

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

11th May 2025

Ints of Crispin, Eiam and Joe

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh* People of the Parish
Sunday (11th) 0915 Leiston Ints of Lidvall family
1100 Aldeburgh*

Monday No Mass today

Tuesday 0900 Leiston

Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh* Ints of Crispin, Eiam
and Joe

Thursday 0900 Leiston

Friday 0900 Aldeburgh* Jim Coffey RIP

Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*

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

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming

We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this weekend.

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

The Diocese of East Anglia joins the global Catholic community in giving heartfelt thanks to God for the election of Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost, the 267th Bishop of Rome. We offer our deepest prayers and steadfast support as he begins his Petrine ministry, asking the Holy Spirit to guide him with wisdom, strength, and peace. **Ad multos annos, Holy Father!**

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than

£150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting for the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the Second Collection this weekend.

Day for Anyone Thinking About a Vocation to the Priesthood:: The Diocese is organising a short day of recollection for anyone open to the possibility of discerning a calling to the priesthood.

Held at the parish church in Thetford on the 24th of May, beginning with Mass at 10:30am, the day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path. It will include times of prayer, as well as input from Fr Gregory Pearson (of the Dominicans), Fr Christopher Smith, (Diocesan Director of Vocations) and Prof Richard Macquire (Cathedral Heritage Officer).

For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

The Monthly United Prayer Gathering at Leiston is on this coming Tuesday at 10.00am at the Baptist Church, John Street.

Leiston Church: we have put up more blue rope to prevent parking on the left-hand side of the drive as it is subsiding at an alarming rate – apologies for the inconvenience.

The Friars of Clare Priory, Suffolk, invite you to their Annual Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Mother of Good Counsel, this Sunday, 11th May, commencing at 10.00am. See the poster on the noticeboard for full details of the day.

Job Vacancy at the Walsingham Shrine: PILGRIMAGE & SHRINE SITE TEAM LEAD £30,000–£35,000 pa. The Walsingham Trust is seeking a leader to coordinate pilgrimage planning and provide support for the Sacred Liturgy at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica. The role also includes overseeing the operations of the Gift Shop, Tea Room and Domestic Team. You will work closely with the General Manager and Rector to ensure pilgrimages and liturgies are well organised and properly resourced, as well as ensuring that the chapels are well kept and cared for.

Weekend availability is required from Easter to mid-October. The position is full-time, based on a five-day working week with two weekdays off during the pilgrimage season. For details or to apply, email: recruitment@walsingham.org.uk or recruitment@walsingham.org.uk

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual **Marriage Celebration Mass** on **Saturday 14th June** at **11.30am** at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, until 60 years where we celebrate each year thereafter) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. Refreshments will follow the Mass. For more details and if you would like to register please go to:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> or
email mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £226.23p. 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.**

Maundy Thursday collection for Emmaus: £267.76

Good Friday collection for the Holy Places: £242.81

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

Every blessing ~ Fr David

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

First reading

Acts 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'