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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

**Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh\* John Tuttle RIP

**Monday** No Mass Today

**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston

**Wednesday** 1000 Aldeburgh\* For the parish

**Thursday** 0900 Leiston

**Friday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish

**Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston

1100 Aldeburgh\* Fr Olindo RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

[https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwGLRDw/livestreaming)

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We extend a warm welcome to those visiting the parish this weekend and over the New Year.

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.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. Many thanks for your kind cards and gifts and very generous Christmas collection. I would also like to express my thanks to those who prepared our churches for Christmas – the flowers and cribs looked beautiful. Thanks also to all who do things behind the scenes week in and week out – it is much appreciated.

MASS on NEW YEAR'S DAY will be at 10.00am at Aldeburgh. It is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and a great way to start the new year.

**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. There is a collection basket beside the crib.

**Feasts of the Week:** Wednesday – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Thursday – St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen.

Next weekend we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord, (as the 6<sup>th</sup> falls on the Monday, it is transferred to the Sunday)

**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.

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

**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 29<sup>th</sup> of December. Bishop Peter therefore warmly invites you to join him this Sunday 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](http://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 with us at the 11.00am Mass this weekend. We thank them for their time with us and for their contribution to the music over the past few years. If you would like to send a message and/or stay in touch, then their email address is: [bernadette76@aol.com](mailto:bernadette76@aol.com).

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £289.36p. 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.**

**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.

**The Twelve Days of Christmas** is a popular and well-known song. Some believe it has a hidden meaning and was originally a means of Christian teaching:

The 'true love' is God; the 'partridge in a pear tree' is Jesus; the 'two turtle doves' are the old and new testaments; the 'three French hens' are the three virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity; the 'four calling birds' are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; the 'five gold rings' are the first five books in the Old Testament; the 'six geese' are the six days of creation; the 'seven swans' are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit; the 'eight maids' are the eight beatitudes; the 'nine ladies' are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; the 'ten lords' are the ten commandments; the 'eleven pipers' relate to the eleven faithful apostles; and the 'twelve drummers' are the twelve points of doctrine in the apostles creed.

*Have a blessed and peaceful New Year.  
Fr David*

**Readings for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)**

**First reading**                      **1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there for ever.'

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord there.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10. Rcf. 5a**

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning  
for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh cry out

to the living God.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

Blessed the people whose strength is in you,  
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
look on the face of your anointed.

*Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

**Second reading**

**1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Cf. Acts 16:14b**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Luke 2:41-52**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him

in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.