6-13th September) culminating with Sunday Mass on the 13th September at Ipswich Corn Exchange celebrated by Bishop Peter. See poster for more details.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £280.50pp. 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. **For Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742.**

Last week's Second Collection for the training of future priests for the diocese amounted to: £416. Many thanks.

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Sally Lynch who died recently, also remembering her family and friends at this time.

Every blessing for the coming week Fr David

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22**

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

*May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.*

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in

me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'