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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22nd DECEMBER 2024

Masses during the Week
All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (22nd)	0915 Leiston	Ints of Mary Ward
	1100 Aldeburgh*	
Monday	No Mass Today	
Tuesday	No Morning Mass Today	
	1800 Leiston	Family Mass
	2100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Wednesday	0915 Leiston	Chris Storr RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	William Lane RIP
Thursday	1000 Leiston	
Friday	No Mass Today	
Saturday	1800 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
Sunday (29th)	0915 Leiston	
	1100 Aldeburgh*	John Tuttle RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting the parish this weekend and over the Christmas Season.

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.

Christmas Masses: On the evening of Tuesday 24th there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston (family Mass). Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be in 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.

Leiston outdoor Carol Service in Library Square on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. This is organised by the Christians of the town. All are welcome.

Please note that there is no morning Mass on Tuesday (Christmas Eve); nor on Monday and Friday this week and that Mass on Boxing Day (Feast of St Stephen) is at 10.00 in Leiston.

The collection at our Christmas Masses is the traditional gift to the clergy and as such forms a significant part of their salary.

Friday Abstinence is dispensed this Friday.

Crib Collection: Bishop Peter has asked that this be given to our twin diocese in the Holy Land and as such will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem.

Feasts of the Week: Wednesday – The Nativity of the Lord; Thursday – St Stephen; Friday – St John; Saturday Holy Innocents.

Next weekend we celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Spam emails: Be especially careful at this time of the year. A few parishioners have received an email claiming to come from me. Always check the email address.

Collecting for the Foodbank approaching Christmas: Collections from both Churches will continue up until Christmas. Importantly, this year, donations of the **basic foods (non-perishable), household goods and toiletries** would be appreciated. A large donation of Christmas food and treats has already been received at the Foodbank, though any further ones would be well-received. Please do keep the donations coming.

The Diocesan Yearbook & Calendar for 2025 is now available for just £3. It is packed with useful information and great value for the price!

Red Missio boxes are available at the back of church. For further information contact Elizabeth Clark on 07951596852

Fr Tony has now moved to his new flat. His address is: 40 Dunstan Court, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge, CB1 8QD.

Don't forget to let me know if you, or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass over a period of time, as a home visit can be arranged. Please check with the person concerned if you are passing on someone else's details.

Jubilee Year of 2025 Opening Mass: Pope Francis has asked that all Bishops celebrate the Opening of the Jubilee Year at their Cathedrals on the 29th of December. Bishop Peter therefore warmly invites you to join him at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich, for our Diocesan Opening Rites and Mass at 11am, in solidarity with celebrations around the world.

Pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee of Youth – Limited places left As part of the Jubilee 2025, the Diocese

will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome, joining with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world. There are a limited number of places left with bookings accepted on a first come first served basis. If you will be age 16 – 30 next summer 2025, come and join us, but book now! See www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more details.

Melissa & Mark Hicks (our musicians) have been members of the parish since February 2022 and are due to return to the United States in January. They hope to be at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 29th December. If you would like to send a message and/or stay in touch, then their email address is: bernadette76@aol.com.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £325.20p. We are 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 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.**

Many thanks for the very generous Second Collection last weekend for the Dependent Priests' Fund, which amounted to £808.74

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 blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Fr David

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

First reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Thus says the Lord:
You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19. R4

*Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us.

*Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, 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 stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.

*Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

*Bring us back, O God;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

Second reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." '

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will'. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia.
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.
Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'