

## Our Lady and St Peter, Aldeburgh

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

#### Masses during the Week

All Masses at Aldeburgh are live-streamed\*

<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	
<b>Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Thanksgiving
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	0900 Leiston	Ints of Theresa Coffey
<b>Wednesday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	Benefactors of the Parish (FM)
<b>Thursday</b>	0900 Leiston	
<b>Friday</b>	0900 Aldeburgh*	Ints of Patricia Newton
<b>Saturday</b>	1800 Aldeburgh*	
<b>Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>)</b>	0915 Leiston	Bishop John Hine RIP
	1100 Aldeburgh*	People of the Parish

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 the parish this weekend.

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.

We are now one week into the beautiful season of Advent. Advent is a season of Hope, watching and prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, and we prepare to greet him when he returns in glory.

Today, the 8<sup>th</sup> December, is usually the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but as it falls on a Sunday it is transferred to Monday. You may like to attend the Mass at St Mark's Church, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich, IP2 0QQ on Monday at 7.00pm when there

will be a blessing and welcome of a new image of Our Lady of Ipswich (Our Lady of Grace). Full details can be found on the church noticeboard.

**Collecting for the Foodbank approaching Christmas:** Collections from both Churches will continue up until Christmas. Importantly, this year, donations of the **basic foods (non-perishable), household goods and toiletries** would be appreciated. A large donation of Christmas food and treats has already been received at the Foodbank, though any further ones would be well-received. Please do keep the donations coming.

**Feasts of the week:** Monday – Transferred Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the BVM; Tuesday – Blessed Henry Heath, John Robinson & Companions (*Martyrs of East Anglia*); Friday – St Lucy; Saturday – St John of the Cross.

**Opportunity for The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), during Advent.** I will be at Leiston on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3-4pm; and then at Aldeburgh on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 3-4pm.

**Christmas Masses:** On the evening of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a 6pm Mass at Leiston (family Mass). Mass during the night (traditionally known as Midnight Mass) will be in Aldeburgh at 9.00pm with readings and carols from 8.30pm. On Christmas morning there will be the 9.15am Mass at Leiston and 11.00am at Aldeburgh.

**Red Missio boxes** are available at the back of church. For further information contact Elizabeth Clark on 07951596852

**Fr Tony** moved to his new flat last Wednesday. His address is: 40 Dunstan Court, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge, CB1 8QD.

**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.

**The CAFOD World Gifts catalogue for 24/25** is available in the church porch.

**Matthew and Victoria** from our parish, are looking for accommodation in the area to rent, or in exchange for work. They recently had their first baby. A flat, an annexe, a bungalow, a tiny cottage - anything would do. Contact details via Fr David.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your weekly collections. Last week's plate collection was £292.80p. 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.**

**Second Collection next weekend for The Dependent Priests' Fund.** There are special 'Gift Aid' envelopes at the back of church. This fund supports the sick and retired priests of our diocese.

**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.

*Fr David*

**Readings for Second Sunday of Advent (C)**

**First reading**

**Baruch 5:1-9**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.  
Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;  
put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.

For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For your name will for ever be called by God:  
'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height  
and look towards the east  
and see your children gathered from west and east,  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went forth from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain  
and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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**Responsorial Psalm Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5.  
6. R3**

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.*

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion,  
we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;  
on our tongues, songs of joy.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.*

Then they said among the nations,  
'What great deeds the Lord worked for them!'

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.*

Bring back our exiles, O Lord,  
as streams in the Negeb.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
bearing seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back with a song,  
bearing their sheaves.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.*

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**Second reading**

**Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Luke 3:4, 6**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia.

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**Gospel**

**Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias

tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of An-  
nas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the  
son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, pro-  
claiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of  
sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah  
the prophet,

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '