

## Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

(and All Saints, Leiston, IP16 4BA)

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	Michael Williams RIP
<b>Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Deacon Charlie Bianco RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	0900 Leiston	
<b>Wednesday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	
<b>Thursday</b>	0900 Leiston	
<b>Friday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	

<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	Margaret de Boer RIP
<b>Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Darren RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish

#### Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a\\_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjpgLRDw/livestreaming)

#### Welcome to those who are visitors with us this Weekend.

Coffee etc is served after the Leiston Mass.

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday (Rejoice), being the first word of the Entrance Antiphon. Rose colour vestments may be worn today, marking the mid-point of Lent. It is also Mothering Sunday.

After the Saturday evening Mass this weekend we have the third of our discussions on some of the proposals from the recent Synod held in Rome. This week's session will be led by Chris Quinn.

Our fourth and final session, entitled *Structures for participating*, led by Hugh de las Casas, will be at Leiston, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March after the evening Mass – (Mass at 6pm).

The latest issue of the diocesan newspaper is available at the back of church – It's free – do take a copy.

**Stations of the Cross:** will next take place at Aldeburgh on this coming Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon. Can someone lead the Stations on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March?

**Service of Reconciliation:** On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3pm at Aldeburgh, there will be a short Service of Reconciliation followed by the opportunity for Confession. Fr Don will join us for this Service.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** There will be a meeting after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday for those wishing to be Confirmed on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**Maurice and Suzanne Bennell** are moving from the parish to be closer to their family. There will be an opportunity to wish them well after the Leiston Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, with coffee and cake in the hall. All are welcome.

**Sacred Space** – (Chanting, Meditation, Readings) on five Saturdays of Lent, 4.30-5.30pm, at All Saints, Leiston. All are welcome and for more information call Caroline on 01728 832044

**Parish Support for Leiston FoodBank** - The parish supports the work of the FoodBank in Leiston. There are boxes at the back of both churches to place donations. Non-perishable foods, toiletries and household cleaning items are the only donations the FoodBank can deal with; a more complete list of suitable items is next to the boxes.

As we approach Easter perhaps you might consider donating some Easter treats, which would be very much appreciated. If any parishioners would like to join the rota for collecting from both churches and delivering to the foodbank in the centre of Leiston, on Friday mornings, please contact Chris Quinn on 07886795380 or [chrismquinn@me.com](mailto:chrismquinn@me.com).

**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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Update - Fr Tony Rogers:** A number of parishioners have been asking after Fr Tony and wondering how he is progressing. He remains in Montana Nursing Home near Bury St Edmunds, where he continues to receive the medical care and support he requires. He is in very good spirits and looking forward to returning to some more normal independent living soon. Unfortunately, since his surgery last Summer he has developed severe arthritis in his knee, and this is currently restricting his mobility. He is being supported by the Diocese of East Anglia in securing suitable long-term accommodation, which is likely to be in Cambridge, which he knows well and where he has lots of friends and contacts. He sends his best wishes to everyone in Aldeburgh and Leiston and is looking forward to coming to see everyone in the not too far distant future.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** (23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August 2024). Find out more from experienced pilgrims on Zoom, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am.

[www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything)

**Right To Life** – Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a

contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

**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](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. (plate collection last weekend was £219.35). We're 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 really easy. 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.

**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.

Every blessing for this coming week. **Fr David**

**Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

**First reading**                      **Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **Psalm 136(137):1-6**

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps.

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.'

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither!

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys!

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

**Second reading**                      **Ephesians 2:4-10**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Jn3:16**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
God loved the world so much that he gave his only  
Son:  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel**    **John**  
**3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
'The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in  
him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only  
Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe in the name of God's  
only Son.  
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light  
because their deeds were evil.  
And indeed, everybody who does wrong  
hates the light and avoids it,  
for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the  
light,  
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done  
in God.'