

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22nd February 2026

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	
Sunday (22nd)	0915 Leiston	People of the Parish
	1100 Aldeburgh*	
Monday	No Mass today	
Tuesday	0900 Leiston	Anul Paulraj RIP
Wednesday	0900 Aldeburgh*	William Lane RIP
Thursday	0900 Leiston	Dawn Bellasis (FM)
Friday	No Mass today	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (1st)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	

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 from the back of church.

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

Sorry, no Mass on Monday, or Friday this week.

Diocesan Newspaper – The March issue is now out. Do pick up a copy as you leave Mass. FREE!

The Rite of Election is taking place in the cathedral this Sunday afternoon (3pm). This is a significant step for those being Received into the Catholic Church at Easter. We have two attending from our parish community.

Lent got off to a very good start on Wednesday with excellent attendance at both Masses. Below is a synopsis of Lenten events in the parish.

Lenten Conversations We will be running three conversations this lent. All at Leiston church starting at 1830, following Mass at 1800.

1. 12th March. Searching For Prayer, led by Patricia Newton
2. 19th March. Social Media, led by Johnny Dawson. (a teenager or twentysomething would be welcome help)
3. 26th March. God chooses the Poor, led by Christine Quinn

Each will be a lively discussion and debate the more varied the ideas the more interesting they will be. If you can help with any of the sessions, please send Johnny an email [johndawson@blueliner.co.uk](mailto: johndawson@blueliner.co.uk) all welcome, bring a friend.

Stations of the Cross: will take place this coming Friday at 12noon at Aldeburgh.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day ~ Friday 27th February. Envelopes are available this weekend at the back of church for returning in next weekend's second collection.

Food bank collection 21st/22nd March: Please bring whatever you can as a special collection for our local food bank. All items welcome big and small but especially Toiletries, Nappies, pasta, rice, sources, and tinned food.

World Day of Prayer: You are warmly invited to join the churches of Aldeburgh on Friday 6th March 2026, to celebrate the World Day of Prayer.

This year we will be praying for Nigeria, where Christians are experiencing great persecution. There will be a Service at 11.00am in the Fairfield Centre, followed by a free soup & bread lunch.

Also, for the Leiston area at the United Reform Church, High Street, at 2pm. All welcome.

Special announcement. Please put Sunday, 12th July in your diary, we will be celebrating 50-year anniversaries with a special Mass (11.00am) and party where we hope as many parishioners and friends of the church can attend. Details will follow as planning firms up.

Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adults for a special Ipswich Deanery Youth Day - 14th March held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Ipswich. The day will include Inspiring talks, prayer, games and delicious food! For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Rachel's Vineyard: A healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion. Their next Retreat weekend in the diocese is 6-8th March. For information see the poster in the porch.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £319.70p. 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.**

Please remember in your prayers Margaret (Peg) Regan, a parishioner for over 60 years, who passed away very peacefully on Friday 13th February surrounded by family. We also remember Fr Peter Leeming (a retired priest of our diocese) who died at Montana Care Home last Monday. 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 Lent (A)

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R cf. 3a

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My transgressions, truly I know them;

my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.