

## Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish  
**Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston  
1100 Aldeburgh\* John Gilbert RIP

**Monday** No Mass today  
**Tuesday** 0900 Leiston  
**Wednesday** 0900 Aldeburgh\*  
**Thursday** 1000 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish  
**Friday** 1000 Aldeburgh\*

**Saturday** 1800 Aldeburgh\* People of the Parish  
**Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>)** 0915 Leiston  
1100 Aldeburgh\* Andrew & Tim  
Gilbert RIP

Livestreamlink for Mass

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

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, decorations 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.

Mass on Friday this week will be at 10.00am

**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:** Monday – St Thomas Becket; Thursday – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; Friday – St Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

**Next weekend** we keep the Second Sunday of Christmas.

**Diocesan Newspaper** – the December issue is now available from the back of church – it's free.

**Diocesan Yearbook and Calendar of feasts and seasons for 2026** is now available for just £5. A great buy.

**UNITY WEEK SERVICE** – We are hosting a United Service for Aldeburgh on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. Do put the date in your diary so that we have a good turn out that evening. We will be welcoming members from the congregations at the Parish Church and the Baptist Church. We need two or three volunteers to make the tea/coffee after the Service.

A "pocket size" **Safeguarding information booklet** which gives the action you should take if concerned about a child or adult at risk, has been produced by the diocese. Copies are available at the back of church.

**Don't forget to let me know** if you are unable to attend Mass due to ill health, as we can arrange a home visit with Holy Communion.

**Also**, remember that the weekly Newsletter is available on the parish website.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £355. 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.**

**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.

**We remember 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 New Year.  
Fr David*

<b>Readings for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ Year A</b>
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**First reading**

**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons.

Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure.

Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard.

Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him.

For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a**

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.*

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper.

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.*

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table.

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.*

Indeed thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Sion. May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life!

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.*

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**Second reading**

**Colossians 3:12-21**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**ol3:15,16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.