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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6th April 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (6th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh* Paul McComish RIP

Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 0900 Leiston Rachel Eburne RIP
Wednesday 1830 Leiston Fr Tom Fenlon RIP
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* Sr Benedict Jouning
RIP

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (13th) 0915 Leiston Fr Francis Leo
Mooney (Southwark) RIP
1100 Aldeburgh* Ints of Cathy Taylor

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

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

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

The April edition of the diocesan newspaper is now available. Do pick up a copy as you leave Mass.

Please note that Wednesday's Mass is in Leiston at 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross this week will be at Aldeburgh on Friday, 11th April at 12noon.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in today's retiring collection, or you can donate online

at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at the Baptist Church, John Street.

We wish Fr Don a very Happy 80th Birthday on Monday as he joins his twin Doug in Liverpool their city of Birth for a family Celebration.

We also thank him for the past ten years Ministry he has shared amongst us.

FoodBank: We continue to collect non-perishable foods, cleaning materials and hygiene products for the FoodBank in Leiston. There are boxes at the back of both churches. Teabags would be particularly welcome at the moment. As we approach Easter, donations of chocolates, especially for children, would be much appreciated.

Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: We are encouraged to write to our MP and/or send one of the cards which you will find at the back of church (handed out last weekend). You can also register your concerns with your MP via the **ONLINE** Petition which you will find through this link: <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/>

The final 'Lent Conversation' is on this coming Wednesday, 9th April at 7pm at Leiston (there will be a Mass at 6.30pm) and will be led by Chris Quinn and Hugh de las Casas on 'Homelessness? Closer than you think!'

The more that can come along, the richer and more fruitful our conversation will be. The first two sessions have been well received.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: I will be available for Confessions at Leiston on Saturday 12th April between 3 and 4pm.

As has become our tradition in recent years, a string quartet (Jim O'Toole and Helen Stanley – Violins; Rachael Stacy – Viola; and Hattie Bennett – Cello) will be performing **Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross** at Aldeburgh on the Monday of Holy Week, 14th April, at 7pm. Each movement has programmatic details within the music, ending with a dramatic portrayal of the earthquake. There will be meditative readings alternating with the music. All are welcome. Retiring collection (suggested donation £10). **Book the date**

Holy Week Services. The Maundy Thursday evening Mass will be at Aldeburgh at 7pm; Good Friday 3pm Service will be at Leiston, and the Easter Vigil with the First Mass of Easter will be on the Saturday evening at 8.15pm at Aldeburgh. The Easter Sunday Masses will be Leiston at 9.15am and Aldeburgh at 11.00am.

There is a list at the back of church for Eucharistic Ministers and for the foot washing (Maundy Thursday). Please sign up. Readers are on the rota. Those reading the Passion next Weekend, may like to collect a copy from Fr David, so that they can look over the text.

Saturday, 12th April 2025: Catholic Charismatic Gathering, St John the Baptist Cathedral, Unthank Rd, Norwich. **Time: 10:30 – 15:00.** Bishop Peter & the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion team invite you to our first gathering of the Catholic Charismatic Family in East Anglia. Blessed with a diverse and multicultural diocese, this is a wonderful chance to come together in faith, receive spiritual nourishment, and deepen our connection as a charismatic community. 10:30 Adoration/Confessions (organised by the Cathedral parish). **11:30 Mass** celebrated by Bishop Peter. Music & praise led by Filipino band, D'Septra. In the afternoon Bishop Peter will address all those gathered. **Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available.** See poster for more details.

Date for the diary: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Monday, 5th May. More details next week.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £392.32p. 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.

Fr David

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (c)

First reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
'Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion,

we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the Lord worked for them!'
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

Bring back our exiles, O Lord,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

Second reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:12-13

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came

to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'