

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18th February 2024

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Sheila Scopes RIP

Sunday (18th) 0915 Leiston
1100 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish

Monday No Mass Today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Thursday 0900 Leiston William Lane RIP

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* Malcolm Ireland RIP

Sunday (25th) 0915 Leiston People of the Parish
1100 Aldeburgh*

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.

Cafe Church at The Fairfield Centre, Fairfield Road, Aldeburgh, this Sunday, 18th February at 4pm. This is an opportunity for the Christians of the local area to come together in prayer. All are welcome.

FRIDAY is CAFOD Fast Day. Do pick up an envelope from the back of church and return it next weekend. There are also some prayer cards.

Stations of the Cross: These will take place during Lent. The first being on Friday 23rd February at Aldeburgh at 12noon. Please let me know if you, or a group, would like to lead a session.

Final Reminder that the parishes in the Ipswich Deanery will come together to celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a Caritas East Anglia Festival on Saturday 24 February at St Mary's Church Woodbridge Road. The festival begins at 9.30 am with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about voluntary projects in the Ipswich area including; Compassionate Companions, FIND (Families in Need), Town Pastors – Ipswich, Stella Maris as well as

CAFOD, CWL, Cambodia Link, SVP and Radio Maria . It ends at 12.30 pm with prayer and reflection. All are WELCOME to attend for part of or the whole event.

I have three seats in my car if anyone would like to go.

Two years ago, our parish, alongside other parishes worldwide, held some constructive discussions on the directions the Church should take in the future. Information from those discussions was fed into the first Assembly of the Synod in October 2023. A second Vatican Assembly is planned for the end of this year. Meanwhile, the Vatican has published a synthesis of the 2023 discussions, with some firm proposals of areas to be further explored in the 2024 sessions. These may lead to real change within the Church. As a Lenten exercise, our parish is organizing four short opportunities to discuss some of these proposals (no more than an hour maximum); two in Leiston, two in Aldeburgh. Your presence would be welcome and a summary of our discussions will be submitted to the diocese. 1. *Christian Initiation* – Aldeburgh, Saturday 24th February after 6 p.m. mass – led by Rhona Lewis
2. *A Church out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation* – Leiston, Tuesday 5th March after evening mass – led by Ian Linden
3. *Women in the life and mission of the Church* – Aldeburgh, Saturday 9th March after 6 p.m. mass – led by Chris Quinn
4. *Structures for participating* – Leiston, Tuesday 19th March after evening mass – led by Hugh de las Casas

SACRED SPACE – (Chanting, Meditation, Readings) on five Saturdays of Lent, 4.30-5.30pm, beginning 17th February, at All Saints, Leiston. All are welcome and for more information call Caroline on 01728 832044

Sacrament of Confirmation - 9th June 2024. Please let me have any further names asap. There may also be some adults who have missed out on this Sacrament but would now like to be Confirmed. Do have a word with me.

A date for your diary: Friday 1st March – **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at the Fairfield Centre, Aldeburgh at 11.00am. The prayer service, prepared this year by the WDP Committee of Palestine, is celebrated around the world. Do try and come along. There will be a similar Service at Leiston (St Margaret's Church) at 2pm. Margaret Ryan is looking for a few volunteers from our community at Leiston to take part in the Service. Again, all are welcome on the day.

Inviting young adults (age 18 -30) to walk the Camino

Join Bishop Peter as he leads a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela from 21st – 29th July 2024.

For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £315.61). We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. 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 setting up a standing order Please get in touch.

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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.

Please let me know of any parishioners currently unable to get to Sunday Mass and who would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Every blessing for this coming week.

Fr David

Readings for The First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominions and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'