

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (30th) 0915 Leiston Doug Coleman RIP
1100 Aldeburgh* Wedekind-Bothe
Family (Deceased)

Monday No Mass Today

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Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Rt Rev Bishop
Thomas McMahon RIP

Thursday 0900 Leiston Alice & John Martin
(FM)

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Sunday (6th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* Deceased members
of the extended Quinn family

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.

Children's Worksheets (LOOK) are available at the back of church. They are based on the Sunday readings.

Please note that there will be no Mass on Tuesday, as well as Monday – The clergy have an Advent Day of Recollection at Clare Priory.

Feasts this week: Wednesday – St Francis Xavier.

Today we enter the Season of Advent and a new liturgical year in the Church. We are now in Year A for our Sunday

readings – the year of Matthew. Advent is a season of Hope, watching and prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, and we prepare to greet him when he returns in glory.

Parish Advent Service – Sunday 14th December at All Saints, Leiston at 4pm followed by wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee and mince pies. Do invite family and friends. Children, plus adults are invited to arrive at 3.30pm for the making of Christingle candles for carrying into church at the beginning of the Service.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There will be confessions at Leiston on Saturday 13th December from 3-4pm and at Aldeburgh on Saturday 20th December 3-4pm.

Christmas Masses: On the evening of Wednesday 24th (Christmas Eve), there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston (family Mass). Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be at Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.40pm. On Christmas morning there will be a 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

Don't forget to let me know if you are unable to attend Mass due to ill health, as we can arrange a home visit with Holy Communion.

Also, remember that the weekly Newsletter is available on the parish website.

The latest 'World Gifts' catalogue is available at the back of church. Good ideas for Christmas presents etc.

Diocesan Jubilee Committee: Lucy has been representing our parish with regard to the 50th anniversary of the diocese in 2026 but would like to hand this on to someone else. It is not a great commitment, and meetings can be attended via Zoom. Let me know if this is something you could take on for the next year; or for more information have a word with Lucy.

Aldeburgh Church: When visiting during the week would you leave the door between the church and porch open to allow some heat to circulate and help dry out the damp walls – Many thanks. Please continue to ensure the church is locked when you leave.

Young Women's Retreat 6th -8th March 2026 The Diocesan Youth Service is organising a retreat in York during Lent, for young women (age 18 - 35). For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited and accepted on a first come first served basis.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £368.70p. 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.**

Last week's second collection for the Diocesan Youth Service raised £229.03. Many thanks.

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

Every blessing for the coming week ~ Fr David

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent ~ Year A

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Sion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 8-9. R cf. 1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God,
I will seek good things for you.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 85(84):8

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'