

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3rd December 2023

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday:	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (3rd)	0915 Leiston Ints of Monsignor Luke Smith (Southwark) 1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Monday	No Mass today
Tuesday	0900 Leiston
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday	0900 Leiston
Friday	0900 Aldeburgh*
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday (10th)	0915 Leiston Agnes McDonald RIP 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 – Come and join us in the hall.

This weekend we enter the beautiful season of Advent, and our Sunday readings are taken from Year B – the year of Mark. The season of Advent differs from Lent, in that it is a time of waiting, listening and watching. It is the great season of Hope. Given that Christmas Day falls on a Monday this year, we get the shortest Advent possible. The fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas eve. Hence even more reason to make the most of these next few weeks. Perhaps you could attend an extra Mass during the week, as together we listen to the Word of God, preparing us for the coming of his Son.

Some have been asking about Mass times on Christmas Day. The weekend 23/24th December will be as usual. On the evening of Sunday 24th there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston; Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be at Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.30pm. On Christmas morning there will be the 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

Fr Tony is now in Montana care home in Great Barton near Bury St Edmunds. He continues to receive physiotherapy

and is hoping his mobility will improve now the medics have got on top of the medical condition with which he was admitted. He is reluctant to receive too many visitors, in addition to his family and members of the clergy but would very much enjoy receiving messages and cards. He is planning to return to the parish when he has returned to better health. More details of that nearer the time.

Feasts during the Week: Thursday – St Ambrose; Friday – The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (*Solemnity*).

First Communion Programme for 2024. Please let me have names of those who are at the stage of making their First Confession and Communion next year. Year 3 and upwards.

Inviting Applications to *The Sibyl Collective - The East Anglia School of Contemporary Catholic Music*. This is an exciting new initiative from the Diocesan Youth Service which seeks to bring together young (age 16 – 30) contemporary Catholic musicians from around the Diocese. Under the leadership of Fr. Peter Wagnanski, the aim is to grow as a community committed to discipleship in Christ through prayer and praise & worship music, and then to be able to lead others at events and retreats in the Diocese. For more information and to apply, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

CAFOD – World Gifts catalogue available at the back of church. Do pick up a copy.

MISSIO Calendar 2024 – available from the back of church. Free

We are looking for a new Cleaner for Leiston Church and Hall. This is a paid position and training will be given. This will be a weekly commitment with extra, a couple of times a year, when the wooden floor in the hall will need repolishing and buffing. Please Contact Jill Wilson at Church or at altivolant.pww@gmail.com or 01728 663438. We also need to think about the Church in Aldeburgh – Same Person? Someone different?

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections (last week's plate collection £327.10). Second collection for the Diocesan Youth Service £310.05. We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. And we continue to encourage you to set up one if you haven't yet done so. 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.** If you have a problem trying to set up direct debit, please get in touch.

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.

Have a good week - Fr David

Readings for The First Sunday of Advent (B)

First reading **Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down!
— at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm **79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19**

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on
us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on
us and we shall be saved.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on
us and we shall be saved.*

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

*God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on
us and we shall be saved.*

Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that
you have been enriched in so many ways, espe-
cially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to
Christ has indeed been strong among you so that
you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to
be revealed; and he will keep you steady and with-
out blame until the last day, the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined
you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in charge, each
with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper
to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is coming,
evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And
what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'