

Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

29th June 2025

Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

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| Saturday | 1800 Aldeburgh* | Mary Patricia Catlin RIP |
| Sunday (29th) | 0915 Leiston | Margaret O'Loughlin RIP |
| | 1100 Aldeburgh* | People of the Parish |
| Monday | No Mass today | |
| Tuesday | 0900 Leiston | Kirby Family (FM) |
| Wednesday | 0900 Aldeburgh* | |
| Thursday | 0900 Leiston | |
| Friday | 0900 Aldeburgh* | Andrew Moor RIP & Family |
| Saturday | 1800 Aldeburgh* | Mary Patricia Catlin RIP |
| Sunday (6th) | 0915 Leiston | Patrick Whelan RIP |
| | 1100 Aldeburgh* | People of the Parish |

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvjwgLRDw/livestreaming

Today we honour St Peter and St Paul, two 'Founding Fathers' of the Church. We extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish this weekend and thank you for your offertory gift, which can be 'gift aided' by using one of the envelopes in your row of seats.

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

Second Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence.

Do pick up a copy of the July issue of the Diocesan Newspaper as you leave Mass today.

Feasts this week: Thursday – St Thomas.

Do you remember the diocesan fund-raising campaign 'Alive in Faith' which our parish responded to almost nine years ago? The aim of the campaign was to raise significant

amounts of money for the training of our Seminarians; to provide provision for our retired priests; to provide a sum of money for Social Outreach projects across East Anglia, as well as to provide funds for the local parish for specified projects agreed upon by the parish community. What was decided locally was to continue to give support to the 'Parish Nurse' who is working under the auspices of the Baptist Church in Aldeburgh (this was done), and to begin building up a fund to improve the entrance area at the church in Leiston and to consider the possibility of a relatively modest meeting room at Aldeburgh. Many of you made financial pledges to these diocesan/parish aims. Since then, we have had the pandemic and building costs have greatly increased. The parish Finance committee is seeking approval from those who pledged support to the campaign, to be able to now use the 'Parish Project' funds, currently being held by the diocese, for some extensive repairs to the stonework and windows of the Aldeburgh church and general improvements at both churches (e.g. the new sound system recently installed at Leiston). Provided you are happy with this suggestion no action is required on your part. If you have any questions then do have a word with me, or a member of the Finance Committee, before the 10th of July. The parish is extremely grateful to all those who signed a pledge at the time and to those who extended it. A few are even still running.

Terminally ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – You can read Cardinal Vincent Nichols' response to the third reading of the Bill at: cbcew.org.uk

The campaign for the defence of the sanctity, dignity and value of human life from conception to death continues and we are encouraged to continue our lobbying of parliamentarians in both Houses (Commons and Lords).

Leadership and Legacy: the future of women in the Church:

1-Day Conference organised by The Tablet. 11th July, 10.30-5pm, Chelmsford. Caroline Mackenzie writes: "I have a spare ticket worth £65 which is part of the package for an exhibition stand. Please contact me if you would like to use it. I will be going by train dep. Sax 8.15 am. macksita@gmail.com 01728 832044".

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Saturday 2nd August to be led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland. Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>.

Details of the day and travel arrangements can be found at: www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Saturday 12 July: Retreat Day for Men: "Men of Evangelisation" - You are invited to Walsingham to join Fr Alvan Ibeh and Catholic men from across the Diocese as we discuss and reflect on our call to holiness and mission of evangelisation. Includes confession, Mass, Holy Mile and Rosary as well as talks and discussion. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea, coffee, refreshments included. Cost for the day is £12.50. Booking can be found on EventBrite, or

email Marriage and Family Coordinator on
mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Hamish MacQueen Live in Concert - 19th July 2025 at The Narthex, St. John the Baptist Cathedral: Hamish, Director of Youth Service, is doing a special gig, sharing about his life and faith through songs he has written over the past 30 years. All ages welcome. Profits will go towards helping young people go on pilgrimage and training young leaders. See www.hamishmacqueen.live for more information. Tickets are expected to sell out fast.

Youth 2000 – Summer Festival: A 4-day Catholic Festival for young adults, explore faith, build relationships, find hope. 22-25 August at Ampleforth Abbey. See poster for more details.

Money Matters: Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £262.50p. 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.**

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

Every blessing for the coming week ~ Fr David

Readings for Saints Peter and Paul

First reading

Acts 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of

its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Glorify the Lord with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel**Matthew 16:13-19**

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'