

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 17th MARCH 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Margaret de Boer RIP

Sunday (17th) 0915 Leiston Darren RIP
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Monday No Mass Today

Tuesday 1800 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Thursday 0900 Leiston

Friday No Mass Today

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Paul McComish RIP

Sunday (24th) 0915 Leiston Ints of Maurice and
Susanne Bennal
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend. Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass. Apologies for there being no Mass on Friday – I have to attend an early meeting at Poringland.

Our fourth and final session reflecting on some of the proposals from the recent Synod in Rome will be held at Leiston on this coming Tuesday, and is entitled *Structures for participating*, led by Hugh de las Casas. There will be Mass at 6pm followed by our discussions.

Stations of the Cross: will next take place at Aldeburgh on this coming Friday, 22nd March at 12noon.

Service of Reconciliation: On Saturday 23rd March at 3pm at Aldeburgh, there will be a short Service of Reconciliation followed by the opportunity for Confession. Fr Don will join us for this Service.

Sacrament of Confirmation: There is a meeting after the 11.00am Mass this Sunday, for those wishing to be Confirmed on Sunday 9th June.

Maurice and Suzanne Bennell are moving from the parish to be closer to their family. There will be an opportunity to wish

them well after the Leiston Mass on Sunday 24th March, with coffee and cake in the hall. All are welcome.

Sacred Space – (Chanting, Meditation, Readings) on five Saturdays of Lent, 4.30-5.30pm, at All Saints, Leiston. All are welcome and for more information call Caroline on 01728 832044

Feasts this week: Tuesday – Solemnity of St Joseph. There is a Mass today in the cathedral at 11.30am, to mark Bishop Alan Hope's 80th birthday. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED for our Holy Week Services. There is a list at the back of church for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and for the foot washing (Maundy Thursday). Please sign up. The Maundy Thursday evening Mass will be in 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 8.00pm at Aldeburgh. The Easter Sunday Masses will be as usual.

As has become traditional in recent years, a string quartet will be performing Haydn's Seven Last Words from the Cross on the Monday of Holy Week, 25th March, 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 and the performance lasts about an hour. There will be a retiring collection. Nick Ward, Helen Stanley, Graeme Scott and Hattie Bennett.

HCPT Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes. I will be going to Lourdes on Easter Monday for the annual HCPT pilgrimage, as chaplain to the Norwich Group (111). If anyone would like me to take prayer intentions for placing at the grotto, then please place them in an envelope (no money), and let me have them by Easter Sunday.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (23rd-30th August 2024). Find out more by visiting: www.catholicassociation.co.uk

Right To Life – Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

CSSA audit backs safeguarding services in Diocese of East Anglia: The Diocese of East Anglia has been awarded a judgment of Comprehensive Assurance by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in an audit of its safeguarding provision.

The audit was conducted in Spring 2023 and the [Executive Summary of its findings have been published here](#). It is hoped that parishioners and visitors to our diocese will be reassured by its findings. Bishop Peter, clergy and all who work and volunteer in the diocese are encouraged by it and remain committed to following up on the small number of recommendations to further improve. Gratitude is due to the Diocese's Safeguarding Coordinator and Administrator, and to all Parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard-

work and commitment, which is reflected in this report. Web link to use:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/cssa-audit-backs-safeguarding-services-in-east-anglia/>

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 4th – 5th May: Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday May 6th. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £291.60). We're 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 really 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 coming week. *Fr David*

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second reading Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn12:26

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.